The Shepherd's Staff

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,



The last time we gathered in our sanctuary to celebrate Easter was April 21, 2019. Almost three years ago! We need to celebrate the Resurrection more than ever. We have had to deal with the pandemic, the problems and tragedies that it caused us. Now we deal with the war in the Ukraine, we could be facing the end of civilization as we know it. Please, Lord, save us!

We all have favorite Easter hymns, that when they are sung at church, we sing as loud as we can (without embarrassing our loved ones and family)!

I love all the Easter hymns, but one stands out now in particular. It is a hymn written by Bill Gaither. The chorus says it all;

And because He lives / I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, All fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future and life is worth living

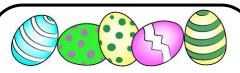
Just because He lives...

Everyone, on the day of Jesus' death on the cross felt everything was lost .There was no hope. The Master they loved, was brutally tortured and died a horrendous death on the cross. They were afraid for their lives. It was a lonely and fearful Saturday. Every sound caused them worry. On that glorious Easter morn, the sun broke through brilliantly, the birds sang louder then ever before, flowers bloomed more splendidly...all because He lives. No longer was Jesus in a cold dark tomb, but He was alive! Resurrected! The world will never be the same again. He assures us of forgiveness, hope for a new day and life everlasting. In the midst of everything around us, and in our lives, we need to "return to (the Lord) with all your heart.... "We need to pray even more frequently that peace may be part of our world once more and "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up their sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Let us truly celebrate the Resurrection this year–because He lives! All fear is gone!

Pastor Gary





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> Worship Service 9:00 AM

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John Moschella Sexton

2022 Church Council

Nicole Bogden– President Chris Holub– Vice President Jessica Kirkpatrick– Treasurer Diane Kramer, Donna Pavlick, Brian Dungan, Lisa Mann, Jennifer Burrell, Ben Bogden.

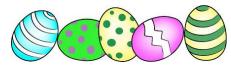


Easter Egg Hunt

Rain or shine Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for all children up to 6th grade.

We are accepting donations for the egg hunt. Please drop off your donation by April 8th.

We need, candy, snacks, plastic eggs etc. Monetary donations also accepted.





A Lenten Reflection...

Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
Give up worry; trust divine Providence
Give up discouragement; be full of hope
Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
Give up hatred; return good for evil
Give up negativism; be positive
Give up pettiness; become mature
Give up jealousy; pray for trust



date	attendance
February 6	53
February 13	40
February 20	51
February 27	57
total	201
average	50.25

President's Corner



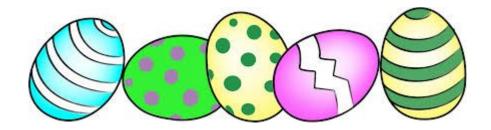
Easter time is here! It is so wonderful to see the beautiful flowers and how the Earth comes to life with new growth and warmer weather.

I would like to say a BIG Thank You to Scott Henninger for being such a great MC for our Mardi Gras Talent Show again. And thank you to everyone that helped, participated, donated food, cleaned up and set up. Thank you to Mark Weaver for his Technical Support talents. As you can see, it takes many to make an event successful.

I'm hoping that just like Easter our church will become more alive again. It has been enjoyable to see many faces that I have not seen in a while.

God Bless,

Nícole Bogden Church Councíl President E-mail: bensmom1101@ptd.net Cell # 484-241-1275



Planning Ahead.....

First Communion class
April 4

Palm Sunday First Communion Food Bank Sunday April 10

Service of Renewal April 13

Maundy Thursday April 14

> Good Friday April 15

Resurrection of our Lord
April 17

In touch Sunday April 17

> Earth Day April 22



PASTORAL ACTS

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$113.50 to ELCA World Hunger on 01/27/22.

The Rev. Robin Brown



In loving Memory of Darlene Pail, our much loved friend and colleague, From her LV Reilly Children's hospital Neonatal Intensive Care family.





Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Thank you for your recent donation to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Your contribution makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity! Very Sincerely

S. Kratzer

In loving memory of Paul Einfalt.
With love Renae Yelles, Tina Gahagan(Yelles) and

Dean and Roseann Yelles



In loving memory of Darlene Pail from Gerald Keltz and Sarah Landis



DONATION



The GSLC Fundraising Committee soup sale in February raised

\$875.00!

The funds were added to the General fund.

A total of 191 items were collected on Food Bank Sunday in March, and delivered to the Northampton Area Food Bank..



Earth Day 2022 April 22nd

April 22 is Earth Day, a chance to take a moment from your busy schedule and appreciate the amazing life this planet provides. While you may be aware of this day, you might not know much about it or how it originated. Keep reading to discover fascinating Earth Day facts and the history surrounding this holiday.

- * The first Earth Day occurred on April 22, 1970. This date was strategically chosen to cater to college students since they were politically active during this era. Nelson hoped that picking a date that fell between spring break and final exams would attract a lot of people and it did. Over 20 million people participated in the very first Earth Day, and it's only grown since then. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in at least 193 countries around the world.
- * On Earth Day 2011, the Earth Day Network organized the "Plant Trees Not Bombs" campaign, where 28 million trees were planted in Afghanistan.
- * On Earth Day 2012, more than 100,000 people in China rode their bikes across the country to minimize C02 emissions and spotlight the amount of pollution produced by cars.
- * Why do we celebrate Earth Day? We celebrate this day to bring attention to the world's environmental problems. It gives everyone a chance to learn ways in which we can take care of this planet. Just like we need exercise and a well-balanced diet to take care of our bodies, we need to do things like recycle and use less non-renewable resources to help keep our world healthy. Earth is the only known planet to support life and to continue to live our lives, we need to treat our home with respect.



On the edge of war, one foot already in,

I no longer pray for peace: I pray for miracles.

I pray that stone hearts will turn to tenderheartedness, and evil intentions will turn to mercifulness, and all the soldiers already deployed will be snatched out of harm's way, and the whole world will be astounded onto its knees.

I pray that all the "God talk"
will take bones,
and stand up and shed
its cloak of faithlessness,
and walk again in its powerful truth.

I pray that the whole world might sit down together and share its bread and its wine.

Some say there is no hope, but then I've always applauded the holy fools who never seem to give up on the scandalousness of our faith: that we are loved by God...... that we can truly love one another.

I no longer pray for peace: I pray for miracles.

- Ann Weems



















<u>Lutheran Disaster Response</u> EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

March 2022

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are not shut down, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading towards Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary.

Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian response to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Good Shepherd Lutheran church will partner with these wonderful humanitarian response teams. There will be two ways to donate. Donations can be dropped off or sent to the office and received at all services during the week. Please label your donation "Ukraine". In addition, Please use the World hunger Lenten boxes located in the Narthex for your contribution to our companions in the Ukraine. Bring your box back on Palm Sunday, when we will bless the donation boxes and provide the contributions to the crisis in Europe. Your gifts designated in these boxes will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Every gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.00 by the Disaster Relief Response Team!

Thank you to all that have so graciously donated so far!







Mark your calendar

Vacation Bible school is back!

June 20 – June 24 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM starting with a family meal at 5:30 PM. Please consider joining us. More information will follow!



April 6 Mid week Service 11:00am & 7:00pm

April 10 Palm Sunday/First Holy Communion/ Distribution of Palms 9:00am service

April 13 Service of Renewal 7:00pm

April 14 Maundy Thursday 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

April 15 Good Friday 7:00pm Tenebrae

April 17 Resurrection of our Lord



Good Shepherd has a Facebook page. Please join us on Sundays at 9am. We are live streaming our regular worship service.

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, visit our website:

www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org or you can check WFMZ.



