



The Shepherd's Staff

October 2024



From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

The theme for October is reform. Reform means to change to a better form, to abandon wrong or evil ways of life or conduct. We see that when we remember St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. The simple Brother brought renewal to the Church of the 13th century.

We see this as we remember Martin Luther and the Reformation. He had no desire to leave the Catholic Church but the church of his day kicked him out. Others gathered around him and soon he had his own worshipping community that continues to grow. His legacy is still ongoing today.

Reformation is important for us in our day. Our church needs to see how it can make a difference in lives of people. We are reaching out to the special needs community through our new youth group. We are beginning a contemporary worship service. We are not changing our beliefs but attempting to touch other's lives.

Finally, how can reformation apply to your own individual life? How can you change in your journey towards God? What do you need to add or change? Reformation is an ongoing journey for the church and for us personally.

*Yours in Jesus,
Pastor Gary*



Please remember that every 2nd Sunday of the month is **Food Bank Sunday**. All donations help to support the Northampton Area Food Bank. These continued donations help so many people that struggle with food insecurities. With everyone's generosity we can help all through the year. A total of 261 items from GSLC were donated in September. Not too bad for a community church from Northampton!

Planning Ahead...

October 3

Choir Practice

7:30pm

Bell Practice

6:30pm

October 4

Basket Social

4-8pm

October 6

Blessing of the Animals

1-2pm

October 12

Girl Scout

Pancake Breakfast

8-11am

October 13

Food Bank Sunday
&

Grounds of
Grace

Contemporary
Worship

8am

October 14

Council Meeting

6:30pm

October 17

Dine to Donate

Seemsville Inn

4-8pm

October 26

Halloween Party

6-10pm



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Worship Service 9:00 AM

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Kristen Merkert

Organist /Choir Director

Beverly Moore

Church Secretary

***Hope to see
you on Sunday
at 9am.***



President's Corner

You may have noticed that my running theme lately is how very busy my summer has been and how much I have missed activities at Good Shepherd. But that changed today. Rally Day found me practicing choir music, highlighting bell phrases, checking the prayer list as worship assistant, and literally running to catch up to Pastor Gary as we entered worship together.

And then, something happened. As soon as I started singing the first hymn, my soul centered and I began to feel the joy of worship. Music and singing is how I worship, and I miss something in my soul when I am away from this community too long. The more I sang, the better I felt, and the more I heard the Word of God. If you have felt yourself drifting lately, and have not made it to church, come in, pick up a hymnal, and sing with a joyful heart. You too will feel better I promise!

Today I also heard Pastor echoing the words of Jesus from the Gospel. He said "Whoever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." We are about to do some powerful things here at Good Shepherd. We are about to begin a ministry for Special Needs children. We are also about to initiate a contemporary worship service to reach out to younger people and people with busy lives who need us to meet them in their time and spaces and bring them to God. On top of that we are blessing animals, pulling off two massive annual fundraising efforts with multiple volunteers, starting to prepare for a busy Advent season, WHILE continuing all the normal ministries we have every day. We are also hosting the November election as a polling place in service to our local community. I don't have to go anywhere else to be busy. BUSY is right here!

Continue to pray for our congregation, especially our members in need or struggling with health concerns. And pitch in wherever you can. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer all over our church. And please welcome our new ministries, and the new children we are about to meet. Let us honor the example Jesus set by welcoming the children He is sending to us.

Blessings to All,

Chris

PASTORAL ACTS



Wedding

Pastor Gary felt that it would not be a proper celebration without a picture (which was not available for last months newsletter). Let us again rejoice in the wedding of Jessica Kirkpatrick and Brian Lazarus which took place on August 31st. Congratulations.



Baptism

We celebrate the baptism on September 1st, of Amari Mae Lopez., who is the daughter of David & Elia Lopez. May they always remember this day, and may God's love and blessing fill all of your tomorrows.



Funeral

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the family and friends of the following member of GSLC who passed into eternal life in the month of September 2024.

Donna Lee Walck

Forever
IN OUR
hearts

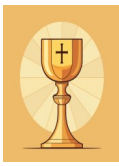


Adrienne Gaugler	10/01
David Laudenslager	10/01
Bonnie Schwartz	10/02
Willard Frack Jr.	10/03
Linda Peters	10/06
Emma Dungan	10/07
Linda Heimpel	10/15
Kara Klusaritz	10/15
Carole Holub	10/17
Judy Luckenbill	10/17
Sandra Newhard	10/17
Kathleen Januszewski	10/24
Louise Saylor	10/25
Thomas Lawlor	10/26
Lindsey Reimer	10/26
Marionette Mast	10/27
Amy Hower	10/28
David Burrell	10/30

Laurie & Lou Perna (28)	10/05
Patrick & Amber Adams (3)	10/09
Tori & Andrew Edelman (12)	10/13
Brian & Denise Schmall (34)	10/13
Maryann & Terry Edelman (46)	10/14
Forrest & Brenda Koch (23)	10/14
Blair & Amy Hower (39)	10/19
Rick & Judy Fehr (31)	10/23
Gerald & Sheila Persing (44)	10/25
David & Jan Andrew (18)	10/26



Have you moved or changed your phone number? We want to hear from you so we keep our information current. Give the office a call at 610-262-9517. Remember we are only as good as the information we have and be assured we don't share that information.



