

The Shepherd's Staff

In Person Worship August 30, 2020 9am

Brothers and Sisters,

I am sorry we didn't have church on July 19th. When the Governor imposed the restrictions, I thought it would be best if we postponed our first Sunday back. It's time to start again. Please be patient with us. As we worship each Sunday, we will be looking at how we can improve our worship experience. I have no idea how long we will worship this way. My main concern is that all of you will stay safe. I love you all too much to have any harm come to you. A little refresher regarding protocols.

First, you need to call and let us know you are coming to church. You can either call the Church Office (610-262-9517) or you may use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449a4a729a6fc1-church>

When you arrive between 8:30-9am, **you must wear a mask and have your temperature taken with a non-contact thermometer.** To enter the church, please use only the doors by the bathrooms or the front door. The doors by the office will be locked. No nursery will be available. After you enter the Narthex, you will be handed a baggie with communion in it. Bulletins will be on your seat. Please proceed to the Sanctuary where you will be guided to a seat. We will not sing or do any responsive reading.

The bathrooms will be closed, however, if there is an emergency, you can use the handicapped bathroom.

When the service has ended, you will be excused by pod. Please do not congregate or visit in the church building or under the portico, please go outside immediately after worship. If you chose to visit outside, please be safe and practice social distancing.

Do not come to church if you are not feeling well or if you have been sick. Our main concern is for everybody to be safe. If you are not comfortable about attending worship, it's okay to stay home.

It will be so wonderful to see your masked faces. I am sure you will be smiling under the mask.

Planning Ahead.....

**Food Bank
Collection**
September 4
September 11
September 14 & 18
September 21 & 25
September 28

**WELCA
School Kit Collection**
September 4
September 11
September 14

**Food Bank
Sunday**
September 13

**Harvest Home
Food Collection**
September 6
September 13
September 14-18

Harvest Home
September 20

ZOOM
Sunday School
Confirmation Class
September 20



From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday — Friday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

STAFF

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Pastor Walbert's office hours are

Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm

Alex Haggerty

Director of Music Ministries

Cell # 570-778-1910

Jennifer Driscoll

Church Secretary

John Moschella

Sexton

Congregation Council

David Hausman, President
Brian Dungan, Vice President
Roseann Koehler, Treasurer
JoLynn Claroni, Financial Secretary
Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary
Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary
(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Richard Brown Brenda Koch
Diane Kramer Kay Muehlberger
Donna Pavlick

Happy Birthday...

Sandra Graver September 1
Matilde Brown September 2
Ella Rogers September 3
Lisa Bauer September 6
Shirley Teets September 6
Ann Hoff September 7
Sandra Osiecki September 7
Norma Bauer September 8
Katherine Buss September 8
Andrew LaBarre September 8
Susan Ritton September 8
Laurie Andrew September 9
Crystal Ungiran September 10
Barry Saylor September 11
Alexis Douty September 12
Timothy Hoff September 12
Brenda Druckenmiller September 13
Daniel Pavlick September 13
Julia Sparacello September 15
Robert Buss, Jr. September 22
Brenda Koch September 22
Jacoby Shoemaker September 23
Alan Shook September 25
Suzanne Tyler September 25
Cheryl Rabenold September 26
Barry Miller September 28
Jean Bealer September 29

Happy Anniversary...

Mark & Christina Weaver
September 3

Alan & Stephanie Shook
September 4

Edwin Marshall & Mary Dennis
September 7

Michael & Stephanie Rogers
September 8

Donald & Barbara Steigerwalt
September 15

Timothy & Christina Talbot
September 20

Paul & Jeannette Dennis
September 23

Al & Barbara Wiemann
September 24

Ralph & Peggy Tobias
September 27

Barry & Kathleen Gilbert
September 28

Joseph & Laurie Andrew
September 29

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
No services in July	
Total	
Average	

President's Corner

IT'S A GO!! The Congregation Council, at its meeting on August 10th, voted to have live worship in the Sanctuary on August 30th at 9:00 am. The same guidelines as before, and repeated elsewhere in this newsletter, will be followed. This will be a “work in progress” and if we see something is not working, we will make adjustments, as necessary, on a weekly basis.

Our parking lots have been resealed and the parking spaces relined.

We hope to see you on the 30th. Please stay home if you are not feeling well or if you do not feel comfortable coming to church at this time. Continue to stay safe, practice social distancing and wear your masks.

Yours in Christ,

Dave Hausman
President



July Financial Report

As of July 31, 2020

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
July 5, 2020	\$2,676.00	\$130.00	
July 12, 2020	\$4,925.00	\$90.00	\$50.00
July 19, 2020	\$1,582.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
July 26, 2020	\$4,670.00	\$125.00	
Income in July	\$13,853.00	\$465.00	\$150.00
Expenses in July	\$13,320.00		

PASTORAL ACTS

*with
Sympathy*

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the following members of Good Shepherd who passed into eternal life.

Barry Panasik
June 17, 2020

Mary Lou Grim
July 17, 2020

Gloria Hoffman
July 31, 2020



Received in the month of August

In Memory of John and Pearl Zuberka

Given by

Monica Anthony

Help Wanted

Bob Henninger is looking for a reliable person to drive him to various appointments. Will be compensated.

If you are interested, please contact Bob at 610-262-2029.



News

Just a reminder that Good Shepherd participates in the programs listed below. Your help can make a difference.



Redner's Save-A-Tape

The Fundraising Committee is taking care of the Redner's Save-A-Tape program.

All you need to do is shop as usual and use your Redner's reward card at check out. **Please use your Redner's Save A –Tape Card. Any receipt without it cannot be used!**

Please continue to mail your receipts to the Church office!



Good Shepherd
Is registered with Amazon Smile!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your Good Shepherd by going to this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2389879>

Once Good Shepherd is selected, all Amazon donations will come to Good Shepherd.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST

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

Date	Assisting Minister
September 6	David Hausman
September 13	Chris Holub
September 20	Mark Weaver
September 27	David Hausman

Date	Ushers
September 6	Doug Yelles, Dean & Roseann Yelles
September 13	David Hausman & Jessica Kirkpatrick
September 20	Dan & Donna Pavlick & Doug Yelles
September 27	Dean & Roseann 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, 17th Street) or St. Luke's 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.

FOOD BANK

65 items in July
973 items for 2020

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

I will be excited to see some of you in church on August 30th. I know not all of you will feel comfortable to worship. We need to get accustomed to this new normal.

When Jesus tells us to not be afraid; He is not telling us this to scare us, "Do not worry for I am with you in whatever situation you are in." These are words of hope, words of love and words of grace and mercy.

All of us are doing the best that we can in how we are living. Try and be a part of worship either in the sanctuary or watching us live streaming. Feel his presence because he will never leave you. Keep the Church Council and me in your prayers.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary



Harvest Home

On September 20th, we will be celebrating Harvest Home. This is a festival the church celebrates yearly to thank God for all the many blessings He gave us through the harvest. We truly have so very much to be thankful for. God has truly blessed us these past months during our quarantine.

We will accept donations of produce on September 18th during office hours (9am to 2pm) and on September 19th from 11am to Noon. All produce will be going to the Victory House, a homeless shelter for men in Bethlehem.

We will have a wagon out on Sunday, September 6th and 13th as well as the week of September 14-18. All canned goods will be going to the Northampton Food Bank.

Let's try to make this a service of true thankfulness for all our many blessings.



Worship Services

Good Shepherd has a Facebook page. We will be worshipping in our Sanctuary on August 30th. Will also be live-streaming the service on our Facebook page.

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service or to visit our page.

Please visit us at:

www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-Kreidersville-459514777494839/

For updates regarding worship services you can continue to visit our Facebook page; you can also visit our website: www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org or you can call the Church Office.



Happy Birthday

It is time to make a person's special day even more special. Please help Social Ministry by sending out a birthday card to our friends celebrating this month.

September 6th
Shirley Teets
449 Bridge Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032

September 8th
Norma Bauer
3 Genesis Blvd.
New Ringgold, PA 17960

September 8th
Katherine Buss
907 Race Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032



Sunday School Confirmation 2020

Many of us are learning all types of ways to communicate with each other. We will not have regular Sunday School and Confirmation class but we will be doing virtual Sunday School and Confirmation by ZOOM. For how long, we really don't know. This will be a challenge for all of us. I do not want to compromise anyone. We have no idea how long this new normal will last.

Sunday school and Confirmation classes will be starting on September 20th. If you want your child to be part of Sunday School and/or confirmation this year, please contact the church office. Confirmation is for 7&8th graders. Pastor will contact everyone by email with the information to enter to ZOOM classes.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor at 610-262-6852.



Card Shower



The Social Ministry committee is conducting a card shower for Benjamin Bogden. Ben is scheduled to have surgery on September 3rd at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Please send him a greeting card to let him know you are thinking of him. His address is:

Benjamin Bogden
803 Siegfried Avenue
Northampton, Pa. 18067



Food Bank

On behalf of Northampton Area Food Bank ([NAFB](#)), Pastor Gary, and Congregational Council, we thank you for the generous monetary donations and food items given during the past six months.

During this pandemic, your generosity provided a cushion of support for so many who were in need and we assure you that it was greatly appreciated. NAFB remains open and is in need of continued donations.

The **Drop Off/Drive Through Food Collection Cart at Good Shepherd Church will continue through September**. On Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on these dates: **September 4, September 11, September 14, September 18, September 21, September 25 and September 28**, the shopping cart will be placed under the portico by the front door main entrance of church. Please pack all food items in a plastic bag and knot the bag. Please count the number of food items in that bag and write the number of items on the outside of the bag. Please no loose items and lastly please place bag of food items in the cart. Additionally, the cart will be available when we return for Sunday worship in the same place, under the portico by the front door main entrance of church.

Good Shepherd is responsible for apple sauce, canned fruit, and jelly. If you do not shop at this point but have other food items in your pantry that you would like to donate, please do so and be mindful **of expiration dates**.

If this new way to collect does not work for you, please consider continuing helping NAFB with a monetary donation. Write your check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designate on the memo part (Donation For NAFB). Good Shepherd will then send all monetary contributions to NAFB.

Social Ministry will deliver the food items to NAFB.

We thank you in advance for your support.

JoLynn Claroni & Judy Fehr,
Co-Chairs, Social Ministry





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF School Kits

Education is one of the strongest tools for breaking the cycle of poverty. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. During this period of worldwide pandemic, more families need help, so the Women of the ELCA are collecting school supplies.

The supplies that we are collecting are:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approx. 8 x 10 1/2 inches (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners (small ones)
- blunt scissors (such as safety scissors with steel blades)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- erasers, approx. 2 1/2 inches long

Keep your eyes open for back-to-school sales. If you prefer not to go shopping during this time of social distancing, monetary donations will be accepted to use to purchase supplies. Checks may be made payable to “Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA.”

Donations may be brought to church and placed in the box at the front door under the portico on Mondays (except Labor Day) and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM (the same days and times that Social Ministry collects donations for the food bank), and Sunday when we have in-person worship. Items will be collected thru **Monday September 14.**

WELCA thanks Sandy Newhard, who has generously sewn the cloth backpack bags that are used to hold each child's supplies. And WELCA is pleased to announce that this service project has been approved as a Thrivent Action Team project.

Helping children receive an education is one of the most important ways that we can improve the lives of families. Your help in providing supplies is greatly appreciated, especially by the children.

If you have any questions, contact Barb Wiemann (610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com), or Laurie Andrew (610-481-0336 or andrew5@ptd.net).

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Bear Creek Camp Confronts the Pandemic

New Ways for Ministry in Summer Season 2020

When COVID-19 forced the suspension of the summer camp program for this season, the staff and Board of Directors of Bear Creek Camp quickly grappled with the challenge. They moved toward new ministry opportunities that could still provide for the safety and health of their community. Two programs emerged from their work: **Family Vacation Rentals** and the **Bear Creek Camp Conservation Corps (BCCCC)**.

Family Vacation Rentals was a unique opportunity for families to visit the camp, stay in cabins, eat meals prepared carry-out style, and enjoy the nearly 3000 acres of forest and streams through swimming, hiking, and relaxing time together.



Painting Crew

Above and beyond these duties, the group spent each day in devotion and worship with one another. They also took time to focus on professional development and on building skills to benefit the summer camp experience in 2021.

As Bear Creek Camp moves towards the Fall and beyond, your prayerful financial support will be more important than ever before. To learn more about programs at BCC throughout the year, visit www.bearcreekcamp.org.



Family Camping

The BCCCC was a select group of twelve returning summer staff who had previously made the commitment to serve as counselors this summer.

Throughout the four weeks of their time together, they lived as a cohort and formed an intentional Christian community.

Each day the team worked on maintenance projects including improving trails and overnight sites, building new high and low ropes elements, constructing bridges, and painting anything they could get their hands on.

They also connected with the campers and their families, creating digital content to share on social media and assisting with programming on-site.



Trail Blazers

Assembly 2020 - A New Way of Being Church Together

Friday evening, October 16 & Sunday afternoon, October 18

Friday evening, October 23 & Saturday morning and afternoon, October 24

Because of concern for the safety of the voting members in this time of pandemic, Assembly 2020, including the election of a bishop, will be conducted online. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is not the first to hold an online assembly this year; and based on the experience of other synods, especially the South Carolina Synod, the assembly planning team has full confidence that our assembly will be able to conduct its business and elections efficiently and in good order.

We have a production team, Events Staging, that has worked with our synod for a number of years to produce the video for our in-person assemblies. And we also have contracted with Lumi, a tech firm that specializes in online voting and that has been used by the ELCA for churchwide assemblies as well as by other synods for their local assemblies. With the support of these teams, and with the hard work of synod staff and some willing volunteers, Assembly 2020 promises to be a groundbreaking event!

How will this work?

The entire assembly will be broadcast live and can be viewed by anyone with an internet connection. Voting members will need to register and will be given individual credentials to login to a more tailored experience, including the ability to vote, ask questions, and speak to resolutions or other matters. For "visitors" - those who simply wish to watch the proceedings - unlike past years, there is no need to register.

What do I need to participate?

To participate as a voting member you will need a reliable internet connection, for example, one that can watch a YouTube video without problems. You will also need either a desktop or laptop computer with a microphone and camera. It will be possible for two or more people to share a computer; however, each individual will need a separate device (like a smartphone or tablet) in order to vote.

What if I'm not very tech savvy?

The assembly planning team is working to make participation as simple as possible. Detailed written instructions, as well as an instructional video, will be sent to each voting member well before the assembly. There also will be an opportunity to login to an orientation session prior to the actual assembly in order to discover and fix any issues a voting member might encounter. Finally, there will be a support line to contact a tech team for individual help with any question or problem.



**We Are Church
Together**

NEPA Synod Assembly 2020

If your congregation has not yet selected its voting members,
volunteer to participate in this exciting new experience.
Registration is now open. Visit the synod website at nepasynod.org.

We Are Church Together and We Can Do This!

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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