

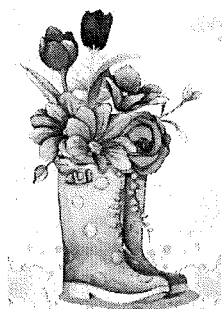
*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,*

*Alleluia! This is a word that you will be hearing quite often during this Easter season. Alleluia is a Hebrew word meaning praise the Lord. This shows us that in this season we experience joy and hope calling us to be light for the world. Our Easter season lasts for 50 days from the Easter Vigil to the Feast of Pentecost. We look outside and we see signs of new life all around us. The new life bursts from the earth and reminds us that God is the source of all life and goodness. This is a time of new beginnings.*

*The Easter message is for all of us, whoever we are. It is never too late to make a fresh start. The Good News is that Jesus is always with us. He is present when we pray and when we struggle to pray, when we are happy and when we are hurting. We experience His presence in the beauty of our world and in the love we share with others. As we make our way through this joyous season, we open the door of our hearts and invite the Risen Jesus to enter in and change us and make us a new creation.*

*In His hands,  
Pastor Gary*

**GOODBYE  
APRIL  
WELCOME  
MAY**



Remember our Worship Service is at 9:00am each Sunday. All are welcome. We invite you to follow us on Facebook. We live stream our services each Sunday. If you would like to receive a copy of our weekly bulletin prior to worship please let the office know. You may email: [goodshepherd@lutheran@rcn.com](mailto:goodshepherd@lutheran@rcn.com) to be added to our list.

**May 2**  
Game Night 6-9pm

**May 4**  
Worship & Music 7pm

**May 5**  
Christian Ed 7pm

**May 6**  
Fundraising Meeting  
7pm

**May 10**  
Mother's Day  
Worship 9am  
Food Bank Sunday  
Flower Orders Due

**May 11**  
Council Meeting 6:30pm

**May 14**  
Dine & Donate 4-8pm

**May 17**  
Music Sunday 9am  
Kristen's Last Day  
Club 139 2pm

**May 24**  
Memorial Day  
Service 9am

**May 25**  
Memorial Day  
Church Office is  
Closed

**May 30**  
Movie Night 7pm  
I Can Only Imagine II

**June 13**  
Seniors' prom

**June 22-26**  
Vacation Bible School

## President's Corner

Mother, Mom, Mommy, whatever you call her I hope you love your mom as much as I do. I can't believe it's been 3 months now since she passed away. If you haven't had a good relationship with your mom, I pray you have some other special mother figure in your life. Don't miss the opportunity to say, "Thank you." or "I love you."

Clean your room, Do your homework, Be kind to your brother (or sister), Tell me about your day. Do you ever wonder if Mary ever had to say these things to Jesus? I believe so, and she was an integral part of Jesus' life and Ministry until the very moment of his crucifixion. We in our own church could use some motherly advice and reminders to clean up, study, share, be kind and ask our brothers and sisters in the community how they are doing and to join us for worship or other events. We all should learn from Mary's love and dedication to the early church as a prominent mother figure. Happy Mother's Day. Now go say your prayers..... Luke 1: 46-47 - Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"

Yours in Christ,  
Mark Weaver



THIS YEAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
WILL BE ABOUT

KINDNESS & FORGIVENESS.

JUNE 22-JUNE 26

6:00-7:30pm

Ages 4 thru Grade 6

Please call the church office or email

Leanne Krill for more details.

leannemkrill@gmail.com

### SAVE THE DATE JUNE 13 2025

Our Seniors' Prom will be on June 13th. Doors open at 4:00pm. The theme this year is *A Tale As Old As Time.*

Share your story of how you met your significant other and include a picture. We will highlight these stories at the Prom.

Contact Nicole or Bryanna Bogden at 484-241-1275 or email [bensmom1101@ptd.net](mailto:bensmom1101@ptd.net)

# Prom

# PASTORAL ACTS



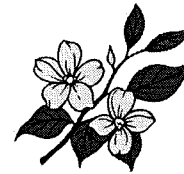
In 1970 Rev. Joseph Slusser and Rev. Carl Adams (pictured on left) founded our church, Good Shepherd.

This year Pastor Carl is celebrating his 65th anniversary of ordination on May 28th. I would like for us to send cards to him to help him celebrate. For the past 5 years, he has been in a nursing home. He is now in Kutztown. (mail goes to his son in Hamburg)

There will be cards available on the table in the Narthex here at church. Pick up a card when you attend service. Write him a note and sign your name as a member of Good Shepherd. The address is on the card. All you need is a stamp. If you are unable to pick up a card from church, please send one of your own. The address is below. Let us show one of our founding Pastors our appreciation.

Thank you,  
Pastor Gary

Send cards and notes to:  
Rev. Carl R. Adams  
141 S 3rd Street  
Hamburg, PA 19526



*Welcome*

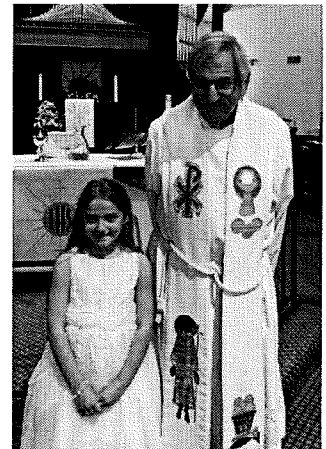
*The staff and the congregation of Good Shepherd would like to welcome our new Organist/Music Director Geraldine Patire. Geraldine is musically talented and we look forward to having her as a part of the Good Shepherd family. Welcome Geraldine.*



**Holy  
Baptism**



On April 26, 2026, Meredith Grace Althoff received the Sacrament of Baptism here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Meredith is the daughter of Ryan & Tamara Althoff. May God bless you and smile upon you Meredith Grace!



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
welcomes you to our  
**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**  
on Sunday, May 24, 2026  
9am Service.

**In preparation for our Memorial day service, please submit names of those that have died during their service to our country or that have served in the Armed Forces and have since passed. This is a day of remembrance.**

Please make your submission, (including name & branch) by email to:  
[goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com](mailto:goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com)  
or call the office at 610-262-9517.  
All names submitted will be added to our special prayer list for the May 24th service.



**Just kidding!**

A burglar breaks into this house and is looking around, when suddenly he hears a voice "Jesus is watching you". The burglar stops suddenly and looks around but can't find anything, so he continues gathering up the goods, then suddenly again he hears a voice "Jesus is watching you". The burglar then turns on his flashlight and looks around the room. He see's a parrot in a cage, the burglar goes up to the parrot and asks "did you just say that?" the parrot answers "Yes" The burglar laughs and says "What's your name then?" and the parrot replies "Moses"  
The burglar laughs again and says "Who would give such a stupid name to a parrot?"  
The parrot replies "the same people who would call a German Shepherd Jesus."



"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

Join us at 9am worship on May 17th as we lift our voices to the Lord and sing praise and recognize Kristin's last day with GSLC.

This Sunday service will be filled with all of your favorites and perhaps some new songs to make your heart a place of worship through music. Please join us!



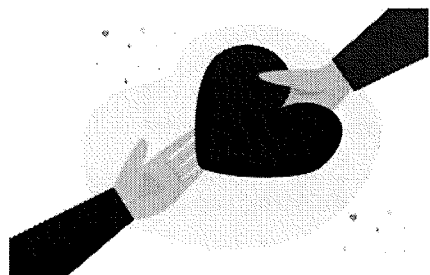
Our Drive Thru Chicken Dinner on April 25th , was a success. The dinners were wonderful. This was our first time hosting this type of fundraiser. We sold 78 dinners. We made a profit of \$390.00. Thank you to LeAnne Krill and the team at Lorah's Pig Roasters & Farm Market. We hope that this event will become a regular fundraiser for Good Shepherd.



|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Judy Fehr       | 5/1  |
| Kelly Wiland    | 5/1  |
| Maryann Edelman | 5/2  |
| Margaret Tobias | 5/3  |
| Jason Bogden    | 5/7  |
| Jennifer Baker  | 5/10 |
| Jeff Dorn       | 5/11 |
| Nicole Layton   | 5/12 |
| Mary Dennis     | 5/21 |
| Roseann Yelles  | 5/22 |
| Lucas Miller    | 5/24 |
| Lori Borda      | 5/26 |
| Dolores Long    | 5/26 |
| Kevin Readinger | 5/26 |
| Breanne LaBarre | 5/27 |
| Robert Osiecki  | 5/27 |
| John J. Mann    | 5/28 |
| John E. Mann    | 5/29 |
| Alfred Wiemann  | 5/29 |
| Renae Yelles    | 5/29 |
| Kimberly Sandt  |      |

**ANNIVERSARIES**


|                            |       |      |
|----------------------------|-------|------|
| Jessica & Matt Snyder      | 6yrs  | 5/4  |
| Shannon & Brett Dereamus   | 7yrs  | 5/5  |
| Louis & Stephanie Schwartz | 9yrs  | 5/6  |
| Richard & Carole Holub     | 61yrs | 5/8  |
| William & Sally Sherman    | 53yrs | 5/12 |
| Beverly & Boyd Moore       | 29yrs | 5/12 |
| Manuela & John Tufano      | 46yrs | 5/24 |
| Michael & Karen Hahn       | 41yrs | 5/25 |
| Paul & Linda Peters        | 58yrs | 5/25 |
| Jeff & Shelly Dorn         | 48yrs | 5/27 |
| Dale & Helen Moyer         | 65yrs | 5/27 |
| Linda & William Heimpel    | 51yrs | 5/31 |



**In Touch-** On the 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 who can't always attend a Sunday worship service that we remember them and 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. *GSLC* always amazes! We collected a total of 226 items for the month of April. That's just shy of 100 more items than the month of March. So here's the challenge can we beat April's amount??

