



The August 2023 edition of the Shepherd's Staff is sponsored to the glory of God in honor of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Diane and David Hausman.

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

There has been a lot of talk—and not nearly as much action—about the need for healing in our nation. With all the contempt and slander cast from both sides of the aisle, and perhaps across the dinner table during family meals, healing is in tall order. We all know our society needs it so desperately. The question is how. We can look to our faith to guide us through these murky and messy times.

Though we may wish we could, we cannot will healing into happening. We also cannot expect our elected officials to fix this for us. It is going to take the effort of ALL political leaders and all of us as well. At the core of this tremendous effort is reconciliation, but what is reconciliation really? It must go beyond saying, "I'm sorry" or "I forgive you." It is a two-way street. One person might forgive another, but unless the outreach is accepted and returned there is no reconciliation. Even so, honest forgiveness is never wasted. We humans would like our reality to be nice and tidy, with no annoying loose ends or unfinished business. Yet reality consistently presents us with opposite scenarios. There is always something more (or less) we could have said, some fence that was never mended, a relationship that didn't quickly end, but just dissipated. When we reconcile with each other, we bind ourselves to each other and reaffirm the inherent value and dignity of the other person. With reconciliation, we free ourselves and each other, and we keep the door open to love, peace and goodwill. We live in precarious times, to be sure. Still healing from a devastating pandemic, vicious political division, floods, and tornadoes, and other forces of nature, and daily mass shootings. This has left us shaken. As people of faith, we are bound to each other as brothers and sisters in Jesus. May we not only seek to cleanse our own souls, but reach out and reconcile with those we find ourselves at odds with. Doing so brings us closer to each other and paves the way to healing. It also brings us closer to God. And as ambassadors for Christ," we are called to do the hard work of healing our broken nation and broken hearts.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Gary



August 11
Dine & Donate
Konkrete Creamery

August 20
Church Picnic

August 27
Blessing of the
Backpacks

September 4
Labor Day

September 7
Choir practice
begins

September 10
Rally Day

September 17
Sunday School
begins

September 20
Dine & Donate
Grove St

September 21
Peace Day

September 23
Fall for
Karaoke

October 15
Dine & Donate
&
Corn Maze
event

October 28
Halloween
Dance

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Monday—Thursday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

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Jennifer Baker

Church Secretary

Kristen Merkert

Organist/ Choir Director

Annual Church Picnic

August 20th

Food Fun Fellowship!

Corn Hole Tournament

Sign up sheets are located in the narthex

Join us!



Happy Birthday...

Amber Adams	8/6
Lisa Mann	8/7
Kay Muehlberger	8/7
Nicole Bogden	8/9
Doug Flamisch	8/10
Jessica Kirkpatrick	8/11
McKenzie Adams	8/11
Gavin Seitter	8/15
Forrest Koch	8/16
Linda Walbert	8/19
Scott Ruch Sr	8/20
Sharon Enstrom	8/21
Richard Mast	8/21
Donna Walck	8/22
Daniel Holub	8/23
Linda Houck	8/24
Kaitelyn Cantrel	8/26
Larry Graver	8/27
Stephanie Flamisch	8/29
Alex Vash	8/29
Debra Hoffman	8/31

Dine & Donate Events



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



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



<i>Robert and Sandra Osiecki</i>	8/5
<i>Dan and Donna Pavlick</i>	8/6
<i>Chad and Kristin Weiner</i>	8/7
<i>Dave and Crystal Ungiran</i>	8/10
<i>Brian & Michelle Eberhart</i>	8/11
<i>Carl and Jane Dodson</i>	8/13
<i>Ed and Lorie Filipovits</i>	8/15
<i>Brian and Amanda Dungan</i>	8/18
<i>Barry and Tina Miller</i>	8/20
<i>Gary and Linda Walbert</i>	8/22
<i>John and Lisa Mann</i>	8/25
<i>Thomas and Diane Kramer</i>	8/26
<i>Randy and Lori Borda</i>	8/28
<i>Dave and Diane Hausman</i>	8/29

President's Corner

Summer is definitely here. I hope everyone is staying cool and beating the heat. Do not forget to check in on your neighbors.

