

*Happy and safe Independence Day to All! God Bless America!*



## *From the Pastor:*



*Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,*

*July 1 marks nine years I have been your pastor. It has been a wonderful nine years. Yes, there have been many challenges I faced, but together we have overcome them. I have been with you in your joys and also your sorrows. It has been an honor to be your pastor. I hope to be your pastor a little longer, God willing! Many times as I look over our congregation on Sunday morning, I wonder how long can we keep going. I see that many of our members are older. What will we look like in five years from now, or even ten years? It is scary, it is not only our church but many Lutheran churches in the ELCA that are slowly disappearing. In 2000 there were 10,816 churches in the ELCA, now there are 8,716. In our synod, we started with 307 in 1988, we are now down to 246 churches. Many of those churches are struggling with no pastor or infrequent pastors. As someone said at council meeting, "We are a dying church." Yes, we are. How did this happen? We cannot blame all of it on COVID, but it was a significant factor. People got used to not going to church because of the shut down. Many said, "they didn't want to get infected." We have been slipping for awhile. I do not plan on sitting back and watching this church fade away and dissolve. I have seen it happen too many times. We can't sit and wait for people to come. We need to aggressively advertise. We need to be wise with fundraising. As of now, fundraising is our lifeline. We need to always be warm and friendly to new visitors. Not overwhelming but welcoming. We can do it so we leave a legacy behind as others have done at Good Shepherd. But most importantly, we need to pray, and stay in the scripture to get the strength from God to keep going daily and succeed.*

*Yours in Jesus,*

*Pastor Gary*



## **Planning Ahead...**

**July 4**  
**Independence Day**

**July 16**  
**Dine & Donate**

**August 20**  
**Church Picnic**

**August 27**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**September 4**  
**Labor Day**

**September 10**  
**Rally Day**

**September 21**  
**Peace Day**

**September 23**  
**Fall for Karaoke**

**September 17**  
**Sunday school begins**

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**Church Office Hours**

9:00 AM—2:00 PM  
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

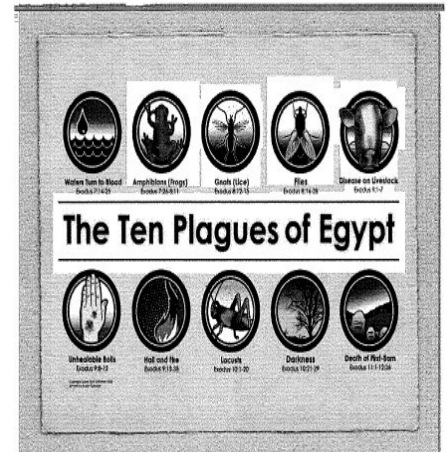
Organist/ Choir Director

*Happy Birthday...*

Gary Walbert	7/1
Olivia Talbot	7/2
Hunter Frantz	7/5
Jill Hahn	7/5
Charles Druckenmiller	7/6
Lori Emery	7/6
Cody Reimer	7/6
Linda Siekonic	7/7
Brian Panasik	7/12
Morrey Pulley	7/16
Chad Weiner	7/16
Mary Grow	7/18
Bradley Holub	7/20
Aaron Berger	7/21
Louis Schwarz	7/21
Richard Fehr	7/22
Patricia Gillette	7/24
Donna Pavlick	7/24
Shelly Dorn	7/27
Amanda Dungan	7/27
Bernice Lilly	7/29
Michelle Morgan	7/29
Kayden LaBarre	7/30

Join us at Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church  
September 10, 2023  
10:15 am

**Rally Day Escape Room**



Fun, Fellowship and snacks



Rich & Linda Siekonic 7/3  
(24)

LeRoy & Jean Bealer 7/11  
(59)

Willard & Ruth Frack 7/12  
(54)

Chris & Adrienne Holub 7/24  
(19)

James & Donna Williams 7/30  
(36)

Greg & Pamela Reimer 7/31  
(19)

*Annual Church Picnic*

*August 20th*

*Food Fun Fellowship!*

*Corn Hole Tournament*

*Sign up sheets are located in the narthex*



## President's Corner

It is beginning to feel a bit like summer. The sun shines a little longer each day. Sunday services are becoming a bit more scarce. Vacation Bible School is upon us. Thank you to LeAnn Krill and the Christian Ed Committee for putting it all together.

The church service music has changed a bit. Thank you to Kristen for all her hard work to create some fresh new sounds. I hope everyone is able to see and hear all the special music each week. There will be Praise Hymn Sundays and many solos, duets, quartets.

Do not forget to sign up for our church picnic on Aug. 20, 2023. The food sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please join us.

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



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 2023.



