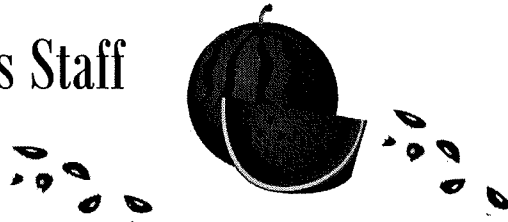




The Shepherd's Staff



August 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

If we were asked to prove Mary's existence through archaeological evidence, it would be almost impossible. She didn't build a monument or have a plaque erected in her hometown. She didn't write anything. She lived and died obscurely: leaving barely a trace of physical evidence that she existed. Yet her legacy has lived on through the centuries, both in the person of her Son Jesus and in scripture.

Most of us leave very little (if any) evidence that archaeologists could use to prove our existence. Yet each of us, like Mary, will leave a legacy, not necessarily in offspring but in the ways our lives have affected other people.

Our lives are like stones thrown into the lake of humanity. No stone, however small, can be tossed into the lake without causing some change. If a stone is large enough, it disturbs the entire surface and then creates a disruption on the bottom when it settles. But even the tiniest pebble, once its ripples have subsided brings the lake that much closer to filling in, drying up and becoming a meadow.

We may not think that what we do or say has much effect, but we never know. The time we spend listening to a friend who's in the midst of personal problems may feel like a large rock and yet have little or no lasting effect, while the tiny pebble of a kind word and a smile to a grocery store clerk may become a turning point in that person's life.

Because we can't know how our actions may change lives we touch, it's our responsibility (and our privilege) to live as if everything we do will have everlasting consequences.

"Preach the Gospel at all times and some times use words"

*In His Hands,
Pastor Gary*

AUGUST 3

Lat day for
Rummage Sale
drop off

AUGUST 9

Eagle Court of
honor for
Josh Holub

AUGUST 10

Council Meeting
6:30

Please submit your
reports to the office

AUGUST 15

Rummage Sale
9-2

AUGUST 16

Club 139 begins
again 2pm

AUGUST 20

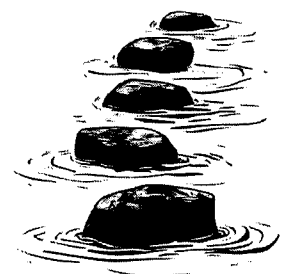
Dine & Donate
Red Robin
5-9pm

AUGUST 23

Church Picnic
& Cornhole
Tournament
11-4

AUGUST 31

Worship and Music
7pm



RUMMAGE SALE

DATE: SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2026

TIME: 9am-2pm

PLACE: GOOD SHEHERD
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! 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 until Aug 3rd only. They may be dropped off at the church office during the weekday from 9am-2pm. Please...only items in GOOD condition.

the Sharing Table

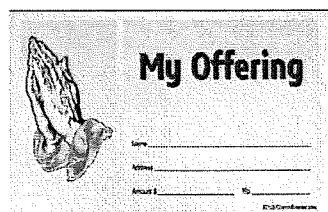


It's back! The growing season is upon us and we are excited to bring out the Sharing Table. We are looking for veggies and fruits and of course flowers are always welcome. Please bring your items or pick up a few to take home. Donations support the Northampton Area Food Bank and ELCA.

2026 Financial breakdown for August

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,334.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
6/7	\$2475.50	-	\$195.00
6/14	\$1861.50		\$25.00
6/21	\$1815.50		\$160.00
6/28	\$2369.50		\$120.00



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. If you have envelopes please use them.



Julien Pail	8/5
Amber Adams	8/6
Lisa Mann	8/7
Nicole Bogden	8/9
Jessica Kirkpatrick	8/10
Mckenzie Adams	8/11
Forrest Koch	8/16
Janet Falko	8/17
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	7yrs.
Robert & Sandra Osiecki	8/5	65yrs.
Donna & Daniel Pavlick	8/6	44yrs.
Chad & Kristen Weiner	8/7	27yrs.
Crystal & Dave Ungiran	8/10	30yrs.
Brian & Michelle Eberhardt	8/11	25yrs.
Amanda & Brian Dungan	8/18	25yrs.
Rita & James (Sam) Ruzicka	8/18	43yrs.
Barry & Tina Miller	8/20	60yrs.
Ellen & Marshall Stahl	8/20	49yrs.
Pastor Gary & Linda Walbert	8/22	51yrs.
Lisa & John Mann	8/25	42yrs.
Thomas & Diane Kramer	8/26	37yrs.
Randy & Lori Borda	8/28	44yrs.



just kidding!

The church air conditioning suffered a major breakdown on the hottest Sunday morning of the year. The sanctuary felt like a greenhouse, and the congregation was visibly melting as they walked through the front doors.

