

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Growing up we all had heroes, people who we admired and looked up to. Maybe it was a TV character, or a coach, teacher, or even a parent. We wanted to be just like them.

Olympic time is when we meet heroes, people who have gone through great adversity to arrive and participate at the games. Here is a true hero for you: Yusra Mardini. She finished 45th in the 100 meter freestyle heats, 12 seconds off the top time. She is part of the 10 member Refugee Olympic Team (athletes from Syria, South Sudan, Ethiopia and the Congo). At times Yusra trained in pools where the roofs were blown open in 3 or more places.

In August 2015, Yusra, her sister and 20 others were trying to escape. All of a sudden their small boat began to sink. Yusra and her sister jumped into the Aegean Sea. They swam for 3 hours pushing and pulling the boat until it reached the shore of Lesbos. The journey increased in danger. The sisters travelled by foot or on smuggler buses through Greece, Serbia and finally made it to Berlin, where they spent a hard, cold winter. With the help of an interpreter at the refugee camp where they lived, Yusra connected with a sports club and began training. She had heard about the refugee teams, so she applied and was accepted.

This story inspires me because every single one of us can relate to times when our world has been in conflict or the world of someone we dearly love or the world of brothers and sisters in war-torn places around the globe. "It was quite hard to think that you are a swimmer," she remembered thinking, "and you are going to end up dying in the waters." You see, here's the deal: I don't know if we will make it, but I know I can keep swimming. I don't know if all will turn out according to the script in my mind, but I do know that I can show up to this moment with my whole heart. I don't know if anything I do will make a difference, but I do know that just by jumping in, I already did.

Sometimes I wonder if I'm made of that kind of stuff. You know, hero and all that. There are two kinds of heroes—the Olympic sporting gods and goddesses, who are larger than life. You know who I mean, Michael Phelps, Usain Bolt, Katie Ledecky and Simone Biles. I watch them in wonderment and awe.

We also have ordinary heroes, every day people. I'm pretty sure I may never be required to pull a boat filled with people in open water. But there is no doubt I can . . . Practice kindness, for everyone who needs moments of gladness. Practice compassion, for everyone who knows pain and needs comfort.

Planning Ahead.....

**Food Bank Sunday
September 11**

**Sunday School Starts
September 11**

**In Touch Sunday
September 18**

**Harvest Home
September 25**

**New Member Class
September 25**

**New Member Reception
October 2, 2016**

**Blessing of the Animals
October 2**

**Reformation Sunday
October 30**

**All Saints
November 6**

**Penny Party
November 25**



From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:15-11:00 AM

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Cell # 610-217-6852

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Church Secretary

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Director of Music Ministries

John Moschella

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Congregation Council

Brenda Koch, President

Nicole Bogden, Vice President

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Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary

(Laurie is not a member of Council)

Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary

(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Jolynn Claroni

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Dave Hausman

LeAnne Krill

Christopher Holub

Lisa Mann

Karen Hahn

Brynn Layton

Happy Birthday...

Sandra Graver	September 1
Sierra Ruch	September 3
Laura Klotz	September 6
Sandra Osiecki	September 7
Andrew LaBarre	September 8
Susan Ritton	September 8
Naomi Schimoyer	September 8
Jessica Schwartz	September 8
Laurie Andrew	September 9
Sarah Plata	September 10
Barry Saylor	September 11
Brenda Druckenmiller	September 13
Daniel Pavlick	September 13
Julia Sparacello	September 15
Gregory Dorn	September 21
Robert Buss, Jr.	September 22
Renda Koch	September 22
Tyger James	September 23
Suzanne Tyler	September 25
Catherine Facenda	September 26
Barry Miller	September 28
Jean Bealer	September 29
Scott Ruch, Jr.	September 29

Happy Anniversary...