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE IN OCTOBER



Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
October 6, 2024	Bill Gebhardt	Nicole Bogden	Gail Loch	Jess Snyder
October 13, 2024	Chris Holub	Jen Burrell	Linda Siekonic	Will Burrell
October 20, 2024	Bill Gebhardt	Diane Hausman	LeAnne Krill	Emma Rogers
October 27, 2024	Chris Holub	Jen Burrell	Diane Hausman	Will Burrell

	Ushers
October 6, 2024	TBD
October 13, 2024	Charlie Burrell, Roseann Yelles, Dean Yelles, TBD
October 20, 2024	Kerry Ruch, TBD
October 27, 2024	Charlie Burrell, Roseann Yelles, Dean Yelles, TBD

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

Treasure's report was not available at the time of printing

2024 Financial breakdown for October

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,101.00
Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,803.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
08/04/2024	4119.00		220.00
08/11/2024	1740.00		20.00
08/18/2024	1555.00		35.00
08/25/2024	2943.00		100.00

just kidding!

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!" "Why not?" asked his mother. "I'll give you two good reasons sons," he said. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the pastor!"

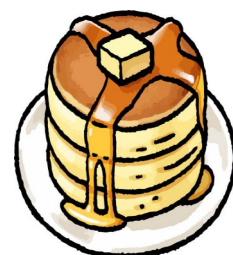
October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Christian Ed 7pm	2	3 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	4 Basket Social 4-8 pm	5
6 Worship 9am Blessing of the Animals 1-2pm	7	8	9	10 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	11	12 Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
13 Worship 9am Food Bank Contemporary Service 8-8:30am	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30 Dine To Donate Seemsville Inn 4-8pm	18	19
20 Worship 9am Welcome Pastor Timothy Boyle	21	22	23	24 Choir Practice Bells 6:30 Choir 7:30	25	26 Halloween Party 6-9pm Music & Food
27 Worship 9am	28	29	30	31		

Good Shepherd Lutheran will be holding the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, **October 6th from 1-2 pm**. It doesn't matter if they have fur, feathers or scales we invite everyone who is a pet caregiver to stop by. If your pet doesn't play well with others, feel free to bring a picture. We ask all pets be on a leash or in a carrier. We hope to see you and your pet.



Girl Scout Troop 8133 is hosting an **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on **Saturday, October 11th**. This fundraiser is open to everyone who loves pancakes (who doesn't ??). It will be in the **GSLC Fellowship Hall** from 8am-11am. Please come out and support them and get some tasty pancakes too!



AUTUMN BASKET SOCIAL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024
4PM-8PM

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this one!

Come out and support this amazing event.
We have **110** baskets and over **25** gift cards available.
The selection of items is fantastic.

The kitchen will be open serving up some tasty items.
Skip making dinner and come for the food and fun.

No need to give up your Saturday.
Just spend your Friday evening with Good Shepherd
and have a Good Time!!



35 million pounds of candy corn are produced each year. The majority of it is sold during the month of October.



HARVEST HOME 2024

Good Shepherd celebrated Harvest Home on Sunday, September 15th.
The donations were plentiful. We are always so grateful for the generosity of our congregation.
Items were sent to both Northampton Area Food Bank and Victory House.





SAVE THE DATE:
GOOD SHEPHERD'S HALLOWEEN PARTY WILL
BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH FROM 6-9PM.
THERE WILL BE MUSIC AND FOOD AND PLENTY
OF TREATS AND NO TRICKS. COSTUMES ARE
WELCOME BUT NOT NECESSARY. THE ONLY
THING IS TO COME AND HAVE A
SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT. MUSIC WILL BE
SUPPLIED BY OUR OWN "DJ BEN".



Do you like to sew? The Social Ministry Committee is looking for volunteers to sew cloth bags for our annual Lutheran World Relief school kit mission project. We will supply the pattern, fabric and thread. The bags will be used next August, so volunteers can construct as many or as few bags as they wish over the next 11 months. If you would like more information, contact Barb Wiemann at blwiemann@gmail.com or call at 610-262-6977.

