

The Shepherd's Staff

JUNE 2017

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

On June 4, we will celebrate one of the major festivals of the church year—Pentecost. It is often called the birthday of the church. The day of the Holy Spirit descended upon the 120 men and women gathered in the upper room and changed their lives forever. The Holy Spirit works constantly with us so that our lives may be transformed, be made new and rewarding.

A mother took her son, who was just learning to play the piano, to hear the world famous pianist, Paderewski. They were sitting and the mom saw a friends, so she got up to say hello. The young boy decided to see why a door was marked “NO ADMITTANCE.”

When the lights dimmed, the mother returned to her seat to discover her son was not in seat but was on stage sitting at the piano, picking out “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.”

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano and whispered in the boy's ear, “don't quit, keep playing.” Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obligats. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

God can take any situation and make it good. We are without an organist now. Am I worried? No, I am not. I have been without organists in the past and God provides. He did it in the past and he will do it now. All we need to do is trust and watch God provide another miracle.

That is what Pentecost is all about.

In his Hands,

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

Confirmation
June 4

Pentecost
June 4

Food Bank Sunday
June 11

In Touch Sunday
June 18

**Father's Day Movie/Game
Night**
June 17

Vacation Bible School
June 19-23

**Vacation Bible School
Sunday**
June 25

Outdoor Service
July 23

Outdoor Service
August 27

Church Picnic
August 27

New Member Class
September 17

New Member Reception
September 24

**Good Shepherd at
Unangst Tree Farm Corn Maze**
October 29





From the Office of the Church Secretary...

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15-11:00 AM

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Pastor Walbert's office hours are
Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm

Jennifer Driscoll

Church Secretary

John Moschella

Sexton

Congregation Council

Brenda Koch, President
Nicole Bogden, Vice President
Roseann Koehler, Financial Secretary
Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary
Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary
(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Jolynn Claroni	Brian Dungan
Paul Evans III	LeAnne Krill
Christopher Holub	Karen Hahn
Lisa Mann	Christina Weaver

Happy Birthday...

Tina Miller	June 2
Judy Turek	June 2
Paul Einfalt	June 3
Nancy Adams	June 5
Donald Ruch	June 5
David Silfies	June 6
Bernadine Spengler	June 6
Tina Dixon	June 7
Gerald Keltz	June 12
Izabelle Miller	June 12
Brian Schmall	June 13
Colin Saylor	June 14
Benjamin Alexander	June 15
Cynthia Evans	June 15
Ryan Frantz	June 15
Luther George	June 15
Allen Mink, Jr.	June 15
Paul Evans, IV	June 16
Jeanette Wentzell	June 16
Robert Shipe	June 17
James Loch	June 19
Michael Andrew	June 26
Gail Loch	June 27
Margie Werner	June 27
Norman Graver, Jr.	June 28
Karen Hahn	June 30

Happy Anniversary...

Eric & Susan Borger	June 1
Dale & Irene Grow	June 3
Charles & Brenda Druckenmiller	June 13
Gordon & Armell Mann	June 20
Paul & Cindy Evans	June 23
Douglas & Stephanie Flamish	June 24

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
4/2/2017	96
4/9/2017	158
4/12/2017 (Healing Service)	10
4/13/2017 (Maundy Thursday)	48
4/14/2017 (Good Friday)	36
4/16/2017	211
4/23/2017	89
4/30/2017	89
TOTAL	643
AVG.	128.6

President's Corner

Happy June to all the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! June is defined as the sixth month of the year and in North America it is considered the first month of summer. During the summer months, attendance to worship usually declines and if attendance declines so does the financial giving aspect of our commitment to the church for our God. Just like in your own home, there are regular bills. Church has regular bills that need to be met on a weekly/monthly basis. We are currently not receiving enough income from the weekly envelopes to pay all the bills. This is just a reminder to please fill your envelopes every week and make sure they are sent in even if you have chosen not to attend worship.

The Cradle Roll has added a new shepherd to its display in the Narthex. Riley Kenia Hauser received her Holy Baptism on May 14, 2017. Congratulations to Riley and her Family!

I will be unavailable from June 10th till July 10th for vacation. Please contact Pastor or Vice-President Nicole Bogden for any issues, questions, and /or concerns you may have during this time.

Have a Blessed June!

