

The Shepherd's Staff

From the Pastor:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

It is amazing how in such a short time our lives have changed. Since I can't visit, I have been calling people. They expressed their loneliness and uncertainty about their lives. Please call your neighbors and members of our church, it is one way we can stay together.

We have started to put our worship services on Facebook so we can help you through all the upset this is causing. When will we have church again is something I cannot answer at this time. This might be the first Easter I did not celebrate the Resurrection in church. We will stay in touch any way we can. If you want, please call me at 610-217-6852.

You must not believe is that God has not forgotten us; never, ever. One of my favorite hymns is "You are Mine." Here is the first verse and refrain:

"I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you are my choice.
Be still and know I am here.
Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

Yes, the events that are happening can bring us fear. No one in our country has seen this before and hopefully never again. Please practice social distancing. Please wash your hands. Let us be smart and be safe.

I long for the time to be with all of you once more in worship. Let us pray that it will be soon.

In His Hands,
Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

Palm Sunday
April 5

Easter
April 12

Food Bank Sunday
April 12

In Touch
April 19

First Communion
May 3

Food Bank
May 10

Mother's Day
May 10

In Touch
May 17



Love one another.



From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

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Pastor Walbert's office hours are

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Alex Haggerty

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Jennifer Driscoll

Church Secretary

John Moschella

Sexton

Congregation Council

David Hausman, President

Brian Dungan, Vice President

Roseann Koehler, Treasurer

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Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary

Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary

(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Richard Brown

Brenda Koch

Diane Kramer

Kay Muehlberger

Donna Pavlick

Happy Birthday...

LeRoy Bealer	April 4
Richard Brown	April 4
Helen Stewart	April 4
Wendy Thomma	April 6
Gerald Persing	April 7
Ellen Stahl	April 12
Emily Wiland	April 12
Jeffrey Bauer	April 13
Judy Readinger	April 13
Owen Dungan	April 14
Dale Grow	April 15
Ruth Frack	April 17
Rodney Miller	April 17
Jeannette 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
Dorothy Milkovitch	April 24
Carol Williams	April 25
Alexander Quartararo	April 26
Samuel Quartararo	April 26
Robert Henninger	April 27
Kate O'Boyle	April 27
Pamela Reimer	April 27
Edward Filipovits	April 28
James Williams	April 28
Shannon Kramer	April 29

Happy Anniversary...

Jim & Gail Loch
April 24

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
February 2, 2020	135
February 9, 2020	66
February 16, 2020	99
February 23, 2020	103
February 16, 2020 Ash Wednesday	80
Total	483
Average	96.6

President's Corner

Just a month ago we were entering the Lenten Season and starting on the journey that leads to the cross and finally culminates at the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

How quickly things change. Right now we may not have church services for an unforeseen number of weeks. We are following the protocol of the Governor and Bishop Zieser and have cancelled the services that we were told to do. If possible, we would like to have our Easter services but we don't know if that will be possible. I know that this is disappointing and depressing for all of us. Please pray deeply for an end to this terrible ordeal.

We will communicate with each of you through the newsletter, social media, our website and/or special mailings.

Please pray for those affected or infected by this pandemic, and I hope we will see each other soon.



Yours in Christ,

Dave Hausman
President

February Financial Report

As of February 29, 2020

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
February 2, 2020	\$3,227.00	\$205.00	
February 9, 2020	\$2,255.00	\$25.00	\$320.00
February 16, 2020	\$2,770.00	\$117.00	
February 23, 2020	\$2,496.00	\$60.00	
Income in February	\$10,748.00	\$407.00	\$320.00
Expenses in February	\$15,366.00		

PASTORAL ACTS



Received in the month of February/March

In Memory of Martin Edelman
Given by

Monica Anthony
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Edelman
Mrs. Florence Edelman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. James Hoppes, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. David Madea
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Magnuszewski
Dr. & Mrs. Carl Newhart
Mrs. Ellie Posivak
Mrs. Becky Tait
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Yura



WELCOME
New Members

We gladly received the following new members into the family and fellowship of Good Shepherd's congregation:

David Burrell
Jennifer Burrell
Charles Burrell
William Burrell
Scott LaBarre

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Gary,

We cannot thank you enough for all your love, care and support during Bob's illness and passing. You were there for us at a moment's notice and stayed with us as long as we needed you. Bob's funeral service showed what a friend you were to Bob. Your idea to have a saxophone player before and during his service was lovely. Our family is truly grateful for all you have done and continued to do for us. We love you Pastor Gary.

Sincerely,

Shirley Teets
Elizabeth Flynn
Kay Muehlberger
Laurie Perna

Dear Marge Leith, Carole Holub and Louise Saylor,

Thank you ladies so very much for all your extra special work for Bob Teets' funeral luncheon. The hall looked lovely and showed how much you care. It was so kind of you and helpful to our family. We didn't need to worry about a thing. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Shirley Teets
Elizabeth Flynn
Kay Muehlberger
Laurie Perna



News

Just a reminder that Good Shepherd participates in the programs listed below. Your help can make a difference.



Redner's Save-A-Tape

The Fundraising Committee is taking care of the Redner's Save-A-Tape program.

All you need to do is shop as usual and use your Redner's reward card at check out. **Please use your Redner's Save A –Tape Card. Any receipt without it cannot be used!**

Please mail your receipts to the Church office!



Good Shepherd
Is registered with Amazon Smile!

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your Good Shepherd by going to this link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2389879>

Once Good Shepherd is selected, all Amazon donations will come to Good Shepherd.



Good Shepherd Committees The Spotlight Is On You

Church Archive

The archive of a congregation is the collective memory of the organization. It contains the primary records needed to tell the story of the church's Christian life and mission in the world.

Good Shepherd's archive contains historical records and materials that document the formation of the congregation, membership directories, council minutes, newsletters, worship bulletins, annual reports, committee reports, photographs and recordings, land and building plans, and anniversary celebrations. In addition, the archive contains records, documents, and parish registers from the three congregations - Zion Stone (Kreidersville), St. John's (Howertown), and St. Peter's (Seemsville) - that merged in 1970 to form Good Shepherd.

Except for the parish registers, all materials are located in cabinets and shelves in the Lounge (old church office). There is a notebook with a complete inventory and a finding aid. Anyone may consult the material, but nothing is to be removed since this is not a circulating collection.

An archive is never complete, and donations of material from current and former members are always welcome. Among the items we are searching for are worship bulletins and monthly newsletters to fill gaps in our holdings.



Please Help

At this present time of a virus related shut down, all of us are struggling. We struggle emotionally, physically but also financially. We pray this will be over soon but I don't really know what to believe.

Good Shepherd is also struggling to keep going. I ask a favor of all of you. Please send a contribution; whatever amount you can afford. Just put it in your offering envelope and put a stamp on it. It will help until we all get together again. What a great day that will be!

Pastor Gary



Easter Flowers

On Saturday, April 11th from NOON to 2:00 pm, you can drive up to Church and pick up the flowers that you have ordered. Tables will be placed under the canopy in the front of the church. Please pull up and pick up your order. If you cannot pick up your order at this time, please contact the church office and make arrangements.

The Altar Guild thanks everyone who sponsored flowers to beautify our Sanctuary for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.



Worship Services

Good Shepherd has a Facebook page. Please join us on Sundays at 9am. We will be doing a live service with Pastor Gary and Alex, our Music Director. We will be doing this every Sunday until the restrictions are lifted.

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service or to visit our page.

Please visit us at:

www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-Kreidersville-459514777494839/

For updates regarding worship services, especially the 50th Anniversary Service, you can continue to visit our Facebook page; you can also visit our website: www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org or you can call the Church Office.

The Church Office will remain open. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am –2pm. The voicemail will be checked and updated, even if the office isn't open.



In Touch Sunday is the 3rd Sunday in the month. You can take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them, wish them well and are keeping them in our prayers. Please contact the church office, for a name (s), if you would like to send a card out to a shut-in this month.

FOOD BANK

186 items in March
472 items for 2020



National Volunteer Week
April 19-25, 2020

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To our Church Council. . . To all Committee members . . . To the volunteers who assist in sending out our monthly newsletter . . . To the ones who assist in the Church Office . . . To the ones who decorate the church . . . To the ones who take care of our beautiful building inside and out. . . To the ones who prepare communion for worship . . . To the ones who bake our tasty desserts . . . To the ones who assist before, during and after worship. . . To all the ones who run all the fun events . . . To those who cheerfully answer the call whenever needed. . . And from the youngest singing voice to the oldest musician! (Please forgive us if we left anyone out.)

We would like to say how much we appreciate all that you do. We do what we do for the love of Christ. In this, we are all one. God Bless You All!

With Much Gratitude,

The Church Staff



Easter Flowers

Sponsored to the Glory of God

In memory of Carol and Earl Zimmerman
By Laurie and Joe Andrew and family

In memory of husband Joseph L. Bauer
By Norma L. Bauer and family

In memory of Our Savior who died for us
By the Bogden family

In honor of our children and our grandsons
In memory of our daughter Michaela; our parents Arlene and Arthur Frable,
Edna and Norman Borger; and brother Michael Frable and sister-in-law Charlene Frable
By Susan and Eric Borger

In memory of Chester Clauser and Beatrice Beltzner
By Dorothy Clauser

In memory of our parents
By Jane and Carl Dodson

In memory of my dad Joseph D. Driscoll
By Jennifer Driscoll and family

In memory of loved ones
By Lorie Filipovits

In memory of our parents: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Frack Sr.
By Willard and Ruth Frack

In memory of JoAnn Haggerty
By Alex Haggerty

In memory of Millie Keltz
By Jerry Keltz

In memory of Lorene and Calvin Lazarus, and Susan and Rudolph Bauer
By Jessica Kirkpatrick

Easter Flowers

Sponsored to the Glory of God

In memory of Grant Koch, and George and Lucy Jacoby
By Forrest, Brenda, Brandon, and Olinda Koch

In honor of our children and grandchildren
In memory of departed loved ones
By Roseann and Roy Koehler

In memory of Charles Landis
By Sarah Landis

In celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ
In memory of loved ones
By Marge Leith

In honor of the Christ's Resurrection
By Jim and Gail Loch

In honor of Tammy Vash and family
In memory of Helen Chomyn
By Karen Minnig

In memory of Lillian Sarah Hicks
By Kay Muehlberger

In honor of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
By Marion Newhard

In memory of Phyllis and Robert Jones
By Darlene Pail

In honor of Dolores Long
In memory of Oliver Long
By Wendy Panasik

In memory of our parents: Ludwig and Leah Pavlick, and Frank and Claire Silfies
By Donna and Dan Pavlick

Easter Flowers

Sponsored to the Glory of God

In honor of our sons and their families: Jake, Jennifer, Autumn and Alex;
and Ty, Mary Jo and Samantha; and mother Wanda Erdosy
In memory of our parents Alek Erdosy, and Walter and Violet Saylor
By Woody and Alexis Saylor

In memory of Orville Reich; Isabel and Conon Beltzner;
William Sherman Jr.; and Linda Luksavage
By Bill and Sally Sherman

In memory of our parents
By Barbara and Donald Steigerwalt

In memory of Robert Teets
By Shirley M. Teets

In honor of our children Karen, Tim, Keli, Beth, Dave, Russ and Alicia
and our grandchildren Sarah, David, Ryan, Amanda, Timmy, Pierce, Emily, Tyler, and Colin
In memory of Sr. Ruth Zacharias, Byrd L. Rawlings II, R. Byrd Rawlings, Joseph McCloud,
and in memory of our parents
By Linda and Pastor Gary Walbert

In memory of Harry E. Weaver Jr.
By Mark Weaver

In memory of Harry E. Weaver Jr.
By Maryann Weaver

In memory of Carol Laury, and John and Arlene Williams
By Donna Williams

In memory of Wilson Yelles
By Renae Yelles and family

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

St. James, Pitman: Rural and Vibrant



St. James, Pitman, is a very rural congregation that maintains a vibrant ministry of outreach, Christian education, worship, and social ministry. The congregation recently dedicated its new ADA accessible restrooms and wheelchair lift with Bishop Zeiser and a packed house in attendance. The new restroom and wheelchair lift became a reality after the congregation received a significant bequest from a former member's estate. Making the building accessible was the logical way to open the doors and welcome in the community.

Each year, the congregation, which has 150 baptized members, crafts and ships nearly 200 quilts to Lutheran World Relief sites around the world. Locally, St. James raises thousands of dollars to help people within the community, while meeting its benevolence tithe to our Synod. When Bishop Zeiser learned that the quilts were shipped to places like Madagascar, Tanzania, and Indonesia, he said, "some people may think you're 'in the middle of nowhere', but for the people receiving the work of your hands you are very much somewhere."

The congregation's vision of reaching out and being a welcoming place has already borne fruit. The quilting group, open to anyone in the community, now has its largest membership ever and the quilt production has taken off. As word about the accessibility project has spread in the community, worship attendance has risen as well. For a little church 'in the middle of nowhere', many more are finding that it is really somewhere to be.



St. Paul, Fountain Hill, NFL Canned Food Challenge Award

The Bethlehem-Easton Mission District Council challenged their congregations to participate in collecting canned goods for the food bank(s) of their choice. It was an effort to join forces; and with a bit of a challenge, to help others.

The goal was to collect a canned good for each point scored during the playoffs! Yes, that meant each congregation was asked to collect 523 cans. The prize was not revealed to the congregations ahead of time.

The suspense grew from week to week as the scores piled up and the cans were counted. Who would win the prize? As the points total grew, it seemed like an unreachable goal; yet many remained hopeful and determined.

After 11 play-off games, watching their canned goods pile up at their altar each week to be counted, St. Paul Fountain Hill was honored to receive a framed award for their "Mighty Effort" in the NFL Canned Food Challenge by surpassing the goal as they collected a total of 594 items. A total of 2,279 cans were collected & distributed to several food banks within the district.

Yes, the "Mighty 45" (as their Pastoral Care Provider Marlene Werkheiser calls them) stepped up to the challenge! As she told them that first week, "This is a great way for our small congregation to help others and to possibly win bragging rights to the prize." The challenge intrigued them enough to muster up an average of 13 cans per worshipping parishioner.

"I am beyond proud of them", said Werkheiser. "For a small congregation, they really wanted to show others that their congregation can (and wants to) participate in ministries that help to do God's work."

Pictured below is the "Mighty 45" on February 9, after they reached the goal.



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APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11 PICK UP EASTER FLOWERS NOON— 2PM
12 EASTER FOOD BANK SUNDAY	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14	15	16	17	18
19 IN TOUCH SUNDAY	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELBRATION SERVICE 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	27	28	29	30		