



The Shepherd's Staff

February 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Seems like Christmas was only a few days ago and now Lent is almost upon us! We begin our Lenten Journey on February 14th. I know it is Valentine's Day and it's not my fault. Ash Wednesday is based on the first full moon after the first day of Spring. So Easter is March 31st. We count backward to establish Ash Wednesday. Many usually give up something for Lent. It is something they should give up anyway. I have always asked you to add something during Lent, like devotions or church attendance. This year, I am asking you to grow closer with Jesus during the Lenten season. So, what do you need to change in your life to grow closer to our Lord? What habits prevent you? What excuses do you make to Him when He asks, "Will you walk with me?"

I call Lent a journey because we walk with Jesus on His way to the cross. This is not an easy journey for Him or us. He calls us to grow closer to Him. We do that through spending time with Him in prayer, spending times with the Word, and even worshipping Him through church and participation in Holy Communion. So I ask you to say "yes" to Jesus and walk with Him on His journey to the cross. Celebrate His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Gary

P.S. Please remember the food bank. It is hard for so many families to put food on the table. Every little bit you bring in makes a difference in some one's life!



February 4
Scout Sunday

February 10
Mardi Gras Pot
Luck & Talent
Show

February 11
Transfiguration
Sunday
Souper-Bowl
Collection
Fundraising mtg.

February 14
Ash Wednesday
St. Valentine's
Day

February 19
Presidents Day

February 21
Mid week Lenten
Service

February 28
Mid week Lenten
Service

March 24
Palm Sunday
First Communion

March 30
Easter Egg hunt

March 31
Easter Sunday

April 14
BINGO

April 21
Annual
Congregational
Meeting

President's Corner

Dear Friends:

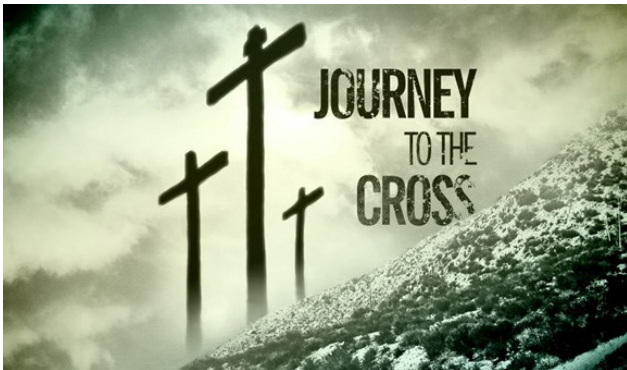
Have you ever wondered how it all gets done? In my first month as Council President, I am starting to find out. This church is blessed with dedicated and caring people who quietly do what it takes to make this congregation run. I am now getting the emails and phone calls that tell me what happens around here. The counters who make sure our offering is safely handled week after week. The volunteers doing administrative work. The dozens of people running church committees and doing all the good works in each of their areas. And the fabulous men and women of the Property Committee, who so in far in January have dealt with a roof leak, a failed hot water heater, 2 snow events and all the clean-up that goes with it, and the cleanup from Christmas, all while cleaning the church with a volunteer crew that is really doing a fantastic job. The Fundraising Committee spent hundreds of hours preparing their major events and made a huge impact on our financial health for the year. And Our Altar Guild is always busy, our choir, lectors, worship assistants, ushers and acolytes are helping Pastor run the service, and so many other individuals do so many other amazing things that it is impossible to list them all. And that is on top of the professional staff that runs all the other stuff you DO see every Sunday.

In my first article I set a goal of filling our church council with 12 members. I am happy to say that of the three open seats, one seat has been filled. We are still looking for 2 members to join us. Please consider talking with me and volunteering to help make decisions for our church. The first thing you will discover is that a lot of wonderful people at Good Shepherd doing all sorts of volunteer service IS the reason it all gets done. Thank you ALL for your efforts in the year ahead.



We are about to enter the season of Lent. But before we do, please join us for our planned Mardi Gras Pot Luck and Talent Show on Feb. 10th. Share your talents with everybody, enjoy some food and fellowship, and be prepared for some fun and laughter. See you there!

Chris Holub, Council President



It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him. There are **four things** we try to concentrate on during Lent: **Prayer, Abstinence, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Try to pray a little more often, go to worship more often, or just come by and visit the church .

Our Lenten Journey

*Lent begins on February 14. We will have two worship services on Ash Wednesday, 11AM and 7 PM. We will also have our mid week worship service at 11AM & 7PM. This year we will be **"Asking Questions"** Each session bring a question that has always puzzled you and we will search for an answer.*



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lent/ Holy Week Schedule



February 14 Ash Wednesday
11:00am & 7:00pm

February 21 Mid week Service
11:00am & 7:00pm

February 28 Mid week Service
11:00am & 7:00pm

March 6 Mid week Service
11:00am & 7:00pm

March 13 Mid week Service
11:00am & 7:00pm

March 20 Mid week Service
11:00am & 7:00pm

March 24 Palm Sunday/First Holy Communion
Distribution of Palms
9:00am service

March 27 Stations of the Cross
7:00pm

March 28 Maundy Thursday
11:00am Holy Communion
7:00pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

March 29 Good Friday
7:00pm Tenebrae

March 31 Resurrection of our Lord
6:30am Dawn Service/ Holy Communion
9:00am Festival Service/ Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

One of the steps in growing up in the church is receiving your First Holy Communion. We give First Holy Communion instruction to anyone who is in second grade or older.

Our First Communion classes will take place March 12th and March 19th. The classes will begin at 7:00pm in the 3rd/4th grade room. They will last approximately 45 minutes. At least one parent must attend.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday during the 9:00am service.

If you are interested in having your child participate, or have any questions, please call the church office or Pastor Gary.



JOIN US !

Mardi Gras Talent Show & Pot Luck

February 10th

5-9pm

In Fellowship Hall

Sign up for talent and covered dish is located in the narthex. Our favorite MC, Scott Henninger will be back again this year!

Fun, Food, TALENT and Fellowship!

It's that time again for our **Annual Soup Sale Event.**
 The Fundraising Committee will start taking orders after church February 4th - 18th
 All Orders our due by: February 18th

All soups are \$6.00 a pint, if you would like any soup please make sure to order what you would like for any or all the weeks, please fill out the form below.

You can return to the order form to LeAnne Krill along with payment, make checks out to: **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.** Or email her at leannemkrill@gmail.com subject: Soup Sale with your order. Thank You!

All orders will be ready for pick up on date marked from 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Please return this part with your order



Pick up date	Soups	Price/ pint	Qty.	Total
<i>March 3</i>	Ham and Potato	\$6.00		
	Chicken Corn	\$6.00		
<i>March 10</i>	Minestrone	\$6.00		
	Italian Wedding	\$6.00		
<i>March 17</i>	Stromboli	\$6.00		
	Cheese- Broccoli	\$6.00		

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church presents Gift Card BINGO!

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Doors & Kitchen open at noon. Games begin at 1pm.

Presale tickets \$25 inc. 20 regular games / 5 specials & door prize (\$30 at the door whiles supplies last)

Call Lisa to reserve your seat
 484-241-1370

Extra games, 50/50, Food and refreshments will be avl. for sale.



* games operated under license issued to GSLC, managed by Ed Filipovits.

Happy Birthday...

Lorie Gaugler 02/01
Janice Andrew 02/02
Sheila Persing 02/03
Ralph Tobias 02/03
Kristine Meyers 02/04
Jennifer Burrell 02/05
Ruth Violet Goodin 02/07
Courtney Hahn 02/07
Lauren Yelles 02/09
Ava Talbot 02/11
Christine Vash 02/12
Nicholas Vash 02/12
Zachary Vash 02/12
Jennifer Gaugler 02/15
Tori Schaffer 02/16
Kristen Weiner 02/16
Joshua Holub 02/19
Benjamin Klusaritz 02/20
Mark Weaver 02/20
Douglas Yelles 02/20
John Hoff 02/21
Shelby Hoff 02/21
Paul Evans III 02/22
Christina Talbot 02/22
Keegan Edelman 02/25
Alexa Wiland 02/25
Brock Weiner 02/27
Michael Hahn 02/28
Barbara Weimann 02/28

Anniversaries

Scott & Jolene LaBarre (17) 02/05
Joyce & Morry Pulley (44) 02/14
Dean & Roseann Yelles (47) 02/22



Karaoke night



March 2, 2024
6pm-9pm
Fellowship Hall

From rock ballads to movie soundtracks! Bring your voice and join us!

Refreshments will be provided.

PASTORAL ACTS

Sunday School

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. All ages are encouraged to attend. So after the church service, please make your way down the hallway and find the classroom that is right for you. We hope to see everyone.



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 Northampton Area Food Bank.

The Northampton Area Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in November. **116** items were delivered !

Our annual **Souper-Bowl** collection to benefit the NAFB will take place after service on February 11th.