Sincerely,

Brenda

Brenda Koch

President



April Financial Report

As of April 30, 2017

Current Balances	
Checking	\$5,409.30
Building Repair	\$2,823.26
Mem. Fund	\$20,388.63
Money Mkt	\$163,817.76

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
April 2, 2017	\$3,036.00	\$190.00	\$25.00
April 9, 2017	\$3,384.00	\$25.00	
April 16, 2017	\$4,235.00		
April 23, 2017	\$3,353.00	\$5.00	
April 30, 2017	\$3,163.00	\$35.00	
Holy Week	\$496.00		
Income in April	\$17,667.00	\$255.00	\$25.00

From the Console

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, a time to reap that which is planted;
 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
 A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Some of you might recognize these words from the third Chapter of Ecclesiastes. Others might recognize these words from the Pete Seeger song of the 50's. It wasn't until sometime in the 1960's that this song became a hit. The lyrics except for the title which is repeated throughout the song are directly from the first eight verses of the Scripture. A little odd piece of trivia is this song has the distinction of being a #1 hit with the oldest lyrics! The Scripture is attributed to King Solomon who would have written it sometime around the 10th century BC. Which without a doubt make these the oldest lyrics ever in a #1 song.

It has been said that people come into our lives for a reason or a season. I'm not sure why Good Shepherd came into my life and I came into the life of Good Shepherd. One thing that I am sure is that somewhere in the Great Scheme of things God had a reason for bringing us all together. Be that as it may I am very grateful that I had the pleasure of you folks coming into my life. I've had the privilege of seeing some old friends, and also of making some new friends. OH! Don't get me wrong! As in anything else there were up's and down's, but that's life! I have grown in faith and I have forged some new friendships that I'm sure will carry on for many years and for that I am ever so grateful. Thank you all for the monetary gift that I was given. I think that the funds just might be used for the hammock and stand that I've always wanted for the back yard! If you are in the neighborhood STOP IN! I just might let you give it a try! (Along with a glass of Countrytime lemonade!)

Harold



High School Sunday School Teacher

We are looking for someone to teach
our high school class.

We have interest from our confirmation class to continue in
Sunday School. If interested, please see Pastor or Gail Loch.



Good Shepherd Social Ministry Bingo

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Fellowship Community

3000 Fellowship Drive

Whitehall Pa 18052

Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a new and exciting event, a bingo party, on Thursday, June 1, 2017, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Fellowship Community on a personal care unit.

We are requesting the help of seven to eight people to conduct and play bingo. Additionally, donations are needed and will be greatly appreciated for bingo prizes. In the beginning of May, 2017, we will place a box and wishing well in the Narthex for you to drop-off your donations. The wish list includes: Hand lotion, body lotion, emery boards, nail polish, cologne, body spray, sugar free candy, snacks, crackers, and quarters.

If you are interested in helping the day of the event, please see Judy Fehr or call JoLynn Claroni 610-746-3620.

Social Ministry's mission is to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to the ill, the aged, the orphaned, the under privileged, the imprisoned, and in general to persons in need of aid in body and soul. This is a wonderful way to help achieve this mission. We thank you in advance.



Organist Search Committee

Good Shepherd has organized a search committee to begin the process of finding a new organist. Amanda Dungan will be the Chairperson.

If you have any ideas for the qualities needed for our new organist, please let Pastor or Amanda know. Please keep this committee and our church in your prayers.

From the Fundraising Committee: Having fun while raising funds!

Supper at Walp's

The Fundraising Committee organized a group of 20 plus volunteers who on April 29, 2017 entertained 125 people with simply delicious home cooked entrees of roast turkey and smoked sausage with all the side dishes and wonderful desserts reminiscent of Walp's Restaurant ala Good Shepherd style. The Supper showcased the musical and storytelling talent of Keith Brintzenhoff who performed songs embedded in the Pennsylvania Dutch Culture and some original songs as well.

Our action team sported country aprons, suspenders, and serving attire to replicate a Dutch atmosphere. We had our guests singing, and shouting out answers to Pennsylvania Dutch Trivia. It was a festive night. Lastly we held a raffle for some beautifully crafted theme baskets and gave away a door prize, a family game called Dutch Blitz, for each table, to a lucky winner. Numerous Dutch quilts, tapestries, signs, pictures, books, and in general Pennsylvania memorabilia decorated our social hall to make it look, you guessed it, Pennsylvania Dutch. That is how we celebrated our event, Super at Walp's.

This event was a huge success thanks to our congregational members donating their time and talents (including making delicious desserts for our dessert bar), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and other sponsors from the congregation or from the community at large who helped in so many ways. We showcased our church and spirit of involvement to the community at large, we made a profit of \$2,182 to the general fund and we tithed to two individuals in our congregation.

Again, we extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make this event successful.

Good Shepherd Day At Coca-Cola Park



It is hard to believe that this year is the 10th anniversary of Iron Pigs Baseball. We are told by the manager that this team will be awesome. Let's hope this year they can bring home the championship.

On Sunday, July 16th, Good Shepherd will again sponsor a day at Coca-Cola Park. The game begins at 1:35pm and we will play the

Rochester Red Wings, they are an affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

Tickets will cost \$10 and includes \$2 towards a food or drink purchase.