Nevin & Bernice Lilly	September 7
Edwin Marshall & Mary Dennis	September 7
Donald & Barbara Steigerwalt	September 15
Al & Barbara Wiemann	September 24
Barry & Kathleen Gilbert	September 28
Joe & Laurie Andrew	September 29

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
7/3	52
7/10	64
7/17	59
7/24	61
7/31	83
TOTAL	319
AVG.	63.8

President's Corner

Sincerely,

Brenda

Brenda Koch

President



September Financial News

July

Current Balances	
Checking	\$13,018.69
Building Repair	\$2,191.06
Mem. Fund	\$17,478.30
Money Mkt	\$66,724.31
Thrivent	\$20.00

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
July 3, 2016	\$2,725.00	\$170.00	\$35.00
July 10, 2016	\$1,941.29	\$10.00	\$895.00
July 17, 2016	\$2,119.80	\$70.00	\$275.00
July 24, 2016	\$1,811.00		\$30.00
July 31, 2016	\$2,608.00		
Vanco	\$708.00	\$55.00	
Income in July	\$11,913.09	\$305.00	\$1,235.00
Expenses in July	\$11,577.12		

From the Console



Choir will begin on Thursday Sept. 8th All are welcome no audition needed. The only thing needed is a desire to sing Praise and glorify our Risen Lord.

Adult choir begins at 7:15PM All are invited, and some "NEW" choir members are expected! Please be prompt.

Handbell Choir



Bell choir will continue to meet in the Nave on Sunday Morning at 10:30. Beginning on Sept. 11th All are welcome to join the bell choir. We do have at least 2 openings, and we could also use someone who can read music that would be willing to fill in for anyone that is missing.

In planning ahead, I am looking and hoping at having the hand bells play on Reformation Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and of course Christmas Eve. We have a lovely arrangement of "O Worship the King" for hand bells, organ, piano and choir. What a wonderful way to begin the service on Christ the King Sunday. Won't you please consider joining the Bell Choir and be part of making a Joyful Noise?

Sing-cerly

Harold



From the Pastor continued . . .

Practice mercy, for everyone needs an antidote to hatred, to sorrow and to loss. Offer sanctuary, for everyone has moment without a home.

Let us remember that heroes are ordinary souls who carry the weight of ordinary life. Heroism is born in every act of kindness and compassion, no matter how small. In a world of cynicism and fear, kindness is always bravery. It takes courage to be kind and to fight for mercy and justice and sanctuary.

In His arms always,

Pastor Gary

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST

(If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please find someone else to fill in for you)

Date	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Pouring Chalice	Chalice Bearer	Lector	CD Ministry
September 4	Emma Dungan	Chris Holub	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Donna Walck	Chris Holub	Barb Wiemann
September 11	Kyle Koehler	Jason Bogden	Linda Siekonic	Diane Hausman	Nicole Bodgen	Zachery Tyler
September 18	Brandon Koch	Laurie Andrew	Renae Yelles	LeAnne Krill	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Brenda Koch
September 25	Ben Bogden	Carole Holub	Barb Wiemann	Laurie Andrew	Mark Weaver	Hope Eisenhard
Date			Ushers			
9/4 & 9/11			Karen Hahn, Dave Hausman, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch			
9/18 & 9/25			Forrest Koch, Jim Lich, Roseann & Dean Yelles			

Good Shepherd is affiliated with Lehigh Valley Health Network Pastoral Care. If ever you are admitted to one of the Lehigh Valley Network Hospitals (Cedar Crest, Muhlenberg or 17th Street) please give them code 232. This tells the hospital you are a member of our church. The Church Secretary calls daily to get an update to see if any members are hospitalized.

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Hunter Frantz
September 11, 2016

**Committee Chairs
Organization Leaders**

In order to ensure Congregation Council meetings run smoothly, please remember to submit a report, **in writing**, to be included in the Council member packets. The packets should be available for pick-up the Sunday prior to the Council Meeting.



- Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your food items on that day and place them in the bins in the narthex. Good Shepherd is especially responsible for canned fruit, jelly, and applesauce. Of course, any food staples will be accepted on any Sunday. On the Second Sunday of the month (**September 11**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**September 18**) Take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them and wish them well and keeping them in our prayers.