# May 2026

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                            | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|   |  |                                    |   |   | <b>1</b><br>May Day<br>Full Moon                       | <b>2</b><br>Game Night<br>UNO<br>6-9pm                           |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00am<br>Worship<br><br><b>IN TOUCH</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Worship & Music<br>7:00pm                        | <b>5</b><br>Christian Ed<br>7:00pm | <b>6</b><br>Fundraising<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm  | <b>7</b><br>Bells & Choir<br>6:30 & 7:30<br><br>National Day<br>of Prayer                       | <b>8</b><br>Beverly's<br>2yr anniversary<br>With GSLC! | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>10</b><br>Mother's Day<br>Special Service<br><br>Geranium Order<br>Due<br><br>9:00am Worship<br><br><b>FOOD BANK</b> | <b>11</b><br>Council Meeting<br>6:30pm                       | <b>12</b>                          | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>Bells & Choir<br>6:30 & 7:30<br><br>Dine &<br>Donate at<br>Seemsville<br>Pub 4-8pm | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>Armed<br>Forces Day                                 |
| <b>17</b><br>Music Sunday<br>9am<br><br>Kristen's Last<br>Day with GSLC!<br><br>Club 139 2pm                            | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>                          | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>Bells & Choir<br>6:30 & 7:30   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00am Worship<br><br>Memorial Day<br>Special Service  | <b>25</b><br>Memorial Day<br><br>Church Office is<br>Closed. | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>Bells & Choir<br>6:30 & 7:30<br><br>Rev. Adams<br>65th Anniv.<br>Of Ordination     | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Movie Night<br>7:00pm<br>"I Can Only<br>Imagine II" |
| <b>31</b><br>9:00am Worship<br><br>2nd Full Moon<br>for the month   |  |                                    |  |   |  |  |

## 2025 Financial breakdown for May

Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,334.00

| Date      | Weekly offering | Memorial | Building repair |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| 3-1-2026  | \$4521.50       |          | \$250.00        |
| 3-8-2026  | \$2151.70       |          |                 |
| 3-15-2026 | \$2860.00       |          | \$70.00         |
| 3-22-2026 | \$1602.33       |          | \$20.00         |
| 3-29-2026 | \$5206.50       |          | \$30.00         |



Our Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** was held on April 4th and we had a good turnout of about 25 hunters. Thanks to the Egg Committee and all the people that helped to get the word out. Everyone enjoyed the candy and prizes. The weather wasn't too bad and we were happy to hold the event outside on the church property.



What's the best way to celebrate the warmer weather? A **Dine to Donate** event at the **Seemsville Pub & Grille** on Seemsville Rd. in Northampton. The event is Thursday, May 14th for 4-8pm. Mark your calendar and come out to support this fundraiser. Jen Gaugler is working on some additional events.

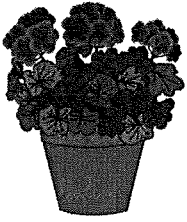


Remember when you are grocery shopping at Redner's to keep those receipts. You may mail them in to the church or drop them off at the designated clear box in the narthex. We submit those receipts and we earn a little extra money for the church. It's a great program that Redner's offers. Thanks to Nicole Bogden for sorting through and submitting the receipts.

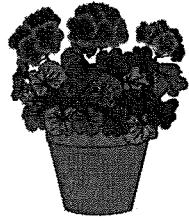
GSLC Special Needs Club 139 will be meeting on **Sunday, May 17th at 2pm**. If you have someone in your life or know someone with special needs- we would love to meet them and share the word of God. **Club 139 meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 2pm.**



It's always something! GSLC recently had to have a small portion of the sewer line repaired. Thankfully it fixed the problem and things are working fine. Thanks to the building & grounds team for realizing there was an issue and acting fast.



Geraniums  
Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026



ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 10  
\$3.75 PER PLANT

NO. OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:**

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IN **MEMORY** OF:

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\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY:

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*Please make checks payable to  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*All plants will be planted outside to  
beautify the church grounds.  
These flowers are added to your  
contribution statements.*

