

The Shepherd's Staff

From the Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Change happens constantly. As we stand looking to the sunrise of a new year, we think back to how our life changed over the past year. How has our church changed over the past year; we lost some dear members; our membership is changing and we are sprucing up our building. This is not change for the sake of change but so we can keep going for another 50 years.

Life goes on day after day. It seems as if we are living in a play. The props change; sometimes all too often. We are so tempted to cling to the props as they are being dragged off the set. Change requires courage, great helpings of it. I think of Joshua in the Bible. For nearly 40 years he has been second in command to the great leader Moses. Now Moses has died and leadership is thrust fully upon Joshua. Ahead is the Jordan River running at flood stage and beyond that the fortified cities of Canaan, the "Promised Land," that seems so elusive. Joshua has change swirling all around him.

God speaks a word of hope: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9). God has promised to be with you wherever you go. He has promised never to leave you or forsake you. What he asks of you (of us; Good Shepherd) is faith to overcome the terror, courage to meet discouragement and confidence to draw on His strength.

Change is constant. He shows us that no part of our lives ever remain unchanged for long. Our Lord God is unchangeable. He is forever. You can put down your roots in Him, knowing that in this way, you will never be utterly uprooted again. Let us make Joshua 1:9 be our Bible verse this year because God will be there to guide us into the future.

Yours in Jesus

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

**Committee Reports Due for
Annual Report
January 5**

**Food Bank Sunday
January 12**

**In Touch Sunday
January 19**

**Congregation Meeting
January 26**

**Scout Sunday
February 2**

**Quake
February 7-9**

**70's Party
February 15**

**Mardi Gras Talent Show
February 22**

**Ash Wednesday
February 26**



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9:00 AM

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David Hausman, President

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(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Jason Bogden

Brenda Koch

Diane Kramer

Kay Muehlberger

Donna Pavlick

Happy Birthday...

Kayla Dennis	January 2
Brian Emery	January 2
Jared Schmall	January 2
Nancy Kochenash	January 3
Bonnie Spengler	January 3
Phyllis Kleppinger	January 6
Sherry Miller	January 7
Mica Smith	January 8
Corbin Reinsmith	January 11
Diane Kramer	January 13
Nicholas Miller	January 14
Cody Kramer	January 20
Wayne Eichelberger	January 21
William Sherman	January 21
Amber Shook	January 21
Laurie Perna	January 22
David Hausman	January 23
Diana Kratzer	January 23
Jolene LaBarre	January 23
Tina Miller	January 23
Dean Yelles	January 23
Dorothy Clauser	January 24
Brittany Hahn	January 26
Helen Moyer	January 27
Barbara Steigerwalt	January 27
Teesa James	January 31



Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
November 3	151
November 10	105
November 17	85
November 24	100
TOTAL	441
AVG.	110.25

President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Another year has come and gone. We are about to embark on a special year in the life of our congregation, the celebration of 50 years of our founding.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has a great year of activities planned for us; highlighted by a festive celebration in September with many names from our past in attendance. Please plan to attend all of the things they have scheduled.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Advent Congregational Meeting, our proposed 2020 Budget was adopted. One negative comment I have is that we needed three people to serve on the Congregation Council. There were no proposed candidates. We did have one person volunteer to serve, who happens to be one of our newest members. Thank you Kay Muehlberger!

Please consider serving your congregation, and speak to me if you have any questions.

Wishing all of you a blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Dave Hausman
President



November Financial Report

As of November 30, 2019

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
November 3, 2019	\$4,048.00	\$160.00	
November 10, 2019	\$4,000.00	\$486.00	
November 17, 2019	\$1,780.00		
November 24, 2019	\$1,765.00	\$6.00	
Income in November	\$11,593.00	\$352.00	
Expenses in November	\$17,048.00		

PASTORAL ACTS



We gladly received the following new members into the family and fellowship of Good Shepherd's congregation:

Jason & Rebecca Urban
Isabella Urban

Thank You!

The Fund Raising Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped **in any way** for the 6th Annual Black Friday Penny Party and the Holiday Variety Shoppe. Together we raised \$5,200.00 from the Penny Party (with a 10% tithe given to Victory House in Bethlehem and the remainder put in Good Shepherd's General Fund) and \$592.00 from the Variety Shoppe which is earmarked for use by the 50th Anniversary Committee. THANK YOU!

Thank You!

Thank you to Carole Holub for the donation of annual reports and other items to our church archives. With this donation, we now have a complete set of annual reports.

News



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 also have a Nursery for newborn to 6 years old. We hope to see everyone. **Sunday school has been extended to 11:15am this year.**



Church Time Nursery

We are looking for volunteers to help out.

We need adults to volunteer. Confirmation students will be paired with the adult volunteer. The worship service can be heard in the nursery. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Gary or Laurie Andrew.



"The Quake" is quickly coming upon us!
Feb. 7-9, 2019

More details to come!



Redner's Save-A-Tape


The Fundraising Committee is taking care of the Redner's Save-A-Tape program.

All you need to do is shop as usual and use your Redner's reward card at check out. **Please use your Redner's Save A –Tape Card. Any receipt without it cannot be used!**

So far this year we have raised \$635.28!

There is a new red box in the Narthex for the receipts to be placed.

CHURCH COUNCIL



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2020 Council

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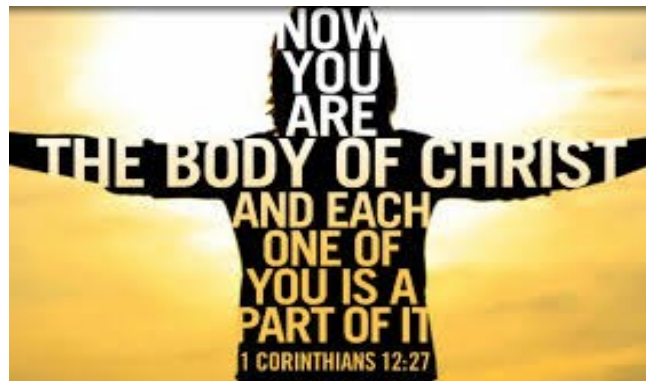
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Congregation Meeting Annual Report January 26, 2019

Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting. We will be voting on approving the renovations to the Social Hall bathrooms to make them A. D. A. compliant. This is a very important step for the Congregation.

The meeting will take place after Sunday School and lunch. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex for side dishes.



Cookie Sale

Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA would like to thank the congregation for their help with our annual cookie sale. We received a Thrivent Action Team grant which we used for publicity, cookie boxes and ingredients for cookies.

We want to thank all who helped with the sale and everyone who baked cookies. We had a lot of returning customers and many new faces. We were able to sell approximately 226 pounds of cookies and donated 24 pounds of cookies to Victory House in Bethlehem. Our profits were approximately \$2,285. Thank you everyone!

JANUARY 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	Nursery	Altar Guild
Jan. 5	Benjamin Klusaritz	Carole Holub	Matilde Brown	LeAnne Krill	Carole Holub	Mike Hahn	Shelly Dorn Bry Bogden	Donna Pavlick
Jan. 12	Sara Houck	Sarah Borger	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Donna Walck	Richard Brown	Mark Weaver	Karen Hahn Olivia Talbot	Carole Holub
Jan. 19	Gavin Seitter	Ben Bogden	Mark Weaver	Diane Hausman	Edwin Marshall	Josh Klusaritz	Diane Kramer Emma Dungan	Diane Hausman
Jan. 26	Lindsey Reimer	Chris Holub	Gail Loch	Laurie Andrew	Kay Muehlberger	Nick Miller	Jennifer Driscoll Gavin Seitter	Diane Kramer

Date	Ushers
1/5 & 1/12	David Hausman, Nick Miller, Morry Pulley, Doug Yelles
1/19 & 1/26	Talbot Houck, Jessica Kirkpatrick, Dean & Roseann Yelles

FOOD BANK

**233 items in December
1,905 items for 2019**



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, 17th Street) or St. Luke's 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.

- 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 (**January 12**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.
- IN TOUCH" Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month (**January 19**). Take a name of a member and send a card so they know we are thinking of them, remember them, wish them well and are keeping them in our prayers.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

50th Anniversary Celebration

1970-2020



January 26th, 2020 – Annual Congregational Meeting, Anniversary Kick-off Celebration

February 2nd, 2020 – Troop 40 Boy Scout Reunion

February 15th, 2020 – 70's Sock Hop, presented by GSLC Outreach

February 22nd, 2020 – Mardi Gras Celebration and Talent Show

April 26th, 2020 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Service, 9AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

May 9th, 2020 – An afternoon of tea and entertainment in honor of the women of our congregation, more details to follow

June 7th, 2020 – Community Organ Concert, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

July, 2020 – Bus Trip to Ocean Grove, NJ for the Annual Choir Festival

July 26th, 2020 – Out-door Service and butterfly release (weather permitting)

August 30th, 2020 – Church Picnic

September 12th, 2020 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Northampton Community Center

October 25th, 2020 – Confirmation Reunion

November 26th, 2020 – Black Friday Penny Party

December 6th, 2020 – Congregational Meeting and Brunch, Time Capsule opening

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Open Arms Senior Connection - Arndt's, Easton



For over 17 years, grants totaling more than a half million dollars have been made possible through mission support giving. Grant applications are received by the Witness and Service Ministry Team and are awarded based on the outreach the grant will accomplish.