LABOR DAY

wear your uniform.

Labor Sunday: On September 4th, we will celebrate Labor Sunday. This Sunday is in the middle of Labor Day Weekend, Why are we doing this? God has blessed each of us with a vocation. Vocation is a particular occupation, business or profession we are called to do. Martin Luther stressed this idea in many of his writings. He tells us our work is a God called vocation, being a parent is a God called vocation and even marriage. God wants us to do the best we can do with our lives and vocations.

So on September 4th, I want you to wear your work clothes to church to celebrate your vocation. Scrubs if you work in a hospital or doctor's office, what you wear as a farmer or carpenter. If you are a waitress or waiter, please

Let's have pride in our God given vocation.

Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars for our Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm at the pavilion.





Good Shepherd's Outreach Committee along with Congregation Council is most happy to announce a new and exciting event. We are planning to enter the Northampton Jack Frost Parade. Remember according to The Music Man's Professor Harold Hill, "Everyone loves a parade."

The date for the parade is October 18, 2016 with the rain date being October 25, 2016. The start time is 7:00 pm.

This is a group intergenerational event. We would like to have between 20 to 40 parishioners from Good Shepherd to be in the parade. The theme that we are going with is Old Fashioned Values. The dress code/costumes will be outfits and props from years ago (1900's- 1960).

The committee feels this is excellent way to reach out to the community while spreading God's love.

Some costumes are available; however feel free to design your own or pull one out of your closet should you have garb fitting of this theme. Yard Sales and thrift shops are excellent sources to purchase parade attire at a reasonable cost.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, sign up today. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board (under Outreach) in the Narthex.

We thank you in advance.





Lustgarten Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Walk for Research

September 25th
Lehigh Parkway In Allentown

I'm sure you know at least one person in your life that has died of some kind of cancer.

On November 1, 2015 our family had someone near and dear to us lose their battle against Pancreatic cancer, our grandpa. For this reason we decided to form a team and walk to help support the Lustgarten Foundation find a cure for this type of cancer.

Our team name is: Grandpa's kids and our goal is to raise \$500.00. If you would like to support our team and this cause there are three ways to do this.

We will be selling chocolate candy on September 11th and September 18th
Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream and pretzels \$5.00 a bag'

We are selling homemade cookies at Miller Supply, Ace Hardware. Come over and purchase some, they are \$1.00 a bag. We have chocolate chip, Peanut butter with peanut butter cups, snickerdoodles, ginger snaps, oatmeal raisin and hot Chocolate (made with Swiss Miss hot chocolate mix).

You can send a donation directly to:

The Lustgarten Foundation
1111 Stewart Avenue
Bethpage, NY 11714
Team: Grandpa's Kids

Make checks out to: The Lustgarten Foundation and write "team Grandpa's kids" on memo or go on the website www.lustgarten.org

Thank you!

LeAnne Krill and family



PROJECT PROMISE PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Women of the ELCA will be assembling kits for Lutheran World Relief. Project Promise Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything due to a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap!

Each kit consists of the following new items:

- a towel (light or medium weight, minimum size 40" x 20", maximum size 52" x 27", dark color preferred)
- 2 or 3 bars of bath sized soap, totaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original packaging
- an adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- a sturdy comb
- a metal nail clippers

WELCA will be collecting items for these kits in August and September, so keep your eyes open for sales. A collection box will be in the Narthex. For your convenience, a "shopping list" of these items will be on the table by the donation box. Feel free to take a list with you when you go to the store.

If you prefer not to shop, cash donations will be used to purchase supplies and pay shipping costs. A collection jar will be in the Narthex with the collection box.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Wiemann, blwiemann@gmail.com or 610-262-6977.



Harvest Home

Good Shepherd will be celebrating Harvest Home on Sunday, September 25 during the service.

