

The Shepherd's Staff

JULY 2017

From the Pastor:

Brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Singing changes the brain. Even if you sing as badly as I do, it still changes the brain positively. Some studies show that when we sing, our bodies release hormones that relieve anxiety and stress. Other research indicates that when a group of people sings together, their heartbeats actually synchronize with each other.

The apostle Paul encourages the church to speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. The Bible says more than 50 times to sing praise.

In the Old Testament, we read a story of God's people demonstrating their trust in God by singing as they marched into battle. Enemies were headed toward the people of Judah. King Jehoshaphat called everyone together. He led them in intense prayer. They focused only on prayer. The next day the army was led not by the greatest warrior but by the choir. They believed God would take care of them.

While they sang, the enemy actually fought each other. By the time they got to the battlefield, the battle was over. God saved His people as they marched by faith toward the unknown, singing His praises.

God encourages us to praise Him for good reasons. Whether or not we are marching into battle, praising God has the power to change our thoughts, our hearts and our lives.

In his Hands,

Pastor Gary

Planning Ahead.....

Food Bank Sunday
July 9

Outdoor Service
July 23

Outdoor Service
August 27

Church Picnic
August 27

Rally Day Carnival
September 10

First Day of Sunday School
September 10

New Member Class
September 17

New Member Reception
September 24

**Good Shepherd at
Unangst Tree Farm Corn Maze**
October 29





From the Office of the Church Secretary...

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1335 Old Carriage Road
Northampton, PA 18067

Church Office Hours

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Monday—Friday

Tel. 610-262-9517

Fax 610-262-1966

goodshepherd Lutheran@rcn.com

www.goodshepherdkreidersville.org

Like us and follow us on Facebook

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15-11:00 AM

STAFF

Pastor Gary L. Walbert
Cell # 610-217-6852

Pastor Walbert's office hours are
Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm

Jennifer Driscoll

Church Secretary

John Moschella
Sexton

Congregation Council

Brenda Koch, President
Nicole Bogden, Vice President
Roseann Koehler, Financial Secretary
Laurie Andrew, Executive Secretary
Alexis Saylor, Recording Secretary
(Alexis is not a member of Council)

Jolynn Claroni Brian Dungan
Paul Evans III LeAnne Krill
Christopher Holub Karen Hahn
Lisa Mann Christina Weaver

Happy Birthday...

Pastor Gary	July 1
Rita Ruzicka	July 3
Olinda Koch	July 4
Jill Hahn	July 5
Charles Druckenmiller, Jr.	July 6
Kayla James	July 6
Linda Siekonic	July 7
Samantha Saylor	July 8
David Oberman	July 9
Lorraine Einfalt	July 12
Elizabeth Andrew	July 14
Linford Hahn	July 14
Darlene Pail	July 14
Carol Ruch	July 15
Morry Pulley	July 16
Chad Weiner	July 16
Mary Grow	July 18
Craig Beltzner, Sr.	July 19
Marissa Ornosky	July 19
Bradley Holub	July 20
Aaron Borger	July 21
Ryan Gilbert	July 21
Louis Schwarz	July 21
Richard Fehr	July 22
Donna Pavlick	July 24
Jennifer Nickisher	July 26
Shelly Dorn	July 27
Amanda Dungan	July 27
Bernice Lilly	July 29
Michelle Morgan	July 29
Kayden Labarre	July 30
Karon Sonkarlay	July 31

Happy Anniversary...

Richard & Linda Siekonic
July 3

LeRoy & Jean Bealer
July 11

Willard & Ruth Frack
July 12

Christopher & Adrienne Holub
July 24

Parochial Report

Date	Attendance
5/7/2017	81
5/14/2017	84
5/21/2017	56
5/28/2017	74
TOTAL	295
AVG.	73.7

Vice President's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is staying cool now that the temperatures are starting to rise. I have a few things to inform the congregation about.

A Committee has been working on setting up interviews for a new organist/Director of Music, hoping to find someone soon. A big Thank You to Jan Kistler for the great job she has been doing filling in.

Our Sunday School program has ended for the summer, but will return on September 10th at 10:15am.

Please join us for the Rally Day Carnival to kick off the new Sunday School Year.

I also want to send out a BIG Thank you to all the participants, helpers, and LeAnne for the great job with the VBS program this past month. What an exciting time we had. We had approximately 22 children that attended. I hope everyone was able to join us for the closing program and got to experience the wonderful time the children had.

As a reminder Brenda is still on vacation but will be back real soon. If you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed please feel free to contact myself, Pastor Gary or the church.

Enjoy your summer and please remember God is with you always.

Sincerely,

Nicole

Nicole Bogden

Vice President



May Financial Report

As of May 31, 2017

Current Balances	
Checking	\$1,502.84
Building Repair	\$2,191.26
Mem. Fund	\$15,278.63
Money Mkt	\$73,826.43
Christ. Ed. M.M.	\$10,900.00
CD's	\$90,000.00

	General	Building Repair	Memorial
May 7, 2017	\$2,225.00	\$515.00	
May 14, 2017	\$2,366.00	\$50.00	
May 21, 2017	\$2,140.00		
May 28, 2017	\$1,883.00	\$60.00	
Income in May	\$8,614.00	\$625.00	



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers and Greeters

Why do we have ushers and greeters each week at worship? These ministers of hospitality embody for all of us God's welcome and remind all of us to see God in one another. Matthew's Gospel reminds us that God is present, especially in the stranger who is welcomed: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was a stranger and you welcomed me." When we welcome others, we are blessed to welcome God's very self. Ushers and greeters get to be among the first to welcome God's people to worship every week!

You probably see them do important practical things. They say "Hello," give you your worship folder, help gather the offerings and let you know it's time to come forward for communion. But is that all there is to this ministry?

Ushers and greeters also make sure that when people arrive they are received warmly and that they have all they need. They help everyone feel comfortable and welcomed in our worship. Though this might be specially important for guests and visitors, all of us enjoy a warm, heartfelt welcome. Imagine if we didn't have ministries of hospitality and you just entered the worship space without talking to anyone else!

Being hospitable requires each of us to engage initially in welcoming one another as Christ has already welcomed us. Ushers and greeters have important jobs embodying the hospitality of the whole congregation, but they can't do it alone! All of us can and should be attentive to one another's needs, greeting one another and helping one another. Look around in worship to see that everyone has what is needed and is able to participate fully. Don't be afraid to offer help finding something or to hand someone a bulletin or hymnal to the right page.

All of us, as ministers of hospitality, need to remember that everyone we welcome has a place in God's worshipping assembly. Because visitors bear God's presence to us, it is important to remember that they are no strangers in the truest sense of the word, but part of the body of Christ with a special place in our assemblies.

Consider these things the next time you come to worship and are greeted at the door and welcomed. And don't forget to welcome your ushers and greeter in return.

If you want to be a part of this exciting ministry, let us know!



Pavilion Renewal

On Sunday, July 23, we will be celebrating the Renewal of our Pavilion with our outdoor worship service at the Pavilion.

Let us pray for a beautiful day, so we can praise God at the Pavilion



SEARCH Organist Search Committee

Good Shepherd has organized a search committee to begin the process of finding a new organist. Amanda Dungan will be the Chairperson.

If you have any ideas for the qualities needed for our new organist, please let Pastor or Amanda know. Please keep this committee and our church in your prayers.



The Altar Guild thanks Sandy Newhard for purchasing the material and sewing 28 baptismal napkins in memory of Richard Newhard and in honor of Marion Newhard.

These handmade napkins are used during baptisms to wipe water from the child's head and are given to the family as a visible reminder of the Sacrament and this important event in their child's life.



The Social Ministry committee extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in making the Bingo Party at Fellowship Community in Whitehall a success.

The function of the committee is to extend Christian compassion and helpfulness to the sick and aged.

The donations from our Church members for the Bingo prizes and the seven adults and one youth who volunteered the day of the event certainly helped us achieve the goal with this new endeavor.



Sunday School News!

In the fall we are starting a high school class for all students in high school and have finished confirmation. Nicole and Jason Bogden will be teaching the class.

Sunday School starts September 10!

CONFIRMATION: If your child is in 7th grade or older, they are eligible for our confirmation program, Mark Weaver and Gail Loch teach the class. Call the church office if you want to be part of this!

Remember Us!



Summer is an awesome and fun season with so many great times to be with family and friends. Summer is also one of the biggest challenges of the church. There is no Sunday School, many vacations are planned or just plain hot days are the reasons why some stay home from church. We (Good Shepherd) struggle during the summer to pay our bills.

Please remember us and mail your offerings in. It will help us make ends meet.

JULY 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
July 2	Bry Bogden	David Hausman	Renae Yelles	LeAnne Krill	David Hausman	Mark Weaver
July 9	Kyle Koehler	Chris Holub	Jessica Kirkpatrick	Diane Hausman	Chris Holub	Nick Miller
July 16	Hope Eisenhard	Ben Bogden	Linda Siekonic	Laurie Andrew	Edwin Marshall	Brenda Koch
July 23	Brandon Koch	Laurie Andrew	Mark Weaver	Donna Walck	Diane Hausman	Barb Wiemann
July 30	Emma Dungan	Paul Evans	Gail Loch	LeAnne Krill	Ben Bogden	Brandon Koch

Date	Ushers
7/2 & 7/9	Jason Bogden, Karen Hahn, Dean & Roseann Yelles
7/16, 7/23 & 7/30	Forrest Koch, David Hausman, Donald Ruch, Doug Yelles

PASTOR GARY'S FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

160 items in June

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 or 17th Street) 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.

Outreach—Birthdays

The Outreach Committee would like to reach out to the community by letting them know we are here!

We will be doing this by mentioning our member's birthdays on radio station WAEB AM 790 and Cat Country 96.

If you do not want your birthday mentioned, please contact the church office and let us know. When your birthday is mentioned on the air, you might be eligible for a prize.



Social Ministry

- 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 (**July 9**) our prayers will include the food gifts, the recipients, and the donors.

On September 17, 2017 at 10:15am, there will be a new member's class at Good Shepherd. This class is for those interested in joining Good Shepherd.

We will receive the new members during the worship service on September 24, 2017. Please fill out the form below and hand it to the pastor or place it in the offering plate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION: _____

Save the Date!



Sunday,
July 23, 2017
9:00 am



Outdoor Worship
Service
and
Congregational Picnic

Sunday, August 28, 2017.

We are still looking for someone to be in charge.
More information to follow.

We hope to see you there!

Volume 25, Issue 7

July 2017

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Lutheran-Episcopal Shared Ministry



Installation of Council at St. John, Sayre with Pr. Melinda M. Artman

St. John, Sayre was without a pastor; and the Congregation Council realized that the operating budget could not support a full time clergy person. A little more than two years ago, the neighboring Episcopal Church (Church of the Redeemer: 'Redeemer') reached the same conclusion and approached St. John's about sharing a clergy person. Both churches had a history of sharing in ministry with one another, and this seemed like a wonderful opportunity to do more together while maintaining their respective and distinct identities.

Both Lutheran and Episcopal churches are few and far between in the northern tier of the synod. So with the help of Pastor Peter Kuritz, Associate of the Bishop, and Canon Anne Kitch of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, a general outline of what the parishes wanted from clergy was developed. Pastor Kuritz and Canon Kitch then worked together to hammer out a call process that respected both traditions. Each parish was willing to have either a Lutheran or an Episcopalian as the pastor; so a Call Committee was formed from both parishes, and a notice went out last summer of a vacancy.

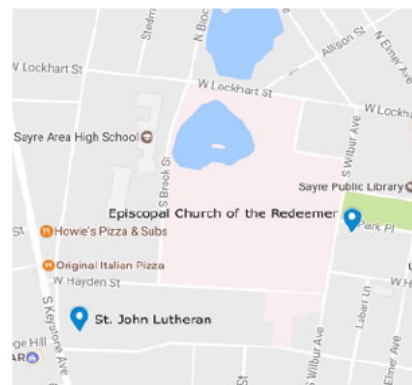
Pastor Artman saw the notice. Her work in helping two Episcopal parishes through the merger process in Southern Maryland was coming to an end, and serving in two great reformed traditions greatly appealed to her.

(Continues in the right hand column)

Working collaboratively with small congregations in discerning how to be the church in the 21st Century was also an attractive challenge to Pastor Artman. With a prior career in city and regional planning she thought that she had a skill set that would help both parishes grow into their full stature in Christ. So she applied.

Interviews began in November and concluded in January. It is not typical for an Episcopal priest to be the only candidate presented to a parish, nor to have "an audition" before the entire congregation. Redeemer agreed to have only one candidate at a time presented. However its governing body made the decision to extend a call, and the congregation was not made aware of the selection until after St. John's made its decision.

In early January, both parishes extended a call to Pastor Artman, and three weeks later she accepted. On April 1 she began her new ministry. In late May, she will be joined by her wife, two dogs, and a cat in a new home somewhere in or near Sayre.



JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 9:00AM WORSHIP	3	4 4th of July OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8 50+ 1PM
9 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:00AM WORSHIP	10 COUNCIL 7PM	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00AM WORSHIP	17 GRACEDALE NURSING HOME VISIT 6:30PM	18	19	20	21	22
23 OUTDOOR SERVICE 9:00AM WORSHIP	24 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 7:00pm PROPERTY 7:00pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					