GSLC is hosting another **Dine to Donate** Event on October 17th from 4-8pm at Seemsville Inn. They have generously hosted these events for us in the past and they are always successful. The food at Seemsville Inn is always fresh and delicious. The owners Tony & Michael have owned the Inn since 2017 and thankfully rebuilt it after a fire in 2019. We are happy to have them as part of the community. Hope to see you there.



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The Social Ministry Committee's Lutheran World Relief School Kit mission project was a great success. We have shipped 175 kits which will enable children who have been impacted by war and natural disasters to attend school. Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies, to Dan Pavlick for the boxes to pack the kits; Ed & Lori Filipovits for moving the supplies and helping set up the assembly room; to Ben Bogden, Bryanna Bogden, Linda Burrows, Judy Fehr, Carole Holub, Marge Leith, Tina Miller, Jeanne Schweitzer, Barbara Steigerwalt and Kathy Toth for assembling the kits; and to Thrivent for an Action Team Grant to support this mission.

TASTY TALES

If you have a beloved recipe and are willing to share it, GSLC would love to help. Please send your recipe to: goodshepherd@lutheran.rcn.com

Our 3rd recipe comes from Diane Hausman:

Diane has been a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran since 2011. Diane was born and raised in Whitehall, PA. She has happily lived in Coplay, PA for the 54yrs that she and her husband Dave have been married. She is currently a proud member of the Altar Guild and assists her husband Dave in the finance functions of Good Shepherd. When she is not whipping up this tasty cake, she enjoys spending time at home while reading some exciting historical fiction. Happy baking!

Diane's Blueberry Crumb Cake

Preheat oven to 350

Grease and flour a 9 x13 pan



Ingredients:

3 cups flour	4-1/2 tsp white vinegar
2 cups sugar	1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp salt	2 eggs
1-1/2 sticks of margarine, softened	
1tsp baking soda	1 cup milk
12oz of fresh blueberries or 1 can rinsed and drained	

Instructions:

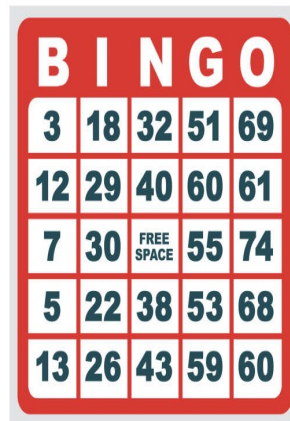
In a large bowl mix the flour, sugar, salt and margarine with a pastry blender or fork until crumbs form. Reserve and set aside 1/2 cup of crumbs for topping. Add baking soda and the vinegar to the milk. Add the milk mixture to the remaining dry ingredients, then add the eggs and vanilla and mix well. Fold in blueberries. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and sprinkle with the 1/2cup of reserved crumbs. Bake for 40-45 minutes. This cake freezes well!

*note You may also use 2- 8 x 8 pans. If you do please reserve 2/3 cup of the crumbs so you have enough for both pans. Keep one and share the other!



Fall is the time when we all start to stay inside just a little more. Have you noticed things are piling up? Well if so, GSLC is happy to help you declutter your space. Donations for our Indoor Winter Sale Event which is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th (which by the way, will be combined with our famous cookie sale) The church office is open M-F, 9am-2pm. Please call 610-262-9517 to set up a drop off time. Please contact Marge at 610-262-8328 with any donation questions.

Our Bingo event from September 8th was a success. We had a solid turnout of 85 people. We would like to send a special thank you out to all of the people that helped. From the kitchen crew, who never let us leave hungry to the bakers of all the delicious treats and most of all the set up crew and the clean up crew. We would not be able to have these events without you.



Special thanks to Rockland Bakery and Jennifer Baker for the donations of the rolls for our Bingo event.



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Inclusive Special Needs Ministry

Sign up on our website:
WWW.GOODSHEPHERDKREIDERSVILLE.ORG

November 17 2-4p
once a month

We have so many new and exciting things happening here at GSLC. We are proud to be starting our **Club 139**. As Psalm 139:14 states: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are they works; and that my soul knoweth right well." We have had great interest so far and welcome Special Needs young adults from the ages of 12-21. We will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 2-4pm. Our mission is to bring Christ into your life, meeting you where you are.



Both the shortest and the longest chapter in the whole Bible can be found in the Book of Psalms. Containing only 2 verses, Psalm 117 is the shortest while Psalm 119 is the longest.



GROUNDS OF GRACE CAFE

Contemporary Worship

8a-8:30a

Sunday, October 13

**Every second Sunday of the month in
Fellowship Hall*



LIVE BAND



Communion



Coffee Bar

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We here at Good Shepherd are very excited about our new **Contemporary Worship Service** that will be happening once a month. Our praise band has been practicing and ready to let their talents shine. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday October 13th at 8am.** Coffee and Donuts will be served.



All Saints Celebration: November 3, 2024

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.



Veterans Day Service, November 10, 2024

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
