

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

There is a story in Luke 18 of a woman going to a judge constantly wanting her problem heard. Finally, after many times he decided to grant her request, all because she refused to give up.

Our loving God never refuses to listen to our prayers, but there are many times He answers our prayers with inaction. He decides the time is not right to grant that request. Sometimes our prayers are like our shopping list. Does He want us to stop praying, no, not at all.

Rather with a humble and grateful heart, we are encouraged to continue praying. If we suffer from a severe illness, do we come to God just once and ask for His healing power? No, we go to Him again and again begging and pleading for His will to be done. If we have a friend who has strayed from God, do we ask just once to work faith in that person? No, we return to God again and again with prayer for the person to find Jesus again.

God wants us to come to Him as often as we can. He will never grow tired of hearing the same prayer over and over again and we should never feel that we are bothering him. Whether it be the Lord's Prayer in church, our quiet prayers before bedtime or the family prayer at the dinner table, let us remember to persevere in our prayers!

*In His Hands,
Pastor Gary*



August 4-24

Drop off for the
Rummage Sale

August 11

Gracedale visit
3pm

August 11

Council Meeting
6:30pm

August 17

Church Picnic
11-4pm

August 23

Movie Night
7:30pm

September 6

Rummage Sale
9-2pm

September 8

Council Meeting
6:30pm

September 14

Rally Day

September 20

Music on the
Mountain
10-4pm



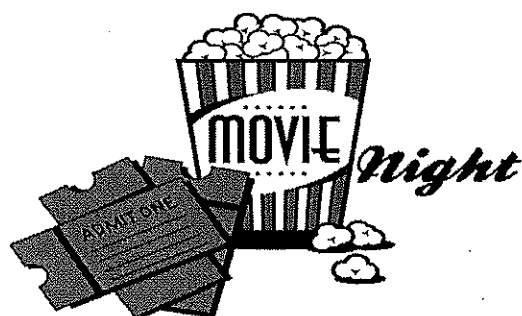


**DATE: SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6th**

TIME: 9am-2pm

**PLACE: GOOD SHEPHERD
1335 OLD CARRIAGE
ROAD, NORTHAMPTON**

GSLC is having a fall Rummage Sale and you will not want to miss this event. We have received so many amazing items and we are sure to have something for everyone with prices that can't be beat. Our kitchen will be open! Plan to come by first thing in the morning and have a breakfast sandwich and then look over all the great finds and stay for lunch. Make sure that you have space in your trunk to take home all your treasures. See you there! Any questions please contact Marge at 610-262-8328. Donations for the sale will be accepted from Aug 4-24 only. They may be dropped off at the church office during the weekday from 9am-2pm. Please...only items in GOOD condition.



We will be hosting a movie night on Saturday, August 23rd at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your comfy chair and settle in for a night watching "The Last Rodeo". Feel free to wear your western gear. Refreshments will be available.

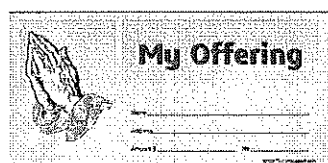


2025 Financial breakdown for August

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,180.00

Amount needed weekly to pay bills =\$2,810.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
6/1	4135.50	-	\$230.00
6/8	2293.50	-	\$155.00
6/16	1946.89	-	\$2.00
6/22	1559.50	-	-
6/29	1460.50	-	-



Please remember your weekly offering and if you are in need of envelopes please let the church office know. Call M-F 9am -2pm. Beverly will be happy to help.



Amber Adams	8/6
Lisa Mann	8/7
Nicole Bogden	8/9
Jessica Kirkpatrick	8/10
Mckanzie Adams	8/11
Forrest Koch	8/16
Rowan Becker	8/19
Linda Walbert	8/19
Scott Ruch Sr.	8/20
Sharon Enstrom	8/21
Jodie Budihas-Roginsky	8/23
Linda Houck	8/24
Eileen Grannetino	8/25
Larry Graver	8/27
Manny Vasquis	8/30
Debra Hoffman	8/31

Kate & Mike O'Boyle	8/3	6yrs.
Robert & Sandra Osiecki	8/5	64yrs.
Donna & Daniel Pavlick	8/6	43yrs.
Chad & Kristen Weiner	8/7	26yrs.
Crystal & Dave Ungiran	8/10	29yrs.
Brian & Michelle Eberhardt	8/11	24yrs.
Ed & Lorie Filipovits	8/15	44yrs.
Amanda & Brian Dungan	8/18	24yrs.
Rita & James (Sam) Ruzicka	8/18	42yrs.
Barry & Tina Miller	8/20	59yrs.
Ellen & Marshall Stahl	8/20	48yrs.
Pastor Gary & Linda Walbert	8/22	50yrs.
Lisa & John Mann	8/25	41yrs.
Thomas & Diane Kramer	8/26	36yrs.
Randy & Lori Borda	8/28	43yrs.
Dave & Diane Hausman	8/29	55yrs.

Date: Sunday, August 17th

Time: 11am-4pm

Details: We welcome everyone to join us for this fun filled annual event. There will be lots of food and fellowship and of course there will be the Cornhole Tournament. We encourage you to stop by and bring your favorite dish to share and cheer on the players. There are sign up sheets here at the church in the Narthex. If you need more info please reach out to Nicole Bogden at 484-241-1275. Hope to see you there.



Just kidding!

A kindergarten teacher was walking around her classroom while her students drew pictures. One little girl was scribbling so intently that the teacher asked what she was drawing. The little girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of Jesus." The teacher said, "Oh honey, nobody really knows for sure what Jesus looked like." The little girl, without missing a beat, responded, "They will in a minute."

Music on the Mountain

Hosted by the Music Program

Good Shepherd Lutheran 1335 Old Carriage Rd.
Northampton, Pa 18067

Saturday, September 20th 10am-4pm

Our Music Program has been hard at work putting together this NEW event happening here at Good Shepherd. Psalm 98:4 states "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises".

We will be doing just that!

We will have 25+ vendors with a large selection of items with more vendors expected and music from several bands playing throughout the day. There will be games and face painting for the kids. The kitchen will be open with our usual tasty items. Please join us for this event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

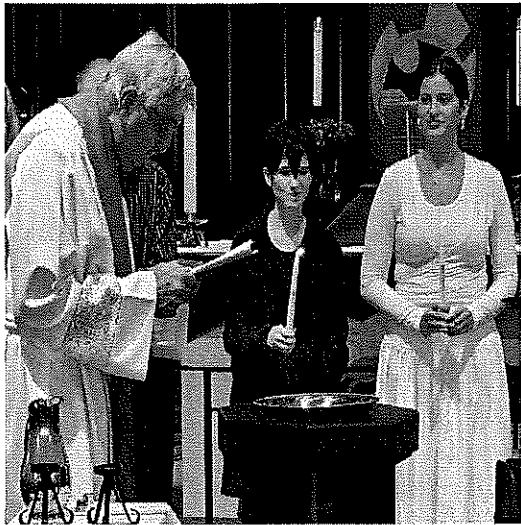


A little tribute to our most patriotic parishioner, Bill Gebhardt. He always seems to have the perfect hat for the occasion. This was his look for our service on July 6th, which had a patriotic theme. Uncle Sam would be proud.



GSLC is the chartering organization for **Scout Troop 40**. The week of July 14th, 14 members of Troop 40 went to Camp Minzi. The camp which was founded in 1949. They hosted a total of 1500 Scouts attend this summer. Most of the week was extremely hot with a much needed break in the temp on the last day. I am sure that a good time was had by all.

PASTORAL ACTS



We at Good Shepherd would like to send special blessings to Ava Fredrick and Isabel (Izzy) Frederick on their baptism on July 20th. May this baptism be a foundation for a life of faith and joy.

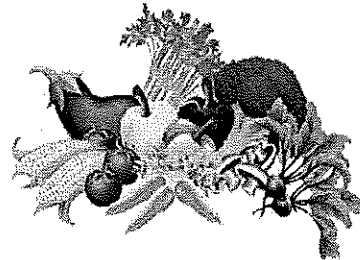


In Touch- Every first Sunday of each month, one of the great ministries we have at Good Shepherd is our In Touch. It is a very important way we can tell our homebound members that we really care!

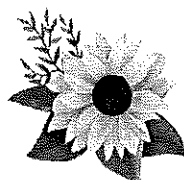
Food Bank Sunday- Every 2nd Sunday of each month, please bring a canned good to Sunday service to donate to the Northampton Area Food Bank. GSLC collected 152 items for the month of May. Remember when you are shopping to pick up that extra item and drop it off in the narthex. Every item helps and the Northampton Area Food Bank always appreciates what we do here at Good Shepherd. Hunger happens all year not just at the holidays.



