



The Shepherd's Staff

August 2024



From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

The state of the world suggests to me the urgent need for a holiness that takes the end things seriously, not a holiness of withdrawal, nor of the blindness to the powers of the world. A holiness that allows us to live in this world without belonging to it. A holiness that allows us to take the joy and peace even when we are surrounded by evil, death and destruction. We must realize we are beloved of God. We belong to Him and He cherishes us; remember this line: "Even though I walk through the valley as dark as death, I will fear no evil because you are with me."

My favorite spiritual writer is Henri Nouwen. He was wrestling with loneliness and depression, when he realized he was beloved of God. God loved him and cherished him. No matter what would happen, God would always take care of him. He says: "All I want to say to you is 'You are the Beloved', and all I hope is that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being":—"You are the Beloved"— Life of the Beloved, Henri Nouwen

No matter what secular voices we are hearing now, the only one that matters is Jesus calling to us: "Stay close to the heart of Jesus." We are very precious in God's sight. There are so many changes happening around us and when we remember this, nothing changes. We are at peace. No matter who is in charge of our country, the only one that matters is Jesus. BECAUSE WE ARE HIS BELOVED. He will take care of us.

*In His Hands,
Pastor Gary*



Planning Ahead...

August 4
Game Club
after worship

August 11
Food Bank Sunday

August 12
Council Meeting
6:30

August 15
Dine & Donate
Samuel Owens

August 18
Church Picnic
11:30

August 25
Blessing of the
Backpacks

September 2
Labor Day
Unofficial end of
Summer
Church office is
closed

September 8
Cash Bingo!
Choir &
Sunday School
Begins

September 12
Choir Rehearsal

September 15
Harvest Home
Benefits Victory
House in
Bethlehem and
Northampton
Food Bank

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Church Office Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Friday

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Worship Service

9:00 AM

Pastor Gary L. Walbert

Cell # 610-217-6852

Kristen Merkert

Organist /Choir Director

Beverly Moore

Church Secretary

Please Join us.



The Sharing Table

As harvest season approaches GSLC is blessed to have so many willing to share their bountiful crops from their gardens. Each Sunday please stop by the **Sharing Table** located in the narthex to see what is offered.

Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds will benefit the Northampton Area Food Bank and World Hunger (ELCA).

~Social Ministry



President's Corner

Dear Friends:

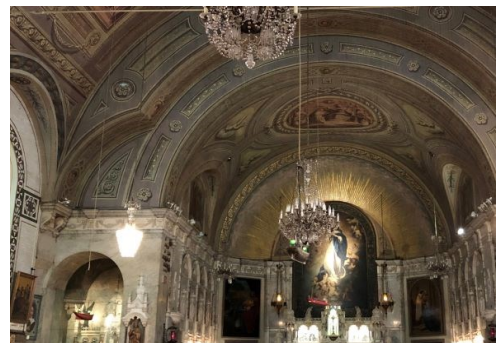
My family and I have had a busy July. I was at the Gettysburg anniversary reenactment at the beginning of the month, and suffered through the extreme heat in a wool uniform. I confess that might be the last of those July powder burners for me!

For the last two weeks we have logged about 1600 miles with 2 college visits in Maine, a visit to Quebec, another few days in Montreal, and a boat tour of the Thousand Islands region. We came home, did a quick laundry, and then the boys and I went straight to Boy Scout camp.

Some of you have been following our travels with pictures on Facebook, so you know what we have been up to. And once again, we made sure to visit other churches along the way.

In Quebec we attended a small local church that had a service in English. We also visited the large cathedral in the center of Old Quebec. It has been there in some form for 350 years. We then visited a beautiful church in Montreal that has been there for 300 years, and is a haven for sailors. Their sanctuary is decorated with boat models donated by sailors themselves. I find it inspiring to know that God lives in all these places, and people everywhere continue to love and worship Him in big and small spaces. Our church this week is simple benches in a canopy of trees, and my boys and I will worship with other scouts and faiths as we do our scout programs. Let us all give thanks, wherever we are, and pray for the safe travels of all our friends and families.

August is almost here, and we will soon be thinking about school, and Fall, and a busy season of music and worship at Good Shepherd. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and see you in August!



A special thanks to the congregation for the Gracedale donations in June for Summer Ministry .

We collected 75 items!

Your support was greatly appreciated.

