



The May 2023 Edition of The Shepherd's Staff is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of the 42nd Anniversary of Pastor Gary's Ordination. By Linda Walbert.

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

From time to time I am posed with the question, "Do animals go to heaven?" "I need to have my pet with me!" My answer is always YES.

Some will tell you no, because they don't have a soul? We who have pet's know how much our pet's adore us, because we take care of them. We hear God will make all things new.

We shouldn't throw away God's creation of the universe. In Genesis 1:31, it reads, "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good." Indeed; all that God does is truly good. Among those good works are humans, animals, and plants. God is life itself, and we could argue that once God gives life, he would not destroy it.

Heaven and Earth are for ALL God's creatures. Thus, animals, that have been so loving and helpful to their owners would be there too.

What heaven is like is far beyond our wildest imaginations. Our call on our earthly journey is simply to know, love, and serve God as best we can. But what God has planned for us we cannot conceive.

Blessings,
Pastor Gary



A prayer for our pets

Loving God, St. Francis of Assisi showed us that your family of creation extends to the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, the dog at my feet, and the cat on my lap. For their companionship, I am grateful. Because their love is unconditional, I am humbled. Thank you for animals, wild or tame, who bring color and warmth to an often grey and cold world. Amen

Planning Ahead...

May 7
G.C. BINGO

May 14
Mother's Day

May 28
**Confirmation
Pentecost**

May 29
Memorial Day

June 15
DINE & Donate

June 18
Father's Day

June 19
VBS Begins

June 21
Summer begins



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Monday—Thursday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert
Cell # 610-217-6852

Jennifer Baker
Church Secretary

Kristen Merkert
Director of Music Ministry

Happy Birthday...

Judy Fehr	5/1
Kelly Wiland	5/1
Maryann Edelman	5/2
Ben Smoyer	5/3
Margaret Tobias	5/3
Ashley Smoyer	5/5
Vicky Brzozowski	5/6
Jason Bogden	5/7
Jeff Dorn	5/11
Warren Hoffman	5/12
Nicole Layton	5/12
Kathleen Schwartz	5/18
Mary Dennis	5/21
Jane Dodson	5/21
Samuel Emery	5/21
Roseann Yelles	5/22
Lucas Miller	5/24
Lori Borda	5/26
Dolores Long	5/26
Breanne LaBarre	5/27
Robert Osiecki	5/27
John Mann	5/29
Alfred Wiemann	5/29
Rena Yelles	5/29
Randy Claroni	5/29
Kimberly Sandt	5/30

*Louis & Stephanie
Schwartz*

Richard & Carole Holub

*William & Sally
Sherman*

*Brynn & Nicole
Layton*

Michael & Karen Hahn

Jeff & Shelly Dorn

Dale & Helen Moyer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to recognize anyone who is graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school or college. Please give us a picture and a brief write-up of where you are graduating from and your future plans so we can display it on the bulletin board.

Pictures will be returned.

Information should be given to the church Office by May 31.



Water Stories of the Bible

Good Shepherd Lutheran Bible School

June 19 - 23, 2023 /5- 8pm
Family Dinner starts at 5pm, Bible school 6pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1335 Old Carriage Rd
Northampton Pa. 18067
Please call the office to sign up
610- 262-9517

GIFT CARD BINGO EVENT!

If you have not purchased your tickets yet, please do so! Tickets are available for sale after Sunday service in the Narthex, or by calling the church office for pick up during the week.

Please feel free to see Ed Filipovits or Lisa Mann for more information!

SUNDAY, MAY 7
Doors open 12 Noon • Games Begin at 1PM

at
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
1335
Old Carriage Rd
Northampton

BINGO

\$30
20 GAMES +
5 SPECIALS +
DOOR PRIZE
ENTRY

EXTRA
GAMES,
50/50 &
REFRESHMENTS
available for
additional
cost

Games Operated Under
License issued to Good
Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Kreidersville and managed
by Edward Filipovits

PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY
RESERVE YOUR SEAT
CALL 610-262-9517

Treasurer Report – March 2023

We had a small loss for March of \$900, which brings our net income for the year to \$4,000. Some notable activity for the month is the following:

Monthly offerings were approximately \$14,200.

Some notable expense activity includes:

Paid \$2,300 for electric

Paid \$260 for maintenance on heating system

Paid \$325 for snow removal

At the end of March, we had \$4,300 in checking account. Our savings account has a balance of \$24,200.

There is about \$570 in outstanding checks that will clear in the upcoming days. See A/P Aging Summary for details.

Total assets, all bank accounts and CDs, were \$188,000 at March 31, 2023

President's Corner

Spring has sprung! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter. It was such a beautiful day. Thank you to everyone that joined us at either of our services. I love the Easter service. It was so inspirational. It was wonderful to look out at the church so full with life again. It was nice to see some members that I have not seen in quite some time. I hope to see you more often.

It felt so good to hear the church filled with beautiful voices again, and not just the choir. Thank you to all for the hard work that was put in to set up and put on such great services. I'm sorry for all the allergy sufferers, but the smell of the flowers was breathtaking (no pun intended). I believe and pray that this is the start of the rebirth of our church. Always remember, we are the church, where one or more have gathered in his name, He is there.

Please remember, always feel free to contact me if needed. Thank you.

God Bless,
Nicole Bogden
Church Council President
E-mail: bensmom1101@ptd.net
Cell # 484-241-1275



SAVE THE DATE

GAME NIGHT!

MAY 26th

7:00pm (doors open
6:30pm)

"Dine and Donates are taking a break this month. After three successful events spanning from February to April, we have raised a total of (\$289.40 + \$41.10) 10% of which will be going to the Northampton Area Food Bank for our yearly tithe. After all, the community helped us to raise this money, we should return it to help the people.

In the meantime, please ready yourself for more delicious meals and events. Save the dates as more Dine & Donates are to come in summer and fall.

6/15, 4:30-8:30pm at the Seemsville Pub & Grille

8/11, 12-9pm at the Konkrete Creamery

9/20 at Grove Street Pub & Grill

10/15, 11-3pm at the Seemsville Pub & Grille



With other events at Sam Owen's in Coplay in the works for July and November.

Happy Dining!"

May Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
5.7.23	Jennifer Gaugler	Linda Siekonic	Gail Loch	Ava Talbot
5.14.23	Dave Hausman	Dave Hausman	Diane Hausman	Tori Shaffer
5.21.23	Jessica Kirkpatric	Jennifer Burrell	LeAnne Krill	William Burrell
5.28.23	Jennifer Gaugler	Mark Weaver	Linda Siekonic	Andrew LaBarre

Date	Ushers	
5.7.23	Mary Dennis, Roseann Yelles, Dean Yelles, Allison Quartararo	If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.
5.14.23	Dan Pavlick, Allison Quartararo, Ed Filipovits ,Doug Yelles	
5.21.23	Charlie Burrell, Mary Dennis, Roseann Yelles, Dean Yelles	
5.28.23	Dan Pavlick, Allison Quartararo, Ed Filipovits Doug Yelles	

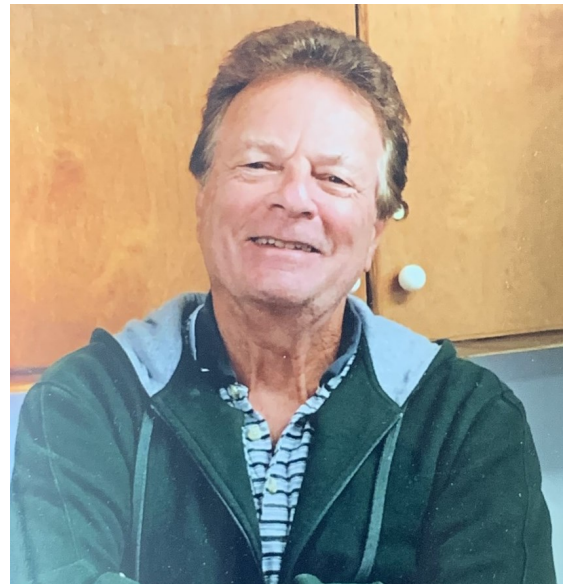
Archives Donation

Thank you to **Kerry Ruch**, who has donated church related documents from his parents to the Good Shepherd archives. Kerry's father, Donald, served on church council and his mother, Shirley, was a member of the Altar Guild. Their papers include many committee reports, minutes, financial statements, and policy documents to add to our holdings. In addition, the donation contained a 1944 Altar Guild handbook that belonged to his grandmother Arlene Ruch.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO JOHN...

John, we hate to see you go. But we love to watch you enjoy your retirement!

Since 1990, John has worked faithfully here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, though it was called the Lehigh Valley Lutheran Academy back then. He started full-time with us doing all the maintenance, grounds keeping, grass mowing, and most other things you can think of to keep a facility running smoothly for a community to thrive within. After 33 years of good service, we can attest he deserves rest. Thus, it is with bittersweet voices, we send heartfelt wishes for a retirement well-spent in his garden and home with his lovely wife Judith. If you would like to donate to John's retirement gift, please send to the office labeled John's gift.



2023 Financial breakdown for March
 Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,137.00
 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,813.00



date	Attendance
3.5	68
3.12	73
3.19	63
3.26	64
average	67

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
3.5	3900.00		130.00	4030.00
3.12	3225.00			3225.00
3.19	2101.00	380.00		2481.00
3.26	2263.00	100.00	20.00	2383.00



For my Eagle Scout Project I will be erecting a 25 foot flagpole and installing a memorial patio with a fire pit at Good Shepherd near the pavilion in the spot where the old playground used to be. This project will cost approx. \$10,000. I major portion of my fundraising will come from the sponsorship of bricks for the patio. I am selling 4" x 8" engraved bricks for \$60 and 8" x 8" engraved bricks for \$120. My goal is to sell over 200 bricks. You can have whatever you would like engraved on them. Honor a loved one, have your family name on it, give recognition to somebody, etc. You can order your brick by going to www.4everbricks.com/donors/BSA40. You can order online from there or you can also download an order form from that website and mail into me with payment. You can also pick up a form in the Nave of the church. If you do not want a brick but would still like to donate you can mail in a donation to Owen Dungan Eagle Project 737 2nd St Catasauqua, PA 18032. Checks can be made out to Troop 40. Follow the progress of my project at <https://www.facebook.com/OwenDunganEagleProject>

Use your Phone to order online.





PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in April (90 items)
Thank you very much!



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Would like to welcome new members

Brian & Michelle Eberhart and their son, Dylan!

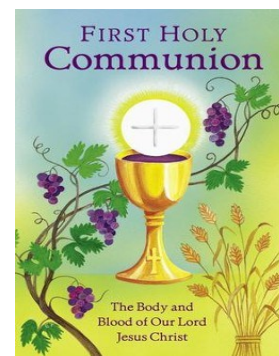


Holy Baptism

We rejoice that those listed below have been liberated from sin and death by being joined in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the month of April.

ISAIAH ALAN CASTRO

God Bless Benjamin Michael Schmoyer on His First Holy Communion on April 2nd, 2023.



Pentecost Flower Sale

Please support GSLC Pentecost Geranium sale. Orders can be mailed or dropped at the church office or mailbox by May 15. Please include exact change if paying with cash. Orders will also be accepted after Sunday service in the Narthex. The flowers will be planted outside on the church grounds after the Pentecost service on May 28th. Detachable order form on back page. We thank you for supporting us!



From the office...


In preparation for our Memorial day service, please submit names of those that have died , that have served in the Armed Forces. Our Memorial day service of Remembrance will be May 28th, at 9:00am. Please make your submission, (including name, branch, war, special medals) by email: GoodShepherdLutheran@rcn.com or by phone: 610-262-9517, or by mail, 1335 Old Carriage Rd, Northampton 18067
Any names submitted will be added to our special prayer list for that service.
Please submit by May 19 . Thank you!


NOTE: If you submitted the names last year, you do not need to resubmit.

A Special Note of Thanks!

Thank you to LeAnne Krill for organizing a wonderful Easter Egg hunt on . The 25 children gathered many eggs, and left with candy, homemade cookies, and a prize. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.



<h1>May 2023</h1>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Worship & Music 7:00pm 	2 Christian Ed 7:00pm	3	4 Bell Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	5 Office closed	6
				COUNCIL REPORTS DUE		
7 Worship 9:00am BINGO 1:00pm	8 Council Meeting 7:00pm	9	10	11 Bell Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	12 Office closed	13
14 Worship 9:00am MOTHER'S DAY	15 Pentecost flower orders due	16	17	18 Bell Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	19 Office closed	20
				NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE		
21 Worship 9:00am	22	23	24	25 Bell Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	26 Office closed GAME NIGHT 7:00pm	27
28 Worship CONFIRMATION PENTECOST 9:00am	29	30	31			



Geraniums
Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY May 15th
\$3.25 PER PLANT

NO. OF PLANTS _____
YOUR NAME _____
TELEPHONE _____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

SPONSORED BY: _____

*Please return this form to
the church office with your payment*

*All plants will be planted outside to
beautify the church grounds*