

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

All of us remember going to see Santa Claus, a nice, kindly old gent with a hearty laugh and pleasant face. Have you ever seen the Easter bunny in a store? We think of cute little bunnies, so cuddly, The Easter bunny we see in the store is a human sized hare with big eyes and large floppy ears and didn't hop but walked like a human. Many are confused about the real meaning of Easter itself. For some, it means new clothes and a chance to show them off. Others focus on eggs, candy and special meals. Some use this extended weekend for a time at the beach, relaxing or having a few parties.

Easter is also billed as a time of renewal. It's easy to renew things outwardly—new clothes, a new hair cut, a fancy party. How about an inward renewal? Problems from the past can haunt one's memory. Broken relationships undermine our self esteem. Guilt over missed opportunities, pain from rejection, loneliness and anger from past hurts can sometimes create a swirling inner vortex inside of us. We look to family and friends for help. We go to counselors and self help books for help. All of this might help a little but there is another place to go and that is the cross. Here is a poem I found, there is no author listed. I believe it says it all.

At the Foot of the Cross,

At the foot of the cross, I lay it all down
Everything in my life, that's hidden deep inside
I give it away, for my Savior to heal
These fears that I have, that I've buried for years
At the feet of Jesus, my heart pours out tears
As I kneel and pray, my thoughts become clear
And I finally see what's so very dear

At the foot of the cross, I cry out in pain
Anguishing thoughts pour out like rain
But, amidst these tears, I find a peace so calm
As Jesus scurries in, the darkness fades away
My heart is freed, my mind once again sane
And the past torments I've had are forever washed away
My life burns brighter, like the dawning of a new day

At the foot of the cross, I'm loved and not lost
Where the Holy drops of blood, have paid off sin's costs
And the Savior was taken, now risen once more
Through the grace of god, the veil was torn

And the world was cast a new rope of hope
Dangling freely from Heaven, climbable by faith alone
To an eternal place, where sin and death are dead

At the foot of the cross, life can be found
On your knees draped in blood, on Calvary's sacred ground.

Planning Ahead.....

Easter Sunday
6:30am Sunrise Service
Breakfast
9am Festival Service
April 1

WELCA Spring Cluster Event
April 7

Food Bank Sunday
April 8

In Touch Sunday
April 15

Family Movie Night
April 28





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(Alexis is not a member of Council)

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Happy Birthday...

LeRoy Bealer	April 4
Helen Stewart	April 4
Gerald Persing	April 7
Ellen Stahl	April 12
Emily Wiland	April 12
Judy Readinger	April 13
Owen Dungan	April 14
Dale Grow	April 15
Ruth Frack	April 17
Rodney Miller	April 17
Jeanette Dennis	April 18
Ashlyn Cantrell	April 19
Jeffrey Liebert	April 19
Dale Moyer	April 21
Helen Odenwelder	April 21
Kathleen Gilbert	April 22
Dolores Hoppes	April 23
Beatrice Beltzner	April 26
Edward Filipviits	April 28
Shannon Kramer	April 29

Happy Anniversary...

Jim & Gail Loch
April 25

Craig and Beatrice Beltzner
April 26

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
2/4/2018	92
2/11/2018	69
2/18/2018	48
2/25/2018	78
TOTAL	287
AVG.	71.75

President's Corner

It has been a hectic month to say the least. Snow storms and power outages, thank God we made it through. I would like to thank everyone for your help and support during this past week. I especially want to thank the Property Committee and a special thank you to Dean and Roseann Yelles for cleaning the refrigerators downstairs. I did not even give it thought about all the stuff in the refrigerators going bad.

I did get a few people to join the 50th celebration Committee, Yeah!
I plan to start meetings after Easter.

I am excited for Easter and Holy Week. Choir has been working hard on some new and challenging music. I hope everyone enjoys it, and has a wonderful Easter Holiday.

God Bless,

Nicole

Nicole Bogden

President



February Financial Report

**Please see the news from the Finance Committee.
This month's report is not available.**



FINANCE NEWS

Here's the latest news from the Finance Committee:

- ◇ Let's begin with a big THANK YOU to the members of the congregation for their contributions to the "Cover the Roof" campaign. We received over \$10,000 toward the \$12,000 cost of the project.
- ◇ Dave Hausman has requested a leave of absence from the treasurer's position as he deals with some medical issues. Roseann Koehler has agreed to serve as interim treasurer.
- ◇ We were able to pay back \$5,000 of the money borrowed from our other accounts and used to pay bills in 2017. The Fundraising Committee deserves recognition for their hard work and donations to the General Fund. The congregation also deserves a thank you for your financial support. We used \$17,000 in 2017 and now only "owe ourselves" \$12,000.
- ◇ Have you noticed the new signs at Old Carriage Road, the front door and the office door? One was donated in memory of Edna Borger, one in memory of Shirley Buss and one by Laurie and Joe Andrew.
- ◇ Good Shepherd has been blessed financially by Tom Miller. He left us the proceeds of an insurance policy--\$50,000. The church council voted to tithe 10% (\$5,000) to the ELCA Fund for Leaders. The balance (\$45,000) will be put into the Money Market account.
- ◇ The ELCA Fund for Leaders offers scholarships to Seminary students. The Church is in need of pastors and this fund helps with the expenses of seminary attendance.

Please continue to keep Good Shepherd in your prayers.

Finance Committee



THANKOFFERING SERVICE

On Sunday, May 6th, the celebration of Thankoffering will be part of our service. Thankoffering is a part of the stewardship of the Women of the ELCA. Below is a history of the

long standing tradition which shows the powerful impact women can have on the church. Women of the ELCA and its predecessors were ahead of the times.

As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed “mite” or “cent” societies to support local and international missions. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. Each woman collected offerings at home until the community of women gathered with thanks and praise to combine their offerings and offer them up to the mission. When Women of the ELCA formed more than 25 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected to support the life-changing ministries of the churchwide women’s organization.

When you give to Thankofferings, your dollars support Women of the ELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities.

- Justice programs like Today’s Dream Tomorrow’s Reality, a network of racial justice advocates and educators who serve throughout the church
- Advocacy for the health and safety of women and children
- A publishing ministry providing *Gather* magazine, Bible Studies and free program resources that bring Lutheran theology to topics ranging from women’s health and prayer to stewardship and human trafficking.

To date, Women of the ELCA has given more than \$3.1 million in grants to domestic and international organizations, and more than \$630,000 in scholarships to Lutheran women. Your Thankofferings support the total outreach of Women of the ELCA to live out its mission—mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart, in gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come.

On Sunday, May 6th, members of Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA will greet you in the narthex and give you an envelope you can use to help support the national and international programs of the Women of the ELCA. All funds received will be forwarded to the Synodical and National Women of the ELCA. Please consider contributing to these programs.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

In year 2020 Good Shepherd will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary. The Anniversary of 3 congregations that came together as one. The time is coming fast, to make it a special event we need to start planning now.

We need to make decisions of what we would like it to be. I would like to start up the committee. If anyone would like to join me, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

I would like all the Committees to take part in the celebration in some way.

Thank you,
Nicole Bogden



Boy Scout Troop 40

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is proud to announce the re-start of Boy Scout Troop 40! The troop has 10 boys that crossed over from 3 different Packs including our own Pack 40. Mark Weaver is the Scoutmaster and Brian Dungan will serve as the Committee Chairman.

The Troop will meet every Tuesday at Good Shepherd 7:00PM to 8:30PM. We have many exciting things planned including going to Beach Jam in Wildwood, NJ, Aviation Merit Badge Weekend at Bradens Airpark in Easton and summer camp at Trexler Scout Reservation in Jonas, PA.

Troop 40 is open to any boy who is 11 to 17 years of age. If you are interesting in joining or helping out as a leader or merit badge counselor contact Brian Dungan at briandungantroop40@gmail.com or 610-762-4355.



WELCA Spring Cluster Event

The Women of the ELCA Cluster Event will be held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 8:30 A.M. after some refreshments, the program entitled "The Sandwich Generation" will be presented. We will have a speaker from the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging who will speak on preparing for life's changes as we age.

There is a \$3.00 registration fee to offset the cost of the speaker. An offering will be taken for Lutheran Disaster Relief. See you there!

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST

(If you are unable to keep your scheduled time, please find someone else to fill in for you)

Date	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Pouring Chalice	Chalice Bearer	Lector	CD Ministry	Nursery
April 8	Conor Sandt	Carole Holub	Mark Weaver	Donna Walck	Carole Holub	Al Wiemann	Linda Houck Emma Dungan
April 15	Sara Houck	Laurie Andrew	Gail Loch	Donna Pavlick	Al Wiemann	Mike Hahn	Diane Kramer Josh Klusaritz
April 22	Nick Miller	Sarah Borger	Rena Yelles	LeAnne Krill	Linda Houck	Hope Eisenhard	Brenda Koch Alyssa Cantrell
April 29	Emma Dungan	Ben Bogden	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Laurie Andrew	Nicole Bogden	Brandon Koch	Donna Yelles Emily Wiland

Date	Ushers
4/8 & 4/15	Kyle Koehler, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles
4/22 & 4/29	Jason Bogden, Forrest Koch, Dean & Roseann Yelles

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.

FOOD BANK

74 items in March



- Food Bank Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. Please bring your food items on that day and place them in the bins in the narthex. Good Shepherd is especially responsible for canned fruit, jelly, and applesauce. Of course, any food staples will be accepted on any Sunday. On the Second Sunday of the month (**April 8**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- "IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**April 15**) Take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them and wish them well and keeping them in our prayers.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Major Anniversaries Celebration on May 8

On May 8 at the Lutheran Center, the following will be honored for their years of service. There is a worship service at 11:00 AM (open to anyone) and then a luncheon for the deans and honorees.

15 Years Dawn R Richie
Gerald (Jerry) S Kulp
Jira A Albers
Louise N Johnson
Michael W Ware
Ryan M Hersch
Susan M Horst

25 Years Diane M LaFauci
Phyllis A Pelletier
Phyllis M Hammel
Scott W Lingenfelter
Deacon Beverly Eiche Kriner

40 Years Carl W Filer
David A Searing
E Wayne Dreyman
Harold L Hand Jr
Jay R Wetzell
Jimmy L Werley
Lee A Diefenderfer
Raymond J Hand
Virginia M Biniek
Werner M Koch
Deacon Jane M Elliott

50 Years David F Hill
George G Kinney
Lynn H Rothrock
Raymond C Hittinger
Richard A Mowery

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Chili Cook-Off in Catasauqua



It was pastor versus pastor on the evening before the Super Bowl in Catasauqua, which is home to two ELCA congregations that are actively working toward a generous Lutheran presence in the borough located in the synod's Northern Lehigh Mission District. Pastor Brian Riedy of Holy Trinity Memorial (trained chef and former restaurant owner) and Pastor Scott Paradise of Saint Paul's (just a guy with a chili recipe) brought their best efforts to a chili cook-off to benefit the Catasauqua Food Bank. This organization serves an average of 463 individuals per month and is run entirely by volunteers, including the two pastors, who help unload the larger deliveries each month.

Chili lovers gave donations for chilis, pulled pork, beef brisket, and baked goods prepared by members of the two congregations and the community. These were available throughout the two-hour event. But, the big money came from votes for the best pastor's chili. With a \$2 minimum vote, congregants and community members selected the best pastor's chili by tasting the two chilis and putting money in the basket of the pastor whose chili they liked best. While one of the pastors went home with bragging rights for a year and a genuine plastic medal, the true winners were the clients of the Catasauqua Food Bank.

The event, which is expected to become an annual tradition, raised a total of \$915. A generous Catasauqua Lutheran supplemented that amount with an \$85 donation to bring the total to an even \$1,000. A Thrivent Financial action team grant helped assure that 100% of the funds raised went to the food bank. The congregants and community members who participated were so generous that a significant amount of food remained at the end of the night. This was enjoyed the next day as clients of Haven House in Allentown watched the Super Bowl.

Anniversaries

(continued)

55 Years Charles J Orem
Donald C Simmons
J Robert Kehrli
Joseph W Hager

60 Years Carl R Schmoyer
E Frederick Holst
George E Hein Jr
Kenneth M Trexler
Lars B Staaby
Paul H Spohn
Rodger A Krause
William W J Ennis
Sr. Millicent J Drake

65 Years Marvin E Dewalt
Theodore C Schlack

70 Years Paul T Manrodt



NEPA Synod Assembly 2018

**Assembly 2018
June 8-9**

**Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza
Wilkes-Barre, PA**

**Theme - "Sharing Ministries,
Building Relationships"**

Plan now to attend. Information will be posted on the synod website (nepasynod.org) as it becomes available.

Holy Trinity, Kingston Becomes a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Holy Trinity, Kingston has become a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, making it the only Lutheran church in Luzerne county to do so. This policy welcomes all people to Holy Trinity, regardless of their ability, age, ethnicity, financial situation, gender identity, life circumstances, race, or sexual orientation.

Holy Trinity has always welcomed a variety of people; but after several congregation members asked about seeking the designation, the church began a long look at the proposal. Church members had questions. They discussed the idea at Bible studies, other events, and informally; and the church leaders took classes about the issue. The goal was to avoid surprising people with a change, and to give them an opportunity to learn and think about the issue.

At the most recent Annual Meeting, a unanimous decision was made to adopt the policy and to seek the Reconciling in Christ designation. "In the end, I think we were able to successfully address all the questions and let people understand that this is welcoming, and what we're called to do as Christians," says Pr. Paul Metzloff.

"I think it's an excellent program," said Cheryl DeHaut, a member of a church committee that researched the idea and brought it to the rest of the congregation for a vote. "If people are looking for a church, regardless of denomination, and they see we are part of Reconciling in Christ, maybe they'll come check it out. We're a small congregational family. We want people to feel welcome. We'd like some more members, and we want to be welcoming to everyone.

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30AM SUNRISE SERVICE BREAKFAST 9:00AM FESTIVAL SERVICE	2 OFFICE CLOSED GIRL SCOUTS 6PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	2 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:30PM	3	4	5	7 WELCA SPRING CLUSTER EVENT 8:30AM
8 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 1015AM	9 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM COUNCIL 7PM	10 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	11	12	13	14 50+ 1PM
15 IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 1015AM	16 GRACEDALE 3:30PM GIRL SCOUTS 6PM OUTREACH	17 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	18	19 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	20	21
22 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 1015AM	23 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM PROPERTY 7PM	24 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	25	26 CHOIR PRACTICE 7PM	27	28 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 6PM
29 9:00AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL 1015AM	30 GIRL SCOUTS 6PM					