Please bring your spare change to service on Feb. 11



February Worship Assistant List

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
2.4	Bill Gebhardt	Boy Scouts	Linda Siekonic	
2.11	Chris Holub	Lorie Filipovits	Donna Pavlick	Will Burrell
2.14-11am	Jen Gaugler	Lorie Filipovits	Diane Hausman	
2.14-7pm	Ben Bogden	Nicole Bogden	LeAnne Krill	Andrew LaBarre
2.18	Bill Gebhardt	Bill Gebhardt	Gail Loch	Andrew LaBarre
2.25	David Hausman	Jen Burrell	Diane Hausman	Will Burrell

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

	Ushers
2.4	Kerry Ruch, Doug Yelles, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Dave Hausman
2.11	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Ed Filipovits, Dan Pavlick
2.14- 11	David Hausman, Shelly Dorn
2.14-7	Mary Dennis, Edwin Marshall, Dan Pavlick
2.18	Mary Dennis, Edwin Marshall, Doug Yelles, Dan Pavlick
2.25	Dean & Roseann Yelles, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Shelly Dorn

Winter weather alert

Be sure to check WFMZ or Facebook for up to minute cancellations for Sunday service.



Treasurer Report – December 2023

In the month of December, we had income of \$17,800, which increased our net income to \$31,300 for the year. What a great way to end the year!!

Some notable income activity includes:

- Offerings of \$18,400
- Fundraising of \$8,200
- Interest of \$3,300

Some notable expense activity includes:

- \$335 for Organ Maintenance
- \$400 for Maintenance and Repairs
- \$1,100 for Electric

At the end of December, we had a balance of \$10,000 in our checking account. Our savings account has a balance of \$40,000.

There is about \$3,000 in outstanding checks that will clear in the upcoming days.

Total assets, all bank accounts and CDs, were \$218,000 at December 31, 2023

2024 Financial breakdown for February

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,101.00

Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,803.00



Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
12/3	3110.00		135.00
12/10	3446.00		30.00
12/17	2792.50		30.00
12/24 9am	3335.00		
12/24 4pm	3001.00		
12/24 7:30pm	2286.00		
12/31	1851.00		

Easter Flowers

Orders due Sunday, February 25.

Name _____ Phone _____

- Pansies (asst colors) \$3.25**
- Tulips 5 bulbs \$6.75**
Available colors: (a) pink (b) yellow
- Hardy Azaleas \$13.25**
Available colors: (a) rose (b) lavender
- Triple Hyacinths \$6.75**
Available colors: (a) pink (b) blue
- Lilies 5 + blooms \$9.75**



FLOWERS	COST	COLOR	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Pansies	\$3.25 ea			
Tulips	\$6.75 ea			
Azaleas	\$13.25 ea			
Hyacinths	\$6.75 ea			
Lilies	\$9.75 ea			

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

IN HONOR OF:

OR

IN MEMORY OF:

Sponsored by: _____

**Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Please give form & payment to Altar guild or office.

Good Shepherd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 AM

Rain or shine in the Fellowship Hall for all children up to 6th grade.

The Egg Hunt Committee is in need of some individual chocolate candies to fill plastic eggs. If you would be able to help us out please place candy in the container marked Egg Hunt by March 17h. Thank you so much. Egg Hunt Committee



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	2	3
4 Worship 9:00am Scout Sunday In Touch Sunday school	5 Worship & Music Mtg Girl Scouts 7:00pm	6 Christian Ed Mtg Boy Scouts 7:00pm	7	8 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	9 Council Reports Due	10 Mardi Gras & Pot Luck 5-9pm Fellowship Hall
11 Worship 9:00am Food Bank Sunday school Souper-bowl Collection Fundraising Mtg	12 Council Mtg 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm	13 Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fastnacht Day	14 Ash Wednesday Services 11am & 7pm 	15 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	17
18 Worship 9:00am First Sunday in Lent Sunday school SOUP ORDERS DUE	19 President's Day Girl Scouts 7:00pm	20 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	21 Mid Week Lent Service 11am & 7pm	22 Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm Choir practice 7:30pm	23	24
25 Worship 9:00am Second Sunday in Lent Sunday school FLOWER ORDERS DUE	26	27 Boy Scouts 7:00pm	28 Mid Week Lent Service 11am & 7pm Newsletter as- sembly 11:45am	29 		



*Join us for Scout Sunday
on February 4th at
9:00am Sunday Service!*



Fundraising Committee meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of every month after Sunday service. Join us!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after Sunday Service on April 21, 2024. We will have more information to follow.

Easter Candy coming soon!

The fundraising committee will be selling home made Easter candy in March! Look for more information in the March newsletter!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
February 14th
11am & 7pm