The story that follows is written by the founders and the current program director of Open Arms Senior Connection. It tells of an inspiring ministry that got its beginning because of a vision, the need to help others, and the available grant funds that allowed it to thrive.

Over ten years ago a small Welcome and Outreach committee at Arndt's Lutheran Church in Forks Township was looking for another ministry that could use their resources. The congregation came together to modify their existing spaces using funds predominantly from a Transforming Congregations grant and a Witness and Service grant, both of which are mission support grant programs available through the Synod.



Today "Open Arms Senior Connection" continues as a two-day a week program for older adults in the greater Easton community. Realizing that the time some of the participants spend at Open Arms might be the only times during the week that they enjoy a meal with someone, or have any human contact at all, inspires the congregation to make the program as effective and impactful as possible.

The success of this program is due in great part to two paid co-directors and all the volunteers. The program runs on a budget of about \$1000 per month, which goes toward daily beverages and snacks, basic supplies, and salaries.

Donations, fundraisers, and Witness and Service grants from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA has allowed this program to reach and provide long term benefits to hundreds of older adults in the region.

To learn more about the activities and outreach of this ministry, please read the full story on the synod website (nepasynod.org/open-arms-senior/) or look for it on the facebook page "Mission Interpreters of NEPA Synod." Remember to "Like" and Share." You can also print a bulletin insert.



Sharing Life - St. Mark, Allentown



Sharing Life is the brain child of Sue Krasley, a parishioner of St. Mark's, who worked at Allentown State Hospital and who had concerns about individuals losing peer relationships due to the closure of the hospital in 2010. At the time, Pastor Brindjar graciously and enthusiastically afforded the opportunity to begin our mission by opening the doors of St. Mark's for a monthly gathering.

What originated as a modest idea of serving a monthly luncheon nine years ago has expanded into a much sought-after experience by our community; it now includes monthly Craft days led by St. Mark's talented artists Brenda Mann and Charlie Orbin.

As our events grew, our attendees have become diverse; and today, monthly events not only include individuals formerly served at Allentown State Hospital, but also embrace individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities as well as the community at large.

Throughout the years the echo and sentiment of Pastor Brindjar's mantra can still be heard: "Stay Calm and Carry On". Due to the success of our mission, and because we often find ourselves serving upwards of 120 individuals each month, we have adopted another mantra: "fishes and loaves."

Because of St. Mark's willingness to take a risk and open their doors and hearts, our mission isn't just about serving individuals lunch. More important is offering to individuals our acceptance, an opportunity to form new friendships, and a welcome to a faith-based community. All activities and luncheons are free to participants and are funded lovingly by our mighty Committee members, St. Mark parishioners, and community donors.



Deadline for 2019 Mission Support Contributions

January 31, 2020

Checks must be in the office (not postmarked) by that date. Also, it is important that the Remittance Form is marked correctly to indicate whether a contribution is intended for the year 2019 or 2020. After the January 31 cutoff date, all receipts will be credited as 2020 contributions.

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4
5 COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	6 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 7PM	7 CUB SCOUTS 6:45PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:00PM	8 BSA TROOP 540 (GIRLS) 6:30PM	9	10	11
12 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	13 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM COUNCIL 7PM	14 CUB SCOUTS 6:45PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	15 BSA TROOP 540 (GIRLS) 6:30PM	16 BELL CHOIR 6:30PM CHOIR 7:15PM	17	18
19 IN TOUCH SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	20 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM OUTREACH 6:30PM	21 CUB SCOUTS 6:45PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	22 BSA TROOP 540 (GIRLS) 6:30PM	23 BELL CHOIR 6:30PM CHOIR 7:15PM	24	25
26 CONGREGATION MEETING 9:00AM WORSHIP 10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	27 GIRL SCOUTS 6:30PM PROPERTY 7PM	28 CUB SCOUTS 6:45PM BOY SCOUTS 7PM	29 BSA TROOP 540 (GIRLS) 6:30PM BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE MTG. 7PM	30 BELL CHOIR 6:30PM CHOIR 7:15PM	31	