If you are able to help with being a Worship Assistant during the next few months, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or reach out to the church office at 610-262-9517 Your help makes our worship services run smoothly. Want to help but unsure? We will gladly train you.



Special thanks to our property crew for braving the heat and freshening up the Memorial Garden here at Good Shepherd. The property can be a lot to handle especially on the hot days we have had lately. Thanks also to Charles and Will Burrell for helping out.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

As a result of war and natural disasters, families around the world face serious obstacles to obtaining school supplies so that their children can receive an education. The Social Ministry Committee is assembling drawstring backpacks with essential supplies for distribution by **Lutheran World Relief**.

We are off to a wonderful start! Members of our congregation donated fabric for the backpacks. Three talented seamstresses – **Cindy Evans, Judy Fehr, and Roseann Yelles** – have constructed over 190 bags from that fabric.

Now we need to gather school supplies to fill the bags! You can help by either purchasing needed items or making a monetary donation which we will use to purchase items. Donations will be accepted from **August 1 until September 8**. There will be a donation table in the Narthex for Sunday donations or donations may be brought to church on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (use the back entrance by the church office). Checks should be made payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and note that the funds are for school kits.

The supplies that go into each backpack are:

- 70-sheet spiral bound 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 edge 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

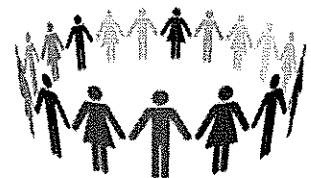
We will hold a backpack assembly event in September.

This service project has been approved as a Thrivent Action Team project. If you have any questions contact Barb Wiemann (610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com).



At 3pm on Monday, August 11th, Social Ministry will be meeting in the lobby at Gracedale Nursing Home in Nazareth. We hope to bring some joy to our friends with this visit and encourage anyone who would like to join us to please do so. These visits are a source of shared delight and bring happiness to everyone. If you are able to attend please contact Judy Fehr at 610-392-7127.

As Good Shepherd is part of the community in the Northampton Borough/Allen Township area, here are a couple of items to put on your calendar. Allen Twp. is hosting a electronic recycling day on at. Aug 16th from 9-12noon. Open to any resident of the township. Northampton Borough's Uptown Festival is Saturday, September 13th from 11-4pm.



COMMUNITY
connections

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9am	4 RUMMAGE SALE	5 DROPOFF....	6 THROUGH ...	7 AUGUST 24TH	8 	9
10 Worship 9am	11 Gracedale 3pm COUNCIL MTG. 6:30pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 9am CHURCH PICNIC & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 11-4	18	19	20	21	22	23 MOVIE NIGHT 7:30pm
24 Worship 9am LAST DAY FOR RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9am						

the
**Sharing
Table**



The Sharing Table has gotten off to an amazing start here at GSLC. The warmer weather has kicked things into high gear. We have had lots of veggies to share among the congregation and the donations we have received will continue to benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank and world Hunger (ELCA). The growing season is really just getting started.

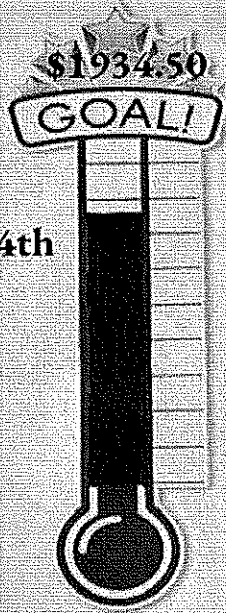
Social Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with donations and items for the flood victims. We quickly reached the goal suggested by the Lutheran Synod. Together we can make a difference.



Adopt a Handbell Fundraiser



As of July 24th



\$1478.00



Great job by everyone that helped us
get this far. We are only \$456.50 from
our goal!!

We have nearly reached our goal for our Adopt a Bell Program. We are excited and thankful for all of the contributions and interest in getting our handbells refurbished. As we come to the end of this fundraiser we will say "Last Call" If you have donated, thank you! If you would like to help please complete the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office at 1335 Old Carriage Rd. Northampton, PA 18067. The cost for each bell is \$52.

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ADOPT A BELL HANDBELLS RESTORATION



NAME _____

Thank you for your contribution.
Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.