Birthdays

LeRoy Bealer	04/04
Richard Brown	04/04
Wendy Thomma	04/06
Gerald Persing	04/07
Ellen Stahl	04/12
Emily Wiland	04/12
Jeffrey Bauer	04/13
Judy Readinger	04/13
Owen Dungan	04/14
Dale Grow	04/15
Ruth Frack	04/17
Rodney Miller	04/17
Jeannette Dennis	04/18
Ashlyn Cantrel	04/19
Jeffrey Liebert	04/19
Jessica Snyder	04/19
Dale Moyer	04/21
Helen Odenwelder	04/21 (101!)
Kathleen Gilbert	04/22
Dolores Hoppes	04/23
Dorothy Milkovitch	04.24
Carol Williams	04/25
Alexander Quartararo	04/26
Samuel Quartararo	04/26
Robert Henniger	04/27
Kate O'Boyle	04/27
Pamela Reimer	04/27
Ed Filipovits	04/28
James Williams	04/28
Shannon Dereamus	04/29

Happy 41st Anniversary of Ordination to our own Pastor Gary Walbert!

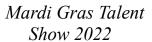


Anniversaries Jim & Gail Loch





Let's Recap...





It was a great night! I am sure no one went home hungry. We had so many dishes and desserts. The talent show started out with the rumble of the Catasauqua High School Drum line staring our very own David Stimmel. With their cool shades on and their rhythmic tricks they got the crowd's attention. We had some young talent from William Burrell playing "Let it be" on piano and a piece on his Bass. Jennifer Baker, our new Secretary, assisted her son Andrew with his martial arts demonstration. We had more wonderful music by Dan Pavlick and his guitar. We saw some hidden talent come out in Dan's performance with his situational comedy, and the willingness to play a second song.

There was an art display by Bryanna Bogden that consisted of some drawings, paintings and diamond paintings. Nicole Bogden performed her first solo, singing "My Church" from country artist Maren Morris. Benjamin closed out the show with 2 songs— "Driver" by Charles Kelly, Dierks Bentley, and Eric Paisley, and "Humble and Kind "by Tim McGraw. The night did not end there, Scott did one of his favorite comedy pieces called "Ohio" David Stimmel and the "Newlyweds" David and Danielle did a great job. If you missed it, check out the Face Book page for the video. And make sure you come next year. Pictures of event are on following page.

MARDI GRAS TALENT SHOW AND POTLUCK NIGHT FEB. 26TH!

A great time was had by all and food was plentiful! The Outreach Committee did it again! Thank you all for the wonderful food, desserts, set up, clean up and talent! Pictured are: William Burrell, Mark Weaver, Nicole Bogden, our MC Scott Henninger, CAHS Drum Line, Ben Bogden, Dan Pavlick, Scott, David, Danielle, David performing Ohio, and Andrew Baker.





Church council notes...

There are currently three open seats on Church Council. If you are interested in serving on the

Council, or have guestions, please speak to Pastor Gary or Nicole Bogden.





AMAZON SMILE

GSLC received a \$35.83 Amazon Smile donation from October—December 2021. Please make GSLC your Amazon Smiles charitable contribution of choice. Have questions how? Please ask us...

Anniversary Service



Remember our Anniversary service is September 18, 2022. Bishop Christopher deForest will be preaching with us that Sunday.

Please join us...

Sunday school takes place every Sunday after service at 10:15am. Please feel free to have your children join us!



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.



Social Media at GSLC

We are hard at work making updates to our Social Media platforms! Please take a moment and check in, and give us a like or follow!



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A piece of GSLC history...

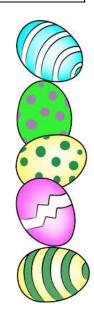
Harry Bartholomew of Pennsville had a large walnut tree come down on 248. Paul Evans Jr. was on the building committee in the 70's, and had contacted Harry for the wood which had been perfectly aged and stored. They had a life size cross made, a magnificent 10 feet x 18 feet! Paul Jr. stained and finished it himself. The new church building was ready early 1972. The heavy cross was hung in the worship space peaked roof and remains there today over 50 years later!