### **The Sharing Table....**

Once again this year, Good Shepherd Lutheran church will participate in a sharing table, located in the narthex. Please feel free to share your homegrown, canned items, fresh cut flowers or herbs or special items that you would like to share with congregation members. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank. ~ Social Ministry



### Sunday Bulletin Email

*If you would like to receive the Sunday bulletin via email, please contact the office via email with your name and interest in receiving the bulletin every Thursday.*

***Goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com***

# July Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
July 2	Mark Weaver	Shelly Dorn	Linda Siekonic	
July 9	Chris Holub	Jen Burrell	Gail Loch	William Burrell
July 16	Jen Gaugler	Bill Gebhardt	Diane Hausman	Cody Reimer
July 23	Dave Hausman	Edwin Marshall	LeAnne Krill	Ava Talbot
July 30	Bill Gebhardt	Edwin Marsha;ll	Donna Pavlick	

Ushers	
July 2	Dan Pavlick, Allison Quartararo, Jen Gaugler, Jessica Kirkpatrick
July 9	Roseann Yelles, Dean Yelles, Doug Yelles, Charlie Burrell
July 16	Dan Pavlick, Ed Filipovits, Allison Quartararo, Lorie Filipovits
July 23	Mary Dennis, Jen Gaugler, Doug Yelles, Jessica Kirkpatrick
July 30	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Ed Filipovits, Mary Dennis

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

**On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, GSLC confirmed the following baptized members, who have completed our two year Confirmation Instruction. Pictured Mark Weaver, Tori Schaffer, Bre LaBarre, Ava Talbot, Cody Reimer and Pastor Gary.**



**2023 Financial breakdown for June**

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,137.00  
 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,813.00



date	Attendance
5/7	68
5/14	78
5/21	53
5/28	111

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
5/7	3136.00		70.00	3206.00
5/14	2836.00	225.00	65.00	3126.00
5/21	1706.00		35.00	1741.00
5/28	2504.00		45.00	2549.00



*A note of thanks...*

I wish to express my deepest thanks to the many members of Good Shepherd who sent beautiful cards and notes to me on the occasion of my 50th Ordination Anniversary. I truly appreciate the kind words, generous thoughts, and shared memories. While I absolutely am enjoying full-time retirement, I will forever miss all the wonderful people who enriched my ministry throughout the years. As God has indeed blessed me, I pray that God will continually bless the dear people and ministries of Good Shepherd.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Langkamer

**Dine & Donate Events**



June raised \$330

Upcoming  
 Sunday, October 15 11 am - 3pm  
 No flyer required; Dine-in & Take-out

Upcoming  
 Sunday, July 16 4pm - 9pm

Wednesday, Nov 8 4pm - 9pm  
 No flyer req'd; Dine-in, Take-out, and Delivery



Upcoming

Friday, August 11 12pm - 9pm  
 No flyer req'd; Dine-in & Take-out



Upcoming

Wednesday, September 20  
 Time TBA  
 Flyer req'd; Dine-in & Take-out





# PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in June, 236! Thank you very much! July 9th is Food Bank Sunday, please bring a can good or two with you to service.



We thank the cleaning crew that has been working effortlessly along with the property committee. The church is clean and beautiful because of our gracious volunteers! So much behind the scenes work, it doesn't go unappreciated!

- Ed & Lorie Filipovits
- Dan & Donna Pavlick
- Dean & Roseann Yelles
- Doug Yelles
- Rick & Judy Fehr



## 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 June.

Everly Quinn Adams

(Pictured left to right: Pastor Gary, Amber Adams, Everly Adams, Patrick Adams)



## Have you heard the news...

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is accepting new members!**

**Please feel free to invite your friends, family, new neighbors, old neighbors... ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**If you know someone that is interested in joining our congregation, please have them call our office to become a member!**



**Memorial Donations**  
*In loving memory of Robert & June Wernett*  
 By  
 Dean and Roseann Yelles  
 Doug and Donna Yelles  
 Pastor & Linda Walbert  
 Thomas & Jill Taylor

**Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place at Sunday service August 27th @ 9:00am. Please feel free to have your son or daughter bring their backpack to service for a blessing!

## THANK YOU VBS TEAM

**Thank you to LeAnne Krill and Team for another successful VBS week here at Good Shepherd. The children had a blast, and you brought the story of the Bible to life through stories, games, crafts and song and water! Beautiful memories were made!**

# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>No committee meetings will take place in July...</i>						1
2 Worship 9:00am  In touch	3 Office closes at 12:00pm	4 Happy Fourth of July! Office closed 	5	6	7 Office closed	8
9 Worship 9:00am  Food Bank (bring a can good to service)	10	11	12	13	14 Office closed	15
16 Worship 9:00am Dine & Donate Samuel Owens 4-8pm	17	18	19	20	21  Office closed	22
23 Worship 9:00am	24	25	26	27	28 Office closed	29
30 Worship 9:00am	31					

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

*VBS—June 19-23 2023*

*The children at VBS listen to bible stories and sing songs led by LeAnne Krill and Nicole Bogden.*



*Our church is always a beautiful site on Pentecost Sunday. We thank all those that sponsored geraniums to beautify our church and grounds!*

*We also thank our Altar guild members that always work behind the scenes to make every thing special!*





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. A 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Social Ministry gives us the opportunity to proclaim the good news of Christ and minister to the needy. Please call or text Judy Fehr at 610-392-7127 if interested in joining our committee. We are planning to visit Gracedale County nursing home in August – more information to follow.



Thank-you to everyone for the continuing support of the Food Bank. We are very blessed.