You are asked to bring food items so they can be displayed as part of our Harvest Home celebration. All donations will be distributed to the Northampton Area Food Bank after the service. A container to receive your food gifts will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 18 or items can be dropped off Monday through Friday during office hours and on Saturday, September 24 from 11:00 – 12:00.

There is a Harvest Home envelope in with your offering packet which you may use, if you wish, to make a monetary donation to the Food Bank. Suggested items are: canned goods, cereal, pasta, and peanut butter.

In addition, fresh produce and flowers from your garden may be brought to the church on Saturday, September 24 from 11:00-12:00.

Due to state law, no home-canned foods may be donated.

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

Reformation 500 Project

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, the synod's Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team is collecting stories of faith from Lutherans around the synod. This will be a way to help us connect with one another and to share God's Good News with those who

are hungry to know about God and God's love for them.

We are looking for stories related to the experiences people have with God's grace/unconditional love and worship. This is for everyone. It does not matter if you are in confirmation or homebound. All are welcome. Please give your story to Pastor and a picture would be awesome. Let's tell others about what our God has done for us!



Northampton Area Food Bank
Penny Party
Sunday, September 18, 2016
Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville
Doors Open at 1:30pm
Fun Begins at 2:00pm

Refreshments—Raffle—Bake sale

For directions and information call:
Pam Kametz @ 610-439-4814

New Member's Class

On September 25, 2016 at 10:15am, there will be a new member's class at Good Shepherd. This class is for those interested in joining Good Shepherd.

We will receive the new members during the worship service on October 2, 2016. Please fill out the form below and hand it to the pastor or place it in the offering plate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION:



On Tuesday, September 13th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall there will be a planning for future events and fellowship meeting.

On Saturday, September 17th, at 9am is the WELCA Fall Cluster Event. There will be a speaker and planning of future events



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Mission Project

Every summer the Christian Education Committee has a mission project to help people in our area. This year we are helping The Third Street Alliance for Women and Children.

The Third Street Alliance for Women and Children provide a safe and healthy space for women, children and families to live, learn and thrive. This project will end on Rally Day, September 11th

Their mission is to maintain human dignity and cultivate self-respect by providing sustainable services that counter the economic, social, and educational setbacks faced by families in the Lehigh Valley.

Their historical buildings enhance the character and quality of their programs: shelter for the homeless families, accredited childcare, and daytime programs for seniors with special needs. They appreciate the many gifts contributed throughout the year.

Here is a list of items to help them out. All items can be brought in throughout the summer and placed in the laundry baskets in the Narthex so far we collected:

51 Toothbrushes	0 Batteries (all sizes)	3 Bibs
32 Toothpaste	45 Baby wipes	4 Diapers
20 Matchbox cars (New)	Paper goods – 5 plates, 3 napkins, 36 towels	15 Clorox or Lysol cleaning wipes

Along with these items we will be collecting standard size bed pillows. You know how your pillow makes you feel secure when you go to bed, by giving a pillow to someone else you will be sharing your secure feelings with others. We have collected 19 pillows, 20 pillow protectors and 20 pillowcases.

We have been approved for \$250.00 from Thrivent Action program to be used to purchase additional needed items.

All monetary gifts will be used to purchase pillows. If you would like to contribute to this project, place your monetary gift in an envelope labeled VBS Mission Project and place in the offering plate. **(Please write check out to “Good Shepherd Lutheran Church”)**

Thank You,
Christian Education Committee

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					FELLOWSHIP HALL OCCUPIED	FELLOWSHIP HALL OCCUPIED
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00AM WORSHIP	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM		CHOIR PRACTICE 7:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM BELL CHOIR	COUNCIL 7PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM	WELCA 1:00PM CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM		CHOIR PRACTICE 7:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM		WELCA MEETING FELLOWSHIP HALL 9:00AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM BELL CHOIR	GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM	CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM		CHOIR PRACTICE 7:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00AM WORSHIP HARVEST HOME 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM NEW MEMBER CLASS 10:30AM BELL CHOIR	GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM PROPERTY 7PM	CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM		CHOIR PRACTICE 7:15PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM		