

From the Pastor:

Christmas season is here! Didn't we put our decorations away a few months ago? It sure seems that way. So, we get ready to busy ourselves planning all our Christmas chores: gift buying, card writing, baking, cleaning and all those other requests we have this time of year. Do you dread this season or do you embrace it with joy? I love this time of year. Sure it's super busy for me but I love the decorations, the music and of course, the Hallmark Christmas movies. I see changes in people—sometimes worse because of stress or sometimes feelings of peace and good will.

Most importantly, it is a season of miracles. Just read the Christmas story in Luke or even Matthew and see all the miracles God causes to happen in our world as one of us. Let me tell you Christmas miracles did not stop 2,000 years ago or only happen in Christmas movies. They happen all the time.

Let me tell you a story about a change I was told about. A young woman lived her life on the dark side, fighting addiction. She came home at Christmas, after 6 months away from her family. She knew she messed up and really wanted to change. That night, she sat on her bed and looked at a Christmas card her mother put there. She opened the card and saw a painting of Mary responding to the news of the miraculous baby who would be named Jesus. The young woman held the card to her chest and began to cry out to God for help. She heard a voice saying to her, "Why didn't you ask for help long before this? I've been here all the time."

She knew it was the voice of the Lord. She spent the rest of the night walking the floor while she talked to God and held on to that Christmas card with the picture of Mary saying "yes" to God. All at once a peace and release came over her, She experienced a Christmas miracle and her life changed from that moment on.

So what help do you need in your life? Come to the manger and place your cares and worries there. The Christ child will enter your life and you shall be born anew.

May you have a blessed Christmas this year!

In His Arms always,

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

Congregation Meeting
December 4

WELCA Cookie Sale
December 10

The Holiday Variety Shoppe
December 10

Food Bank Sunday
December 11

In Touch Sunday
December 18

Christmas Program
December 18

Decorating for Christmas
December 18

Christmas Eve Worship
4 & 7:30pm
December 24

Christmas Day Worship
December 25

Family Movie Night
January 21





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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Director of Music Ministries

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Congregation Council

Brenda Koch, President
Nicole Bogden, Vice President
Roseann Koehler, Financial Secretary
Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary
(Laurie is not a member of Council)
Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary
(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Jolynn Claroni Paul Evans III
Dave Hausman LeAnne Krill
Christopher Holub Lisa Mann
Karen Hahn

Happy Birthday...

Scott Keiser	December 1
LeAnne Krill	December 3
Brynn Layton	December 3
Hannah Flamisch	December 7
Barry Gilbert	December 8
Gloria Hoffman	December 9
Edith Bachman	December 11
Shane Weiner	December 11
Jeanne Schweitzer	December 12
Sarah Landis	December 14
Brenda Liebert	December 14
Talbot Houck	December 16
Donald Steigerwalt	December 16
Joshua Klusaritz	December 19
Diane Hausman	December 20
Matthew Klusaritz	December 20
Audrey Jones	December 21
John Enstrom	December 23
Nevin Lilly, Jr.	December 24
Tori Edelman	December 27
Joyce Pulley	December 27
Sara Houck	December 30

Happy Anniversary...

December 1
Ronald Schneck & Carol Landis

December 17
Larry & Sandra Graver

Congregational Meeting

December 4, after worship service

Purpose of the meeting is to approve 2017 budget and elect new council members

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
10/2/2016	79
10/9/2016	72
10/16/2016	62
10/23/16	122
10/30/2016	78
TOTAL	413
AVG.	82.6

Vice President's Corner

Everybody loves a Baptism. It is one of the most joyous times in an families' life. Not just the baby's family, but for the church family too. The baby gets a new, or maybe a handed down traditional outfit to wear. We all sit to see the reaction the baby will have to the water as he or she is blessed and cleansed. One of the most important parts of this blessed event is the promises that are made by the parents/guardians and the sponsors to enrich their baby's life with God's word, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, and more. One way to fulfill this promise is by brining them to church, Sunday School, First Holy Communion, Confirmation. We all make that promise, but not all of us are fulfilling that promise. We have willing and able teachers ready to provide learning, all we need is your commitment. So many of us have things going on in our lives, we are all busy, but God is the busiest, and he always has time for us.

Come join us on Sunday mornings. Sunday School begins at 10:15am.

Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Dec.18th at the 9am service

Thank you,

Nicole

Nicole Bogden

Vice President



December Financial News

October

Current Balances	
Checking	\$9,659.27
Building Repair	\$2,093.41
Mem. Fund	\$21,538.63
Money Mkt	\$168,199.43
Thrivent	

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
October 2, 2016	\$3,039.00	\$135.00	
October 9, 2016	\$2,707.00	\$45.00	
October 16, 2016	\$1,853.00		\$5,075.00
October 23, 2016	\$3,887.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
October 30, 2016	\$1,949.00		
Vanco	\$708.00	\$55.00	
Income in October	\$14,143.00	\$150.00	\$5,115.00
Expenses in October	\$10,423.64		

From the Console

A warm thank you to all who expressed approval and thanks for the music on Christ the King Sunday. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the choir for their dedication and support of the music ministry. Most of all a BIG thank you to Sara Borger for lending her talent and skill at the piano as we ironed out the "wrinkles" and were able to pull it all together. The arrangement of "O Worship the King" that we played also called for an optional bell choir. The more people we can get involved in the music ministry, the more interesting and meaningful is the finished product. What is the finished product? The finished product is when we lift our voices to the God of our Salvation in great full praise and adoration for all that He has done for us! It is not about a "performance" or entertainment for the congregation; it is a Ministry that speaks to the congregation through the medium of music. As the Pastor proclaims the message of salvation through the spoken word, we support and also proclaim that message through the sung word.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank Amanda Dungan for her help with the Children's Choir. It is no easy task to get the young people together to sing. It is however one of the greatest joys of my music ministry when I am able to find music that incorporates the musical gifts of the young people with same gifts of the adults.

As we come to the end of another church year, Pastor Langkamer's message is ringing in my ears. "What kind of sermon would we write if we knew it would be our last sermon?" In this case it would be "What kind of music would I play if it were the last time I were to play in Church?" Answer; the same music that I played for Christ the King Sunday! The only change would be a few more choir members to help sing. Enough people for a full bell choir to help enhance our Ministry of Music. As we begin the new Church Year, come on out and be part of the ministry that proclaims the word through the medium of music. Be part of the fun we have! (Yes, we do have fun!) Be part of the family of music makers. Yes we are family, maybe not genetically linked but we are all linked together through our faith.

We are selling Christmas candy again this year to help offset the cost of the brass musicians. Please, PLEASE help out with your generosity and support the Music Ministry and satisfy your chocolate cravings all at the same time!

ALSO! Stay tuned to the January newsletter for the date of an up coming bell workshop! Sing-cerly,

Harold



Christmas Eve

Candlelight services will be at

4pm & 7:30 pm

Festival Brass and special prelude music at both services

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

DECEMBER 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
December 4	Bryanna Bogden	Carole Holub	Renaë Yelles	Laurie Andrew	Edwin Marshall	Hope Eisenhard
December 11	Sara Houck	David Hausman	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Judy Fehr	Rick Fehr	Zachery Tyler
December 18	David Stimmel	Chris Holub	Gail Loch	Donna Walck	Ben Bogden	Mike Hahn
December 25	Diane Hausman					

Date	Ushers
12/4 & 12/11	Forrest Koch, Jim Loch, Roseann & Dean Yelles
12/18	Karen Hahn, David Hausman, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles

**All Committee Reports
are due
no later than
January 4, 2017**

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.

Deaths

Alberta Taylor
October 25, 2016

Shirley Buss
November 14, 2016

We are in need of Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, and Communion Assistants for our 2 Christmas Eve services.

Please consider helping at the service that you will be attending.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.



- 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 (**December 11**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**December 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.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH'S

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2016

9:00 to 11:00 A.M. or until sold out
\$9.00 per pound

The Women of the ELCA will host their Annual Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 10th. We again ask the members of Good Shepherd to help us by baking your favorite cookies. You can bring your cookies to the church on Friday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00 P.M. or Saturday, December 10th any time after 7:30 A.M.

All donations of cookies are appreciated. The money raised is donated to the church for large unanticipated expenses. So, dig out your cookie recipes and help us by baking cookies. If you don't bake, stop in on December 10th and be a customer. The cookies are delicious and they go quickly.



HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOPPE

Saturday, December 10, 2016
9am—Noon

The Fund Raising Committee has gathered many different, interesting new and gently used items.

There are decorations, Christmas tree items, wrapping paper/bags, toys, cosmetics, jewelry, gifts and many other items.

Funds raised this year will go toward paying for the festival brass musicians who will enhance our Christmas worship.

This is the same day as the famous WELCA Cookie Sale!
We'll be easy to find in the room off the Fellowship Hall downstairs.



DECORATE the Church

On December 18th, following our 9am service, we will be decorating our Sanctuary and Narthex in preparation for Christmas Eve services.

We need your help. Christmas is that special time of year that we remember the birth of Jesus.

Let us make our church beautiful, fit for the King to come to us this year.



Gracedale Nursing Home Visit Caroling with Santa

Wednesday, December 21st
10am—2pm
Lunch provided

To participate, please sign up on the Social Ministry sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

More details to follow.

We thank you in advance for your consideration.



CHRISTMAS CANDLE SPONSORSHIP

Candles for use in worship on
Christmas Eve
are available for sponsorship
in loved ones' honor or memory.

The Altar Guild is asking for 9 donations of \$10.00 each and the
candles will be paid for!

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Christmas Food Bank

We all know the Christmas season is a season of giving. As we go in and out of the stores, The Salvation Army is standing by their red kettle, ringing their bell. We reach into our pockets and see if we have a few coins to put in. We just hope the money will help someone.

Our Food Bank does not ring a bell to ask for help, it simply says— can you help. Will you?

This November we had an awesome response to the Food Bank. Our bin was overflowing with canned goods. This December, let us give to the Food Bank generously. Every can good we contribute will help a family. There are many families that need help during this time of year.

I really don't care if we make our goal or not. I care that we help those in need. Let us make a difference this Christmas in a family's life.

POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 11th
\$7.00 PER PLANT

NO. OF PLANTS _____

YOUR NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN **HONOR** OF:

IN **MEMORY** OF:

SPONSORED BY: _____

Please return this form to Barb Wiemann, Carole Holub or Diane Hausman with your payment. appreciate if the poinsettias remain for both Christmas Eve Services. However, if you need your plants after the early service, feel free to take them.



Dear Good Shepherd,

I would like thank all of you for the outstanding luncheon you prepared and served for my husband's funeral, Ed Adams.

That day is a blur to me but I'm still getting compliments on the service and the wonderful luncheon you provided. Again, thank you for that wonderful luncheon.

God Bless all of you. You have no idea how much I miss Good Shepherd, Pastor Gary and the whole congregation. I love all of you.

Love,
Nancy Adams

Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you all for your thoughts, cards and prayers! I am truly blessed for your fellowship and love.

I'm struggling terribly with liver cancer and the pain is consuming.

May God bless you all and thank you all again.

Love,
Karen Becker



Christmas Ingathering

The Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Shepherd of the Hills, Whitehall.

Good Shepherd Lutheran is responsible for the following:

25 decks of cards (Playing, Uno, Old Maids, Go Fish, Skip-bo)
 2 - \$25.00 Gifts for Kidspeace
 \$20.00 for a special case which this year will be Mary's Shelter
 Mittens, hats and scarves in various sizes

Additionally the following institutions will again be the recipients of a large gift giving event: Gracedale Nursing Home, Hamburg Center, Sayre Center, and The Allentown Rescue Mission.

There is wish list that has been requested by those facilities listed above (see page 10).

To help with the cost of the gift giving event, The Social Ministry Committee will conduct a free will offering during the month of November. The offering plate will be on the Ingathering Table under the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Social Ministry has been collecting the wish list items from our congregational members since Sunday October 30, 2016. Members of the committee are Renae Yelles, Dot Clauser, Judy Fehr and JoLynn Claroni. Please feel free to contact any of us should you have a question.

We thank you in advance for your support and we appreciate the generosity that you have traditionally extended to this project.

Wish List

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

MEN: Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear, socks in sizes L and XL, Jeans new or gently used sizes 34-38 waist, 30-34 length, large containers of fruit juice, winter hats/beanies, gloves (all sizes, belts casual wear).

GRACEDALE

MEN:

Small combs, talcum powder, tube socks, after shave.

WOMEN:

Perfumes, colognes, body powder, hair brushes, socks, scarves, *MEN/WOMEN:*

change purses, large print search a word, playing cards, velvet coloring posters, small tablets, postage stamps, writing paper, body spray, crayons, markers, colored pencils, non skid slipper socks, body wash, soft tissues coloring books.

SAYRE CHILD CENTER

NO STUFFED ANIMALS

Markers, colored pencils, crayons, plain paper for drawing, glue sticks, board books and washable books, playground balls, diapers and wipes, sidewalk chalk, kitchen dish towels, batteries (AA, C, D), bibs (all sizes), computer software for ages 4-10, 25 and 50 piece puzzles, construction paper, watercolors, finger paint, stickers, play-doh, tissues, stage 2 single fruit or vegetable infant food (stage 2), bubbles, washcloths for classroom use, toddler size forks and spoons, infant cereal (rice or oatmeal).

HAMBURG CENTER

(No scarves or food)

MEN: Med.- XL Tshirts

WOMEN:

Med- XL, flannel/cotton nighties, lipstick/makeup, non skid booties size 6 an up, nail polish and nail polish remover, facial powder, costume jewelry (no pins), barrettes, headbands, fashion hats, twin bed spreads, fitted sheets.

MEN/WOMEN:

knee and ankle socks, elastic waist pants, sweatshirts, sweaters (Sizes Medium to XL) Playing cards, wall decals, coloring books, balls, cologne, body spray, body and/or hand lotion, deodorant, anything to stimulate sense (ex: musical or textured things), all occasion cards, jumbo crayons, 25 or less piece puzzles, soft baby dolls or any kind of soft toys, , playdough, porcupine style Legos, wooden toddler puzzles, toiletries, toiletry bag.

KIDS PEACE (No wire bound books)

Art supplies:

crayons, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes etc.

Clothing:

socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), pajamas.

Toiletries:

shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions.

Gift Cards: all kinds, book stores, tunes, movie theatres, Target, K-Mart, Walmart

Mary's Shelter

Diapers

Baby wipes

Baby bottles/nipples

Any baby or personal care item for mother and baby (new or gently used)





Christian Education

Every year around Christmas the Christian Education Committee sponsors a Mission Project called adopt a family. We adopted a family this year that has five children. We will be collecting food items to help fill their pantry, also we would like to help purchase some gifts for the family. There is a poster in the Narthex (Entrance way) with the needs and sizes for each child. If you would like to purchase an item please take an envelope with the child's information.

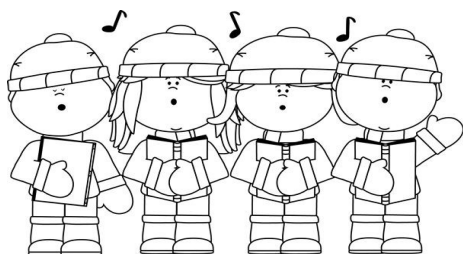
If you are not a shopper, we will accept monetary donations as well. We will be receiving \$250.00 from Thrivent Financial.

Lets all help to make this a nice Christmas for this family

All items can be placed in the container labeled "CHRISTMAS FAMILY". Please remember this family as you shop for your dinner and gifts for your loved ones. On Sunday, December 18th after Sunday school we will be packing items in the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school room, items will be delivered during the week.

Thank you!

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 5:00PM

Do you like to sing Christmas songs? Do you like to spread Christmas Joy to others? Do you just want to have a fun time?

Then come join us for a night of singing and fellowship. We will meet in the fellowship hall and spread Christmas joy to homes in the developments around the church, afterwards we will return to the church for light refreshments. If you are interested please sign the sign up sheet on the bulletin board

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th

Come and hear the story about The Birth of our Savior

Presented by: the Sunday school children during
our 9:00AM Church service





soul surfer

*Escape
the
Winter
Blues*

Good Shepherd Movie Night

January 21 @7:00

Bring beach chairs and wear beach attire.

Hawaiian Refreshments Served

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	2	3 50+ FELLOWSHIP HALL 1pm—4pm
4 CONGREGATION MEETING 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	5 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	6 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM	7 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	8 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	9	10 WELCA COOKIE SALE 9am HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOPPE 9am
11 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	12 COUNCIL 7PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM	13 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	14 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	15 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	16	17
18 IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECORATING THE CHURCH 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	19 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM	20 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	21 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	22 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 4PM 7:30PM
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 9:00AM WORSHIP	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31