I was listening to Pastor's sermon today and there was something that he said that caught my attention. "Farming with Jesus." A few ideas came to my mind. A new idea for a Sunday School lesson, or Vacation Bible School. A good song title or a great story title. All I could picture was a farmer in his denim overalls and his straw hat, with a shovel or hoe standing in a field planting seeds. Jesus standing beside him handing him the seeds. We are those farmers. We are planting and sowing the seeds of God's love. We tend to those seeds, so that they grow and sprout. Then, when they are ready to be picked, we share them with others. Just like our little farmers stand. Please help us to grow and share God's love. The world surely needs a lot of it right now.

Do not forget to sign up for our church picnic on August 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.



Council 2024

The year is half over and before you know it the New Year will be upon us. 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.

Thank you to Sandra (Ruch) Nagy for the donation of items to the church archives - copies of the Small Catechism and a tract about Martin Luther, in German, published in Berlin in 1933. The catechism handbooks belonged to her grandparents Arthur and Lizzie (Frederick) Mann and her parents William and Arlene (Mann) Ruch. William and Arlene's books include the names of their confirmation classes in 1930 and 1933.

August Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
August 6	Jen Gaugler	Diane Hausman	Gail Loch	
August 13	Mark Weaver	Bill Gebhardt	Linda Siekonic	
August 20	Dave Hausman	Jen Burrell	Diane Hausman	William Burrell
August 27	Bill Gebhardt	Lorie Filipovits	Leanne Krill	

	Ushers	If you cannot keep your scheduled time, please arrange for someone to fill in.
August 6	Doug Yelles, Allison Quartararo, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles	
August 13	Allison Quartararo, Ed Filipovits, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Dan Pavlick	
August 20	Doug Yelles, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Charlie Burrell	
August 27	Allison Quartararo, Ed Filipovits, Jen Gaugler, Dan Pavlick	

Social Ministry

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.



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 herbs or flowers, or special items that you would like to share with congregation members. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank .



Social ministry is excited to start in-person visits at Gracedale Nursing Home. All Good Shepherd members are invited to meet in the lobby of Gracedale at 1:45pm, on August 21st. We will distribute a small gift to each resident on tower 7. Please give Judy Fehr (610-392-7127) a call or text if interested in participating. Thank you.

2023 Financial breakdown for August

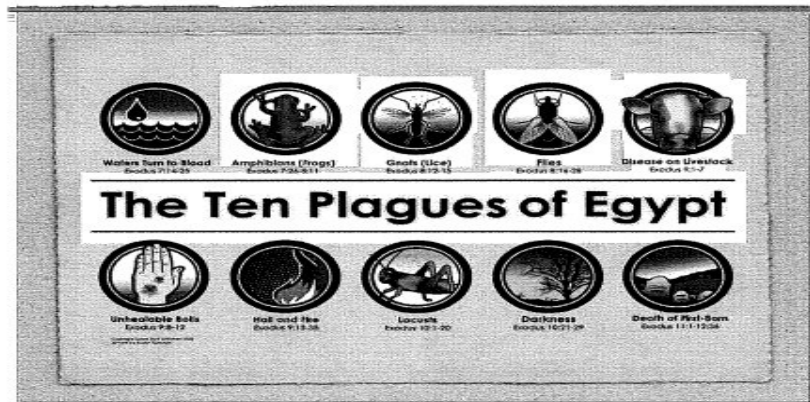
Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,137.00
 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,813.00



date	Attendance
6/4	76
6/11	40
6/18	65
6/25	57

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair	Total weekly
6/4	\$3538.00		\$135.00	\$3673.00
6/11	\$1410.00	\$50.00		\$1460.00
6/18	\$2538.00		\$80.00	\$2618.00
6/25	\$3460.00		\$70.00	\$3530.00

**Join us at Good Shepherd
 Lutheran Church
 September 10, 2023
 10:15 am
 Rally Day Escape Room**



Fun, Fellowship and snacks



Pictured to the right, our very own William Gebhardt singing a patriotic melody at our July 2, 2023 Sunday service honoring our independence.

Interested in joining our choir? Please contact Kristen Merkert 484-226-9881.





PASTORAL ACTS



The Northampton Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in July, 236! Thank you very much! August 13th 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



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!



The Social Ministry Committee is collecting school supplies to assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

These kits are distributed to children whose families cannot afford to provide school supplies. Sandy Newhard has generously sewed more than 100 draw-string backpack bags to hold each child's supplies. Now we need to fill all of those bags!

Each kit contains the following supplies:

- 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



Thanks for Your Support!

We will collect supplies through September 10. There is a collection box in the Narthex. If you prefer not to shop, cash donations will be used to purchase needed items. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and note that the funds are for school kits. If you have any questions, contact Barb Wiemann.

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!



Six-Month Statements are available...

If you would like a copy of your six-month contribution statement from the church, please call Jen in the office @ 610-262-9517, or send an email to us at GoodShepherdLutheranChurch@rcn.com

We will be happy to send it to you in the mail or by email.



Thank you to Sandy Weiss and family for the donation of church archives, a 1953 "The Bible Story" complete set that belonged to her father, Herbert Berger. These books along with all archive donations will be available for members to view and enjoy in our coffee room. If you have an item to donate, please contact the church office.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and family of Allan Minnig, who passed away into eternal life on July 3, 2023.

Check out the progress!

The majestic 25 foot flagpole has been installed and stands proud near the pavilion. There is still a lot of work to be done, and your assistance is needed to complete the vision! The entire project will cost approx. \$10,000. Please consider sponsoring a brick for the memorial patio, or making a donation.

For more information, see the order form in the narthex or online.

4" x 8" engraved bricks for \$60

8" x 8" engraved bricks for \$120

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. 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 2nd St Catasauqua, PA 18032. Checks can be made out to Troop 40. Follow the progress of my project at

<https://www.facebook.com/OwenDunganEagleProject>



Fundraising

Hoagie tickets for Galyean's Deli are available for sale after Sunday service while supplies last! Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please see Ed Filipovits.



Tupperware Party!

The GSLC Tupperware party begins Sunday, August 6th, after service, and will run through August while supplies last. Brand NEW Items will be sold for donations to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. More details to come!



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Christian Ed 7:00pm	2	3	4 Office closed	5
6 Worship 9:00am In touch	7 Worship & Music 7:00pm	8	9	10	11 Office closed Dine & Donate Konkrete Creamery 12pm-9pm	12
13 Worship 9:00am Food Bank (bring a can good to service)	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	18 Office closed	19
20 Worship 9:00am CHURCH PICNIC	21 Gracedale Visit	22	23	24	25 Office closed	26
27 Worship 9:00am	28	29	30	31		

Fundraising Committee Event

Mark your Calendar

2nd Annual Indoor Yard Sale, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale Event will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.



Start getting your Yard Sale items to donate together **NO CLOTHING PLEASE**

We will start receiving items for the yard sale in September. Start thinking about maybe donating a basket for the raffle or a gift card in any amount. We will also need homemade baked good items or if you are not, a baker maybe some homemade fudge or candy you like to make.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT

Indoor Yard Sale – Set up sale in fellowship hall the Monday before event, price everything, help the day of event, and clean up the next week after.

Basket Raffle – Help put baskets together, come up with some basket ideas for people to donate items for, getting baskets organized for raffle, selling tickets day of event, calling winners, arranging day and time for pick-up of prizes.

Bake Sale – Getting bakers, packing cookies and other items Thursday and Friday night, pricing items, selling items day of event.

As you can see it takes a lot of help to run this event, the committee can not do this alone. If you would like to help in the organizing of any part of this event please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or contact LeAnne at 610-262-0293. Thank You!