For more of this story and other interesting history and facts of our amazing church, check out Facebook and Instagram!

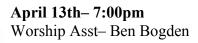
April Worship Assist Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector Pouring Chalice		Acolytes	
April 3, 2022	David Hausman	Linda Seikonic	Linda Seikonic Barb Wiemann		
April 10, 2022	Chris Holub	Lorie Filipovits	Lorie Filipovits Diane Hausman		
April 17, 2022 6:30am	Chris Holub	Nicole Bogden	TBA	TBA	
April 17, 2022 9:00am	David Hausman	David Hausman	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Will Burrell	
April 24, 2022	Mark Weaver	Edwin Marshall	Donna Pavlick	Andrew LaBarre	

Date	Ushers
April 3, 2022	Ed Filipovits, Dan Pavlick, Mary Dennis, Doug Yelles
April 10, 2022	Ed Filipovits, Dan Pavlick, David Hausman, Jessica Kirkpatrick
April 17, 2022 6:30am	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Doug Yelles, Mary Dennis
April 17, 2022 9:00am	Shelley Dorn, Jeff Dorn, Allison Quartararo, Dan Pavlick
April 24, 2022	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Doug Yelles, Allison Quartararo



If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.



April 14th– 11:00am Lector—Linda Seikonic Chalice– Linda Seikonic Worship Asst.-Jen Gaugler

April 14th-7:00pm Lector-Shelly Dorn Chalice-Leanne Krill Worship Asst.-Chris Holub Ushers-Dean & Roseann Yelles

April 15– 7:00pm Acolyte– Charlie Burrell If your interested in serving as a **worship assistant** at Sunday service, or have any questions please contact Jennifer in the office. (610)-262-9517. We are in need of at least 8 volunteers per service.



If you cannot make it to service on Sunday, please feel free to drop off your envelopes to the church office during the week, or place in the mail. Make sure your name is written on them so that you receive credit on your statement for 2022.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

FEBRUARY OFFERING-\$12,054.00 FEBRUARY EXPENSES-\$12,038.20

\$15.80





2022 Financial breakdown for February

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$3101.00 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2781.00



Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
February 6	\$4,349.75*		\$173.00**	\$4,539.00
February 13	\$3,752.75*	\$410.00		\$4,179.00
February 20	\$1,719.75*	\$735.00		\$2,471.00
February 27	\$2,231.75*		\$60.00	\$2,308.00

^{*}denotes Vanco weekly offering of \$128.50.

^{**}denotes Vanco monthly offering to building repair of \$55.00.



February online service viewers				
February 6	210			
February 13	164			
February 20	125			
February 27	119			

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee met on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Present were Jennifer Burrell, David Hausman and Treasurer, Jessica Kirkpatrick.

We reviewed the Findings/Recommendations/Better Business Practice/Action Items from the previous Audit conducted in April, 2021. We found all the items were/are being implemented.

This year's Audit focused on the months of May and December, 2021, reviewing the General Fund. We also reviewed our Investment Accounts and our Current Assets.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the books and records of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are true and correct and fairly represent the financial position for the year 2021.

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April 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1 APRIL FOOLS DAY	Saturday 2
9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7PM CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	Midweek Lent Service 11:00am 7:00pm	7 Bell choir 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm COUNCIL RE	8 PORTS DUE	9
PALM SUNDAY First Communion FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	Finance Mtg 5:30pm COUNCIL 6:30PM GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	SERVICE OF RENEWAL 7:00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY 11:00am & 7:00pm	GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE 7:00PM NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16
17 Happy Easter 6:30 DAWN SERVICE 9:00am FESTIVAL SERVICE	Church office closed GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	20	21	EARTH DAY	23
9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL Cub Scout Banquet	Social Media Out- reach Meeting 6:45pm GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	26	27	News Letter Assembly Volunteers needed	29	30