Please contact Pastor or Linda Walbert if you are interested in going.

JUNE 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
June 4	Charli-Ann Reinhart	Jason Bogden	Jessica Kirkpatrick	LeAnne Krill	Al Wiemann	Barb Wiemann
June 11	Sara Houck	Laurie Andrew	Mark Weaver	Diane Hausman	Nicole Bogden	Mike Hahn
June 18	David Stimmel	Paul Evans	Gail Loch	Donna Walck	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Al Wiemann
June 25	Callia Weiner	Carole Holub	Barb Wiemann	Laurie Andrew	Carole Holub	Hope Eisenhard

Date	Ushers
6/4 & 6/11	Karen Hahn, David Hausman, Dean & Roseann Yelles
6/18 & 6/25	Jason Bogden, Morry Pulley, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles

PASTORAL ACTS:
Baptism

Rile Kenia Hauser
May 14, 2017

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 or 17th Street) 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.

Outreach—Birthdays

The Outreach Committee would like to reach out to the community by letting them know we are here!

We will be doing this by mentioning our member's birthdays on radio station WAEB AM 790 and Cat Country 96.

If you do not want your birthday mentioned, please contact the church office and let us know. When your birthday is mentioned on the air, you might be eligible for a prize.

**PASTOR GARY'S
FOOD BANK
CHALLENGE**

169 items in May



- 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 (**June 11**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**June 18**) 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.



Confirmation

On June 4th during the 9am worship service, 6 young men and women will be confirmed into the membership of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

They will step forward and make some important promises: 1) to renounce the power of sin in their lives and 2) to follow Jesus all their days.

On this day the following will be confirmed:

Benjamin Bogden
Brandon Koch
Kyle Koehler
Nicholas Miller
Samantha Saylor
Zachery Tyler

Come and support them on June 4th and also remember them in your prayers.





Vacation Bible School Mission Project

Every year during VBS we do a mission project. This years offering will be used to help the Victory House of Lehigh Valley for homeless men and Veterans.

Victory House of the Lehigh Valley has been providing shelter and transitional services to homeless men, many who have been homeless veterans. Today, after 30+ years of service, nearly 4,000 men have benefited from the transitional programs at Victory House, enabling them to regain the unity of family life in the community.

Victory House is a not-for-profit organization committed to addressing the challenges faced by men and veterans in their transition from homelessness. They are provided shelter services and supportive resources to move toward independence in the community. Our work is an expression of our personal faith, hope, and compassion.

The Victory House is currently in need of men's shorts: different sizes and types of shorts. They have none to provide to the men at this time. Here is a list of other items that are also needed:

Cleaning rags
Stainless steel cleaner
mops

Cleaning supplies
Scrub brushes
Items to clean a home

Bathroom cleaners
Buckets

All items can be brought in throughout the month of June and placed in the boxes in the Narthex. We have been approved for \$250.00 from Thrivent Action program to be used to purchase additional needed items.

If you would like to contribute to this project, place your monetary gift in an envelope labeled VBS Mission Project and place in the offering plate. **(Please write check out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church")**

Thank You,
Christian Education Committee



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

VBS will be upon us in no time we are in need of some volunteers to help staff this year's event.

Here is a list of positions that need to be filled.

If anyone needs a ride to VBS, please call the church office.

LEADERS— They take the children from center to center throughout the day. Need at least 2 leaders for each group (Preschool- K, 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade).

HELPERS: Assist leader (must have completed 7th grade to help)

CRAFT LEADER: Help to decide which crafts will be made on what days.

CRAFT HELPER: Help out in the craft room - work with craft leader.

GAMES: 1 leader 2-3 helpers come up with activities to do with each class every day.

MUSIC: need a leader and an assistant to help teach the children songs everyday that will be used during the closing program on Sunday.

SNACK: need 3-4 adults to get donated snacks ready for each class throughout the day and help with refreshments for the closing program.

STORY TELLER: teaches each class the Bible story everyday for the week.

ADMINISTRATION: help take care of attendance, collection, copying papers, distributing papers to go home with students and other jobs needed etc. Help hand out nametags and other things on 1st day of VBS.

If you can help in any way please let me know what you would like to do or sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Thank You.

LeAnne Krill

610-262-0293 (please leave a message)

You're Invited to a Spaghetti Dinner!

All You Can Eat!

Proceeds Benefit Cub Scout Pack 40



Saturday June 3, 2017

4:00PM to 7:00PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1335 Old Carriage Rd, Northampton, PA 18067

Adults - \$10

Kids 5-12 - \$8

Kids under 5 - FREE

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Well Drilling in Honduras

A well drilling trip to Honduras was life changing to the team from Trinity, Wernersville, as it also was to the wonderful people of Tegujal, Honduras. Although the village was small, over 200 children came to the school where the team installed the well.