The head usher realized that handing out paper bulletins was entirely useless since people were just going to use them to fan the hot air around. He made an executive decision, ran to the church kitchen, and emptied the freezer.

As people entered the sanctuary, they were shocked to find the ushers handing each person a bright red cherry ice pop instead of a program.

The pastor walked up to the pulpit, saw a sea of adults happily sucking on popsicles, and smiled. "I want to thank our usher team for the quick thinking today," the pastor announced. "The AC is broken, but they've managed a true summer miracle. This is the first time in church history that the entire congregation has kept their mouths completely shut and smiled through the entire opening announcements!"

August 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 9am	3 LAST DAY FOR RUMMAGE SALE DROPOFF!	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9am Eagle Court of Honor-	10 COUNCIL MTG. 6:30pm	11 Set up for Rummage Sale 9:00am	12	13	14	15 RUMMAGE SALE!!! 9-2pm
16 Worship 9am Club 139-2pm	17 Pack up of Rummage Sale 9:00am	18	19	20 Dine & Donate at Red Robin 5-9pm	21	22
23 Worship 9am CHURCH PICNIC & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 11-4pm 30 Worship 9am	24 31 Worship & Music 7pm	25	26	27	28	29

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What is so special about the United States of America? We are the only country that prays the words "God Bless America". Other countries may say things like God save the king, however our only King is God. The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock came to the new world to seek religious freedom away from the oppressive kings and state run church. The very first book published in the American Colonies was "The Bay Psalm Book", a book of favored psalms translated from Hebrew.

If you celebrated Independence Day this year on America's 250th Birthday you probably had family barbecues where you discussed your favorite fishing holes, sports teams, garden flowers or television series. We all do have a tendency to talk about our passions, even in our daily life. My question to you is: How often are you speaking of Jesus, our Lord and Savior? There are so many people we interact with daily that do not know Jesus or the Bible. Good Shepherd is an evangelical church in a country founded intelligently on religious freedom. God's work is in our hands. As we continue to celebrate America 250, give thanks to God and share with everyone His love and grace. God Bless America.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Weaver

PASTORAL ACTS

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.



BINGO is coming back to Good Shepherd. We are please to announce that our new BINGO committee is working to get things ready for **September 19th**. They are ironing out the details but it will be a **Gift Card BINGO**. Tickets are available for \$25. Our goal is to sell out, so please get your tickets early.

If you would like to help but are not sure how??? You can help us get those much needed gift cards. Perhaps you have a connection with a local shop or restaurant or maybe you would like to donate a gift card to help make this event a success. Please reach out to the church office for more details. 610-262-9517.

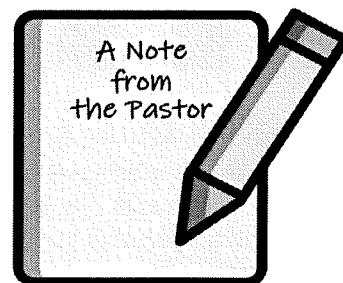
Spread Kindness
THE WORLD NEEDS MORE OF IT



Date: Sunday, August 23rd

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



As I write this with tears in my eyes, all I can say is "THANK YOU." It has been a long journey with Linda in the hospital. I can never thank all of you enough for your prayers, cards and your loving concern you have shown us. I am truly so blessed being a part of this wonderful church.

Thank you also for the nourishing meals you have given me.

Pastor Gary

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

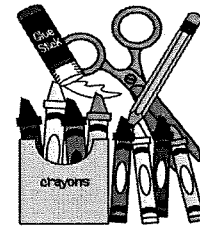
As a result of war and natural disasters, families around the world face serious obstacles to obtaining school supplies so that their children can receive an education. The Social Ministry Committee is assembling drawstring backpacks with essential supplies for distribution by **Lutheran World Relief**.

We are off to a wonderful start! Members of our congregation donated fabric for the backpacks. Three talented seamstresses – **Jean Bealer, Dan Pavlick, and Roseann Yelles** – have constructed more than 200 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 6**. 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).



The Social Ministry Committee is accepting donations of fabric to make school backpacks. Examples of the types of fabrics that we can use are light-weight denim, canvas, twill, corduroy, flannel, cotton, and cotton poly blends. Fabric does not have to be new - we can repurpose items such as curtain panels and tablecloths. We accept solid colors, stripes, plaids, geometric designs, flowers, and prints. If you have questions about whether your left over fabric from sewing projects or used fabric is suitable, just ask us.

Contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com



The Archives Committee is in need of a small electric cassette tape player. We have added the master tape recordings from our 2003-2005 worship services to our archives. But the tapes are useless if we have no way to listen to them. Contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or blwiemann@gmail.com if you can donate a player to the Archives.

