



# The Shepherd's Staff

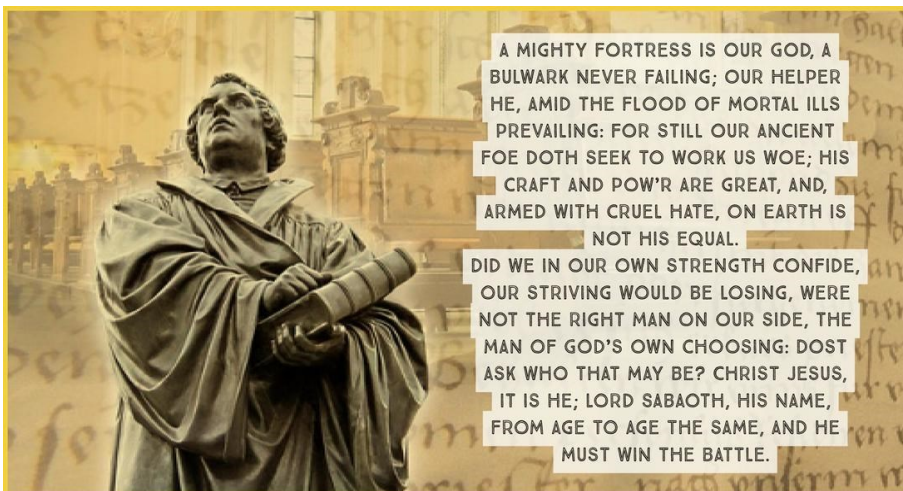
## October 2023

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

On a cold, windy night in Germany in the early 1500's, a young peasant, Martin Luther, came very near being hit by a bolt of lightening during a storm. Following his close call to death, he became a monk as he promised St. Anne he would do. Through his studies, he discovered that true Christianity did not depend upon what one knows about God, but upon a right personal relationship with God. God's forgiveness through the sacrificial death of Christ became all important to Luther. One day he thought, "If only I could make a pilgrimage to Rome...." That dream was fulfilled, and while crawling up a stair case called Scala Saneta on his knees, he remembered the verse of scripture, "The just shall live by faith." He sprang to his feet, ran back down the stairs and the Reformation began. The greatest work that Luther accomplished was the translation of the Bible into German. Then he began to write hymns and Gospel songs. The people crowded the churches to hear Luther preach. Through his sermons, he changed lives. Hymnbooks began to be used in the schools and homes, as well as in churches. The Christian worship songs became a spring of spirituality in the hearts and lives of people. His greatest song is "Almighty Fortress is our God," written in 1527. It exalts God to a high and lofty position in the minds and hearts of those who believe the message of the song. It is a paraphrase of Psalm 46. On the base of Luther's tomb, inscription reads, A Mighty Fortress is our God. It is said to be the greatest hymn of the greatest man in the greatest period in German history.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary



**October 8**  
Blessing of  
Animals

**October 9**  
Columbus Day

**October 14**  
Spaghetti Dinner

**October 15**  
Dine & Donate  
&  
Corn Maze  
event

**October 22**  
Corn Maze  
Rain Date

**October 28**  
Halloween  
Dance

**October 29**  
Reformation  
w/ Rev. Bruce  
Potteiger

**November 4**  
Girl Scout  
Clothing Swap

**November 5**  
All Saints Day

**November 8**  
Dine & Donate

**November 12**  
Veterans Day

**November 19**  
Intergenerational  
Sunday School

**December 9**  
Fundraising  
Event

Catasauqua Music Department

# ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti Dinner

## 10.14.2023



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1335 OLD CARRIAGE ROAD  
NORTHAMPTON, PA 18067

TIMES:  
4:00 PM- 5:00 PM TAKE OUT  
5:00 PM- 7:00 PM DINE IN

Adults: \$10.00  
Ages 4-12: \$5.00  
Ages 3- Under: Free

All Proceeds help the  
Catasauqua Music Department

More Information: email [catasauquamusicarts@gmail.com](mailto:catasauquamusicarts@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday...

Adrienne Gaugler	October 1
Dave Laudenslauger	October 1
Willard Frack, Jr.	October 3
Emma Dungan	October 7
Hope Eisenhard	October 10
Carolyn Werner	October 10
Linda Heimpel	October 15
Kara Klusartiz	October 15
Carole Holub	October 17
Judy Luckenbill	October 17
Andrew Baker	October 18
Jade Streitman	October 18
Jennifer Frantz	October 22
Aidan Seitter	October 22
Sandra Newhard	October 23
Kathleen Januszewski	October 24
Louise Saylor	October 25
Thomas Lawlor	October 26
Lindsay Reimer	October 26
Alan Gaugler	October 27
Amy Hower	October 28
David Burrell	October 30
Jennifer Seitter	October 31
Kristen Merkert	October 31



## Upcoming Dine & Donate Events

### Sunday, October 15

Seemsville Pub & Grill  
11:00am - 3:00pm  
Dine in & Take out



### Wednesday, Nov 8

Samuel Owen's  
4:00 pm - 9:00pm  
Dine in  
Take out  
& Delivery



## Happy Anniversary...

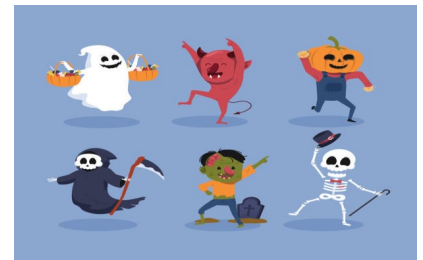
Patrick & Amber Adams	October 9
Brian & Denise Schmall	October 13
Forrest & Brenda Koch	October 14
Ryan & Jennifer Frantz	October 15
Blair & Amy Hower	October 19
Richard & Judy Fehr	October 23
Gerald & Shelia Persing	October 25

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteer cleaning crew! The church, hall and classrooms are squeaky clean and beautiful! We appreciate your time and effort!



Your invited! Please join us...

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH'S  
Halloween Dance Party!  
October 28, 2023.**



Doors open at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Costumes optional. **All ages are welcome.** Food, treats, and music until 10pm.

## Council 2024

On Dec. 3, 2023, we will be having our Annual Advent Congregational meeting . At this meeting, we call upon members to stand up and be a part of our Congregational Council. I know many try to duck and cover, not to be asked. But, the Council is a very important part of the church. We really need your help and support. Please think about being a part of the Congregational Council.



## President's Corner

If you have joined us for our Praise Band Sundays you may have enjoyed some of the old time Sunday School/ Bible School songs. I know I did. Unfortunately, we have Sunday School teachers all ready and willing to teach and share God's stories, but no children. Jesus , in Luke 18:16 says "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God". We are all God's children from ages infant to 100+. Our Rally Day kicks off the Sunday School season and open to all of God's children and still only 2 children and 2 adults, outside the Christian Ed Committee, participated. We will be having an Intergenerational Sunday School class on November 19, 2023. I hope that more will consider joining the class. You are never too old to learn more.

Please remember, always feel free to contact me if needed. Thank you.

**God Bless,**  
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Church Council President  
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Cell # 484-241-1275



The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone who helped us conduct a very successful mission project for **Lutheran World Relief**. Thanks to your incredible generosity as a congregation, we have filled **187 school kits** to be distributed to children whose lives and educations have been disrupted by war and natural disasters.

Thank you also to Sandy Newhard who sewed beautiful cloth drawstring bags, the many members of Good Shepherd who donated supplies or funds to buy supplies, Thrivent which awarded us an Action Team grant, and the efficient assembly crew which prepared the kit supplies and packed the school bags over the course of 2 busy hours, and Barb Wieman for organizing the supplies collection and event as a whole.

This was truly an awesome team project. Thank you!



**Group:** (front row) LeAnne, Carole, Judy, Kathleen, Marge (back row) Jen, Lorie, Ann, and Barb, assembling backpacks below.





## All Saints Celebration: November 5, 2023

Each year the church takes pause to celebrate the saints who have gone before us and now rest in paradise. This is a special time when we are able to remember those who have helped to form our lives and been special to us. We are inviting you to share the name or names of loved one(s) to be remembered that day. Please use the form below and kindly place in the offering plate when completed or mail back to the office.

Full name of loved one (s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note only the names given to us on the All Saints form will be included on the list.

**ARE YOU HOSTING AN EVENT?**

**OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL & PAVILION ARE THE PERFECT PLACE TO HOLD YOUR EVENT !  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE!**



### Veterans Day Service, November 12, 2023

Please use the form below to share the name or names of loved one(s) to be honored.  
\*\*\*\*Drop in the offering plate or mail to the office. \*\*\*\*

( Those serving now, have served or have died serving)

Full name of loved one(s) (First, Middle, Last) and which branch they have served in.

Name

Branch

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



# October Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
10/1	Bill Gebhardt	Lorie Filipovits	LeAnne Krill	Jen Gaugler
10/8	Mark Weaver	Edwin Marshall	Gail Loch	William Burrell
10/15	Jen Gaugler	Jen Burrell	Linda Siekonic	William Burrell
10/22	Dave Hausman	Bill Gebhardt	Donna Pavlick	Andrew LaBarre
10/29	Chris Holub	Mark Weaver	Diane Hausman	Chris Holub

	Ushers
10/1	Ed Filipovits, Allison Quartararo, Donna Pavlick, Doug Yelles
10/8	Mary Dennis, Dave Hausman, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Ed Filipovits
10/15	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Charlie Burrell, Doug Yelles
10/22	Allison Quartararo, Dean Yelles, Shelly & Jeff Dorn
10/29	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Doug Yelles, Allison Quartararo

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



## PASTORAL ACTS



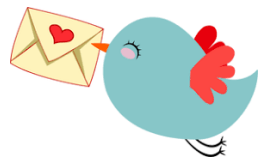
The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in September. Thank you very much for all those that contributed to our Harvest Home collection! (see page 8 for more info.)

We would like to extend a very warm welcome and Thank you to Rev. Bruce Potteiger who will be preaching for us while Pastor Gary enjoys a little vacation time in October. Remember to wear red on October 29th in celebration of Reformation.

**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 members in need 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 NAFB.

Margaret Fogel would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards. They really brighten her day. Thank you!



### Blessing of the Animals

**St. Francis of Assisi was a great lover of animals and was always caring for them. We bless the animals in remembrance of this great saint. All animals are welcome.**

**Blessing of the animals will take place on October 8th, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Drive up under the portico and Pastor will bless your animals there.**

**We are also collecting needed items for animal shelters; please help us help God's creatures, shelters are in need of dog, cat, rabbit, bird, and all small animal food, cleaning supplies, office supplies and even unwanted used towels, sheets, and linens are a much needed item in all pet shelters. Collection bin in the narthex or large items can be taken to the office. All items will be delivered October 24th.**



## 2023 Financial breakdown for October

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



date	Attendance
8/6	56
8/13	53
8/20	48
8/27	66
Avg.	55

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
8/6	3482.69	25.00	80.00
8/13	1939.00		
8/20	1144.25		
8/27	2283.00		65.00

### Fundraising 2023

Tupperware = \$ 204.00

Hoagie Sale = \$ 30.00

Dine & Donate = \$ 140.00  
August

Dine & Donate = \$ 125.00  
September



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.

Social ministry would like to thank our congregation for both the generous Sharing-Table food donations and monetary contributions. The food bank will benefit from all your kind support.

The August total was \$383. **Thank you.**



## Treasurer Report – August 2023

In the month of August, we had a \$5,400 loss due to a significant amount of expenses and less offerings for the month. This loss decreased our net income to \$10,300 for the year.

Some notable activity for the month is the following:

Monthly offerings were approximately \$10,900.

We had income of \$200 from fundraising and \$400 from the Sharing Table

Some notable expense activity includes:

\$210 for Choir Music Licenses

\$500 for Word in Season

\$2,700 for Electric

\$520 for Lawn Maintenance

\$1,015 for Maintenance (air conditioner and water)

\$1,620 for Property Insurance

\$250 for water testing

At the end of August, we didn't have a balance in our checking account. Our savings account has a balance of \$33,800.

There is about \$5,000 in outstanding checks that will clear in the upcoming days.

Total assets, all bank accounts and CDs, were \$195,000 at August 31, 2023

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship In Touch 9:00am	2 Worship & Music 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	3 Christian Ed 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm	4	5 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm <b>Council Reports Due</b>	6 Office closed	7
8 Worship 9:00am Food Bank Sunday school Animal Blessing 1-2pm	9 Columbus Day Council Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	10 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	11	12 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	13 Office closed	14 Catasauqua Band Spaghetti Dinner in Hall ( page 2)
15 Worship 9:00am Sunday school Seemsville Dine & Donate 11-3pm Corn maze	16 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	17 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	18	19 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	20 Office closed	21
22 Worship 9:00am Sunday School Corn maze rain date	23 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	24 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	25	26 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	27 Office closed	28 Halloween Dance 7pm
29 Worship Reformation 9:00am Rev. Bruce Potteiger Sunday School Wear red	30 Girl Scouts 7:00pm	31 Boy Scouts 7:00pm  Happy Halloween!				

**Coffee hour sponsored by the Personnel Committee this October. Stay tuned for a date!**

## Fundraising Event

### **Special items needed:**

small empty coffee cans and lid  
empty baskets for raffle  
paper bags with handles, heavy plastic bags with handles  
and reusable cloth bags with handles



### **YARD SALE**

We will be collecting items now through December 1. Items can be dropped off Sunday's after church or Monday through Thursday from 9:30AM –1:30PM (please call the office first 610-262-9517) Please place items on the tables in the Fellowship Hall along the back wall. Thank You.

### **BASKET RAFFLE**

Along with baskets we will be excepting Gift Cards from restaurants, grocery stores, or any business in any amount. If you can not donate a whole basket, we have ideas for baskets and items you might want to contribute. Last day to donate for the basket raffle is November 19.



## 2023 Rally Day

Our Christian Education Committee presented The Ten Plagues of Egypt escape room experience on September 10th to kick off 2023 Rally Day.

Four Teams completed tasks, solved puzzles, and answered questions as they raced to unlock and snack on creative treats and solve the mystery of Biblical proportions.

Everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship!



## Harvest Home

On Sunday, September 24th, We celebrated Harvest Home. Through the generosity of our congregation, we displayed and prayed upon this abundant donation at our altar. Thank you to all that donated goods or monetary donations. All items will be donated to the Northampton Area Food Bank and Victory House.

**365 items collected!**



## Fall for Karaoke

Fun, Fellowship and Karaoke! September 23rd was our first karaoke event sponsored by Outreach. It was a blast singing along to greatest hits! Pictured above are Ruth Frack and Dan Pavlick rocking a duet!