~ Social Ministry

PASTORAL ACTS



Wedding



We rejoice and celebrate the marriage of Hope Eisenhard & Andrew Ornosky. Pastor Gary performed the ceremony by the bell tower at Good Shepherd.. We extend many blessings for years of happiness.

Holy Baptism

We celebrate the baptism of Nico George Shively, who is the son of Megan & Logan Shively. May they always remember this day, and may God's love and blessings fill all of their 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 July 2024.

Roland Kratzer



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Coming this Fall

GSLC would like to open up a ministry for those with special needs.

It would include welcoming activities for those who need a calm environment and a patient hand.

Through this ministry, we will aim to share Jesus with the special needs community.

More information to follow...

LET THE MUSIC PLAY...



Good Shepherd is proud and excited to announce the formation of our praise band **GROUNDS FOR GRACE.**

On August 11th during our 9am worship service we will be giving a preview. Please join us and don't miss the start of something new. We look forward to seeing everyone.



JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

St John's UCC of Howertown is having a fundraiser.

Charlie K's Pizza kits (famous from the Allentown Fairgrounds) include 3-12" shells, 1 pint of sauce and 1 pack of cheese, enough for all 3 pies. The pizza is very tasty and the shells can be frozen. You can also order extra cheese if you like at a small additional cost. Please order no later than **Aug 4th.**

Cost for the kits are \$20. Pick up date is **Aug 18th** at St John's. Please call St. John's church office at 610-262-8666 to place an order.





Happy
Birthday



Amber Adams	8/6
Lisa Mann	8/7
Kay Muehlberger	8/7
Nicole Bogden	8/9
Doug Flamisch	8/10
Jessica Kirkpatrick	8/10
McKenzie Adams	8/11
Carmela Sparacello	8/13
Guiseppe Sparacello	8/13
Gavin Seitter	8/15
Forrest Koch	8/16
Skye James	8/19
Linda Walbert	8/19
Scott Ruch Sr	8/20
Sharon Enstrom	8/21
Donna Walck	8/22
Daniel Holub	8/23
Jodie Budihhas-Roginsky	8/23
Linda Houck	8/24
Larry Graver	8/27
Stephanie Flamisch	8/29
Alex Vash	8/29
Debra Hoffman	8/31

Michael and Kate O'Boyle (5)	8/3
Robert & Sandra Osiecki (63)	8/5
Dan & Donna Pavlick (42)	8/6
Chad & Kristin Weiner (25)	8/7
Dave & Crystal Ungiran (28)	8/10
Brian & Michelle Eberhart (23)	8/11
Carl & Jane Dodson (58)	8/13
Ed & Lorie Filipovits (43)	8/15
Brian & Amanda Dungan (23)	8/18
Barry & Tina Miller (58)	8/20
Gary & Linda Walbert (49)	8/22
John & Lisa Mann (40)	8/25
Thomas & Diane Kramer (35)	8/26
Tyler & Juliett Fatzinger (2)	8/27
Randy & Lori Borda (42)	8/28
Dave & Diane Hausman (54)	8/29



Three Cheers to our
Pastor Gary in
honor of his 10 year
anniversary with
Good Shepherd .

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE IN AUGUST

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
August 4, 2024	Ben Bogden	Bill Gebhardt	Diane Hausman	TBD
August 11, 2024	Jen Gaugler	Diane Hausman	LeAnne Krill	Emma Rogers
August 18, 2024	Bill Gebhardt	TBD	Gail Loch	Jess Snyder
August 25, 2024	Chris Holub	Jen Burrell	Mark Weaver	Will Burrell

	Ushers
August 4, 2024	Kerry Ruch, Doug Yelles, Dave Hausman, TBD
August 11, 2024	Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, Mike Rogers, Mary Dennis
August 18, 2024	TBD
August 25, 2024	Charlie Burrell, Jess Snyder, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles

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 August

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

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
6/2/2024	3226.00		290.00
6/9/2024	2888.25		40.00
6/16/2024	1292.00		
6/23/2024	1898.00		
6/30/2024	2571.00		30.00

just kidding!

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying,

"Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship 9:00 am Game Club After Worship	5 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	6 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Christian Ed 7pm	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:00 am Food Bank	12 Council Mtg 6:30	13 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	14	15 Dine & Donate Samuel Owens 5-9	16	17
18 Worship 9:00 am Church Picnic 11:30	19	20 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9am Blessing of the Backpacks	26	27 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	28	29	30	31



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Fun, Food & Fellowship

Come for the food and stay for the
Corn Hole Tournament.

Our annual picnic will be held

August 18th at 11:30am at

Good Shepherd in the hall.

Please bring your favorite covered dish and
let's create
some memories.

CASH BINGO

Break out those lucky charms and get those bingo daubers ready!

**Whether its's straight, diagonal or cover all,
a good time and some tasty food awaits you on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024.**



Doors open at 12 noon & the games begin at 1pm.
20 games and 5 specials

Gather up your friends and family and reserve your seats today!

Tickets are \$30
Please contact Lisa Mann 484-841-1370



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is now accepting donations for our **Winter Sale Event** which is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7th.**

The church office is open M-F, 9am-2pm. Please call 610-262-9517 to set up a drop off time.

Please NO clothing, car seats, highchairs or electronics. We welcome household items and home décor and any item in good working condition. Please contact Marge at 610-262-8328 with any donation questions.



**WE WANT TO
MEET YOU!**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is
accepting new members.**

**Please feel free to invite your friends,
family, new neighbors,
old neighbors... ALL ARE WELCOME!
Hope to see you on Sunday.**



Dine to Donate Event

**Thursday,
August 15
5pm – 9pm**

We encourage everyone to come out to our **Dine & Donate Event**. This time it's at **Samuel Owens** in Coplay, PA. They have been serving the community since 2006. They are a family run business that offers casual American food and great burgers too. Come on out for a good meal and some fellowship.



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

Can you believe it's just over 50 days until Autumn begins?

Our Basket Social will definitely put you in the mood for all things Fall.

This year will be a little different as we have separated our **Basket Social** from our Yard Sale and Cookie Sale (which by the way is happening on Sat. Dec. 7th). We wanted to make more room to socialize and have fellowship. There will be a plethora of prizes up for grabs and dinner food aplenty.

We are asking for your help. Please share the event date with your friends, family and neighbors. **All are welcome!** We are also asking that if you would like to donate a basket we are happy to accept. If you are not feeling super creative yet want to contribute some items please feel free to drop them off or perhaps just a monetary donation and we will create a basket for you.

We are looking to put the "fun" back into fundraising. Contact Jen Gaugler 610-442-5489 with any questions.



TASTY TALES

Cravings start here...

Let' try something new. Do you watch the cooking shows on tv? Maybe you just love to cook or bake. Either way if you have a beloved recipe and are willing to share, GSLC would love to help. Please send your recipe to: goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com

Give us a short story about why the recipe is always the hit of the party. We will give the proper credit and let others enjoy.

Our 1st recipe comes from **Beatty Beltzner**:

Beatty was a lifelong member of Good Shepherd and faithfully attended church every Sunday. She was married to her husband Craig for 78 years. She lived a full life and passed at the age of 95 in 2019. This is the original recipe. Beatty surprised her family and friends with this special treat many times. Was it the coconut icing or the coffee she added to the mix that made it so special? Or was it the love that naturally poured out of her hands?

We proudly present **Beatty's Famous Chocolate Cake**

Ingredients:

2 cups	Flour	1tsp	Salt
2 cups	Sugar	2	Eggs
1/2 cup	Cocoa	1/2 cup	Oil
1 tsp	Baking Powder	1 cup	Milk
2 tsp	Baking Soda	1 tsp	Vanilla
1 cup	Hot Coffee (add after mixing)		



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. Put all ingredients into a bowl and mix for 2 minutes. Add 1 cup of hot coffee. Mix well. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. When cooled ice with a butter cream frosting and apply a generous amount of coconut.

Enjoy!!!

UPDATED MEMBER INFORMATION

MEMBER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	
NICKNAME	
LAST NAME	
SUFFIX	
OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	
ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE	
CELL PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS (WE DON'T SHARE THIS INFO)	
BIRTHDAY	
ANNIVERSARY	

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church wants to keep your information up to date. Please help by emailing us with any updates or by mailing this completed form to:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1335 Old Carriage Rd
Northampton, PA 18067
610-262-9517
goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com



Donations requested to honor Pastor Lyn Langkamer, who ministered to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for 19 years. We are asking for help to place an engraved brick in his honor at the area by the pavilion on the church property. The bricks are part of an Eagle Scout Project of Owen Dungan. The project is nearing completion and this would be a lovely gesture by the church to remember Pastor Langkamer.

If you would like to contribute, you may mail your donation to:

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
1335 Old Carriage Rd, Northampton, PA 18067
(attn: Langkamer Brick) or you may contact
Marge Leith or Carole Holub. Thank you**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The blessing of the backpacks will be happening on Sunday, August 25th., during worship. Let's send all our students off to school with extra blessings for a safe year.



We thank the **cleaning crew** that has been working along with the **property committee**. The church is clean and beautiful because of our gracious volunteers! So much goes on to make our church shine inside and out.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits

As a result of war and natural disasters, families around the world need help providing essential school supplies so that their children can continue their education despite facing serious obstacles. The Social Ministry Committee is collecting school supplies to pack into drawstring backpacks for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

The supplies that we are collecting are:

- 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 side 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

Items will be collected until September 8, so keep your eyes open for back-to-school sales. If you prefer not to go shopping, monetary donations will be accepted to use to purchase supplies. Checks may be made payable to “Good Shepherd Lutheran Church” and noted that the funds are for school kits.

Donations may be brought to church and placed in the donation box in the Narthex on Sundays during worship, or on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (use the back entrance by the church office).

This service project has been approved as a Thrivent Action Team project.

If you have any questions contact Barb Wiemann at 610-262-6977 or email her at blwiemann@gmail.com





The Northampton Area Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations in July. Happy to report that **176** items were delivered.

Remember to bring a nonperishable food item each Sunday to donate to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Together we can end food insecurities locally.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A SUCCESS. FROM JUNE 24-27, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. "THE SPECIAL WOMEN OF THE BIBLE" WAS TAUGHT AND THERE WERE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND MADE THIS A WEEK TO REMEMBER FOR ALL THE ATTENDEES.

SONGS WERE SUNG, MUSIC WAS PLAYED, INTERESTING BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS AND LET US NOT FORGET THE SMORES AND THE CAKES THAT EVERYONE GOT TO DECORATE. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE NEXT YEAR.





THE CUB SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON EACH TUESDAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD.

CUBS SCOUTS 6:45-8, BOY SCOUTS 7-9

CUB SCOUTS ARE OPEN TO AGES FROM KINDERGARTEN- 11 YRS.

CONTACT TYLER AT 610-360-9395/ TCRUM0409@GMAIL.COM.

BOY SCOUTS ARE OPEN FROM AGES 12-18.

CONTACT CHAD AT CHADBWEINER@GMAIL.COM



WE WELCOME THE GIRL SCOUTS BACK!

THEY WILL BE STARTING AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AND CONTINUING ON EACH MONDAY AT 6:30PM.

NEW SCOUTS, AGES 9-12, ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

PLEASE CONTACT

KATHI AT NEMETHKA@ACPI.COM OR ANN AT HOFFA@LVECU.ORG

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL HOLUB
ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.
WHAT A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT! LOOK AT ALL
THOSE BADGES! HIS FAMILY AND GRANDPARENTS
COULD NOT BE PROUDER.



Way
to go!



Lift Every Voice and Sing. ELW 841

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

let us march on till victory is won.



James Weldon Johnson wrote the text to honor Abraham Lincoln and his Emancipation Proclamation. On February 12, 1900 (Lincoln's birthday), a chorus of school children from the all-Black Stanton School in Jacksonville, sang it at an assembly honoring Lincoln. School children elsewhere picked it up and it spread beyond Florida. It is poetry~ closer to high art than to hymnic poetry~ that celebrates liberty and hope without neglecting the reality of the "stony road" and the "blood of the slaughtered." It is sometimes called an "Anthem" ~ which is exactly it, it is a choral anthem, written for a chorus of school children, which is different from other African tunes. It is often difficult for most congregations to sing the hymn. Its range is often too wide for congregations~ Black or White.



IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE GOES INTO THE HOSPITAL PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT YOUR ARE A MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN IN NORTHAMPTON. USE OUR CODE #232. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 610 -262-9517 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR PASTOR GARY. THIS WILL HELP US KNOW SO WE CAN VISIT AND ADD YOU TO THE PRAYER LIST.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATED *CHRISTMAS IN JULY*
ON JULY 28TH.



Christmas in July is another time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The Narthex was decorated with a lovely display of homemade cookies and other delights. Many thanks to the following bakers who helped to make the event much more special:

Dorothy Clauser Shelly Dorn Lori Filipovits
Kristen Merkert Marge Leith Beverly Moore
Donna Pavlik Barbara Steigerwalt Barb Wiemann

In the spirit of giving we collected items for the Northampton Food Bank as a gift to the Christ child.

Many thank to all who donated, as our container was overflowing.