Before this well was drilled, the entire village's source of drinking water came from a polluted stream. Because of the very steep banks, water had to be pumped up out of the stream.



The team saw Jesus at work many times that week. The group they worked with from Honduras did not have technology to find the best place to drill, so they used a simple but powerful form of prayer to decide on a drilling location; and Jesus provided.

The team formed many relationships with the children and teachers, and they left the village the on final day with many tears, hugs, and memories to last a life time. Trinity is truly thankful for the generous \$6,000 grant from the synod Witness and Service Ministry Team, funded from your Mission Support giving.

Alyra Parker - Muraho from Rwanda



"Over these past two months my faith has been tested more than ever," writes Alyra Parker (Hope, Reading) in her blog *Muraho from Rwanda*. Alyra (a former LYF Vice President) is a junior at Gettysburg College. She is in Kigali, Rwanda for a spring semester to study the Post Genocide Restoration and Peacebuilding program.

One of many experiences that have had an impact on Alyra was a visit to a burial site that is dedicated to children killed in the genocide. "There were pictures of children with captions that included their favorite color, their favorite things to do." In addition, there was information about how each child was killed.

"With peace building and reconciliation, I've noticed the capacity for forgiveness from Rwandans. After the genocide, President Kagame (a Tutsi) decided he did not want to pursue revenge on the Hutu's for the genocide, but rather wanted to reconcile and work together to redeem and rebuild Rwanda.

"This concept has been hard to grasp coming from the US. We focus so much on reparations, that a concept like the one President Kagame has pursued would never be worked out in the US. Learning about this has helped me to reflect on the capacity of forgiveness in my own life and in the lives of others."

Follow Alyra's blog to learn more about her experiences: <https://murahofromrwanda.wordpress.com>.

Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA

We've all heard it said, "You will never know unless you try." So, back in 2013, the Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly decided to "try" launching a five-year comprehensive campaign with four key priorities:

1. Congregations - new and renewing, and people living with disabilities
2. Hunger and poverty - ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign
3. Global Church - long-term missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, Global Ministries and International Women Leaders
4. Leadership - Fund for Leaders, along with Youth and Young Adults

The Campaign has run for 36 months now, and the leaders are very pleased with the progress made to date. As of Jan. 31, 2017 \$113 million dollars in cash and commitments has been received (57.3 percent of the goal).

The ELCA is very grateful for the offerings that have come forward as a

result of "trying" this new thing. Just imagine what more can be done as we continue to grow in supporting the people, communities and projects that are a priority for us.

To donate, visit www.elca.org and click on the "Campaign for the ELCA" button.



Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ, Allentown



In February, 2015, on the drive back to Allentown from a two-day conference about people who identify as "spiritual but not religious," Pastors Tom Lichner and Woody Maxon birthed the vision of a place that would offer safe space, resources, and programming for folks to search their spiritual identity, regardless of their connection to any particular faith community.

This was the beginning of what is now called the Center for Spiritual Awakening, which has found a home in Christ Lutheran's newly renovated, at-one-time parsonage, next to the church building.

- Vision - To awaken and reawaken the awareness of people to the spirit of God in and around them everyday.
- Mission - To provide supportive programs, resources, and safe space for people to search their spiritual identity and relationship with God in order to live to their truest and fullest potential.

The Center recognizes that some people are closely aligned with a traditional faith group; but others are not and seek to satisfy their spiritual hunger through new and different ways of exploration. The Center realizes that spirituality is a way of life and not just a set of creeds and doctrines to adhere to.

To this end the Center offers one-on-one and group spiritual guidance, guided prayer retreats, discussion groups, contemplative worship, and various kinds of programs at the Center and other Lehigh Valley locations. The Center's diverse array of offerings and resources can be viewed on its webpage at the Christ Lutheran Church website: www.christ-atown.org.

The Center's Director is the Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Tom was a clinical member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors for ten years and he has been certified by two institutions and been practicing as a Spiritual Director since 1989.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SOCIAL MINISTRY BINGO AT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY 2PM	2	3 CUBS SPAGHETTI DINNER 4PM
4 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	5 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7pm	6 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM CHRISTIAN ED. 7:30PM	7	8 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	9	10 50+ 1PM
11 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP	12 GIRL SCOUTS 6:00PM COUNCIL 7PM	13 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	14	15 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM	16	17 FATHER'S DAY MOVIE/GAME NIGHT
18 FATHER'S DAY IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP	19 GRACEDALE NURSING HOME VISIT 6:30PM	20 CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM	21	22	23	24
25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP	26 PROPERTY 7:00pm	27	28	29	30	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL