

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

Easter is here again. Some are making plans to be with family or maybe going to an Easter buffet or maybe even a picnic. For others, it is just another ordinary day.

Little do many realize that the Resurrection changed history. Even so, people are still trying to prove it never happened. We of faith will continue to shout: "He Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!" We know in our hearts that Jesus lives and He touches our hearts daily.

The Resurrection of Jesus has changed everything for us; our sorrow has been turned into joy; our darkness into light; and our despair into hope. Jesus, we celebrate your victory over sin and death. May your Resurrection fill us with the light of new life.

Being a pastor, I carry many of your struggles and trials on my heart. I pray for you, especially when you receive communion. Let me tell you this: "Because He lives, (we) can face tomorrow."

We all struggle daily with so many challenges, but because Jesus lives we can face each one. He will be beside us all the time. And "Because He lives, all fear is gone." We have so many fears now; will we have enough to survive on, can we handle the rising cost of food and energy costs. Can we stay healthy even into our older age. There are so many other fears we have. We hear that all fears are gone. Our fears will not disappear but Jesus will give us the patience, courage and the ability to handle each one.

One of the greatest gifts is knowing He holds the future in His Hands. Jesus knows everything about us; the good and bad. All He wants to do is love us and help us. It was through His Resurrection the Gates of Heaven were open for us to enter. The thief on the cross was one of the first to enter.

Let us gather on April 20, and join our voices to sing our Easter hymns to celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord.

*In His Hands,
Pastor Gary*



April 2
Wednesday
Lent services
11am & 7pm

April 6
Last day for
Easter candy
orders

April 9
Wednesday
Lent services
11am & 7pm

April 13
Palm Sunday
9am
Easter candy
pickup
10:30-12noon

April 14
Council
Meeting 6:30

April 16
Stations of the
Cross
7pm

April 17
Maundy
Thursday
11am & 7pm

April 18
Good Friday
7pm

April 19
Easter Egg
Hunt 11am

April 20
Happy Easter
6:30am
&
9:00am

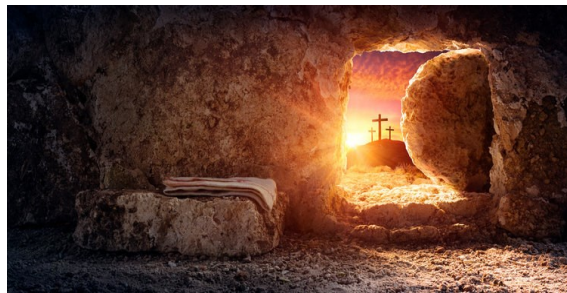
President's Corner

It is always wonderful to emerge from the long dark days of winter to a springtime of renewal and rebirth. The solemn and reflective journey of Lent gives way to signs of life everywhere. The spring birds return, the flowers start blooming, the leaves come out, and the temperatures rise. The days lengthen, and our thoughts turn to all the things we can do outdoors again. It is in this time of death to life, that Jesus comes to us and reminds us of His sacrifice for all our sins. He triumphs over Death and promises us Eternal Life.

Good Shepherd will conclude its Wednesday Lenten Services and enter Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 13th. Easter Sunday is April 20th. Please see our bulletins and Newsletter for all the activities and service times around Holy Week and Easter. As always, I thank everyone who gives of their time and talents for our church. Have a blessed Easter, and welcome Spring!

“Hallelujah! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

**Chris Holub
Council President**



On March 16th, Owen Dungan achieved his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Owen is 17yrs old and was a founding member of Pack 40 & of Troop 40 here at Good Shepherd. Over his time in Scouts he has achieved 54 merit badges. His Eagle Scout project was to install a flag pole and pavers next to the pavilion area on the property at Good Shepherd. Paver blocks were sold with dedications on them to help fund the project. Please stop by and see the finished project. Thank you Owen and Congratulations!





April Birthdays!

Leroy Bealer	4/4
Nancy Vasquis	4/4
Gerald Persing	4/7
Ellen Stahl	4/12
Emily Wiland	4/12
Judy Readinger	4/13
Owen Dungan	4/14
Dale Grow	4/15
Ruth Frack	4/17
Rodney Miller	4/17
Jessica Snyder	4/19
Patrick Adams	4/19
Dale Moyer	4/21
Helen Odenwelder	4/21 (104!)
Kathleen Gilbert	4/22
Bill Gebhardt	4/24
Dorothy Milkovitch	4/24 (98!)
Carol Williams	4/25
Alex Quartararo	4/26
Samuel Quartararo	4/26
Robert Henniger	4/27 (90!)
Kate O'Boyle	4/27
Dennis Lambert	4/27
Pamela Reimer	4/27
Everly Adams	4/28
Ed Filipovits	4/28
James Williams	4/28
Shannon Dereamus	4/29
Manny Vasquis	4/30



4/3 William & Eileen Grannetino (56 years)

4/23 Jim & Gail Loch (59 years)

4/24 David & Jane Laudenslager (47 years)

SPECIAL THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that contributed towards the Adopt A Bill program here at GSLC. Whether it was for snow removal, trash pick-up or water testing your kind donations help to offset the day to day costs of our church.

Also a thank you to the members that donated postage stamps for the newsletter mailings. Since we had to change the way we send the newsletter, the costs have increased. The "forever" stamps that the office received were very much appreciated.

*Remember that if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, just send a note to the office at goodshepherdlutheran@rcn.com.



Food Bank Needs!

Food banks across the country are struggling to find additional funding and donations after the US Department of Agriculture halted \$500 million in food deliveries. The move comes as many Americans are struggling to afford groceries due to high prices. (CNN)

I quoted the article and no this is not fake news. This is a reality we are facing. All of us are spending more when we go to the grocery store. We still need to help if we can. The Northampton Area Food Bank is one of our many ministries here at Good Shepherd. We need to do all that we can.

Whenever I go to the store and I see a special, I make sure I take advantage of it. Let us work together to help those in need. It will only get worse if we don't help.

Pastor Gary



HOLY WEEK

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

- APRIL 13th: PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 9am
- APRIL 16th: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm
- APRIL 17th: MAUNDY THURSDAY 11am & 7pm
- APRIL 18th: GOOD FRIDAY 7pm
(Service of the Shadows)
- APRIL 20th **EASTER SUNDAY**
Sunrise Service 6:30am
Festival Service 9am
- APRIL 21st Church office is closed.

Gather your family and worship with us!



PASTORAL ACTS

The Northampton Area Food Bank would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the generous donations of 223 items for the month of March!



Happy 44th Anniversary of Ordination to our own Pastor Gary Walbert!

In Touch– Every 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 in need that 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.



A special note:
Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, and words of encouragement after my recent surgery. I really appreciate belonging to such a caring congregation.

Barb Wiemann



Our 1st try at a Pierogi Sale was successful! We sold 89 dozen of PaPa Sarge's Homemade Pierogies. We hope to have another sale in the future. Thank you to everyone who participated.



KARAOKE NIGHT

We had to reschedule this popular night due to weather but it is officially set for Saturday, April 26th.

The night will start at 6:30pm. Start practicing those show tunes, rock ballads or country serenades. If you love music you will love this night out. Refreshments will be served.



Blood Drive!

Good Shepherd is planning to host a Community Blood Drive. We need your help! We are working with **Miller-Keystone Blood Center**. In order for us to host this event we need to get 25 signatures of people who are willing to commit to donate. We here at Good Shepherd and beyond are always willing to help the community Please contact the church (610-262-9517) or sign up in the narthex.



GSLC wants to thank Jen Baker and Rockland Bakery for their generous donations of buns and rolls for our events. We appreciate it so much!!



April Worship Assistant List

Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Pouring Chalice	Acolytes
4/6	Bill Gebhardt	Lorie Filipovits	LeAnne Krill	TBD
Palm Sunday 4/13	Jen Gaugler	Jen Burrell	Linda Siekonic, Diane Hausman	Will Burrell
Easter Sunday 4/20 (6:30am)	Chris Holub	Jen Burrell	TBD	Will Burrell
Easter Sunday 4/20 (9:00am)	Bill Gebhardt	Linda Siekonic	Linda Siekonic, Diane Hausman	TBD
4/27	Ben Bogden	Jen Gaugler	Gail Loch	TBD

Ushers	
4/6	Edwin Marshall, Mary Dennis, Shelly Dorn, Jeff Dorn
4/13	Charles Burrell,, Doug Yelles, Dave Hausman, Mike Rogers
4/20 (6:30am)	Charlie Burrell, Dean Yelles, Roseann Yelles, TDB
4/20 (9:00am)	Dave Laudenslager, Jane Laudenslager, Joe Fehr, Rick Fehr
4/28	Jen Gaugler, Mike Rogers, TBD

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

2024 Financial breakdown for April
 Amount needed weekly to meet budget = \$ 3,180.00
 Amount needed weekly to pay bills = \$2,810.00

Date	Weekly offering	Memorial	Building repair
2/2	3826.00		265.00
Church cancelled due to snow 2/9	—	—	—
Church cancelled due to snow 2/16	1435.50 Combined amount for 2/9 & 2/16		50.00
2/23	2462.50		170.00

Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony.

As the couple said "I do", one of the little boys leaned over to the other and asked, "I wonder how many wives can a man have?"

The second little boy looked at his friend like he was an idiot and said, "He can have 16 wives."

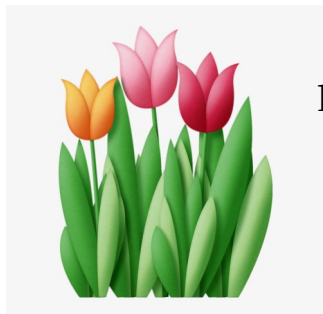
"How do you know that?" The first little boy asked.

"Weren't you listening? The pastor just said it. Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

just kidding!

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 CHOIR TO VISIT GRACEDALE	4	5
6 Worship 9am Last Day for Candy Orders	7	8	9 CANDY ASSEMBLY FELLOWSHIP HALL 7am	10	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 9am CANDY ORDERS DELIVERY 10:30-12 NOON FOOD BANK	14 COUNCIL MTG. 6:30pm	15	16 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES 11am & 7pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7pm	19 Easter Egg Hunt 11am
20 HAPPY EASTER! SUNRISE SERVICE 6:30am FESTIVAL SEVICE 9:00am	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	22 	23	24	25	26 Karaoke Night 6:30-9pm
27 Worship 9am YARD SALE DONATIONS THRU MAY 10TH	28	29	30 DINE & DONATE SAMUEL OWENS 5-9pm			



If you ordered **Easter flowers**, kindly remember to pick them up on Easter Sunday after either service.



GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th AT 11:00am

We will meet in the fellowship hall. Weather permitting the Egg Hunt will be outside on the church grounds. Children of all ages are welcome to join in the fun!



Our next **Dine & Donate** is on April 30th at Samuel Owens in Coplay. The dining ours for our event is 5-9pm. Make a plan to stop by and support GSLC and have a great dinner.



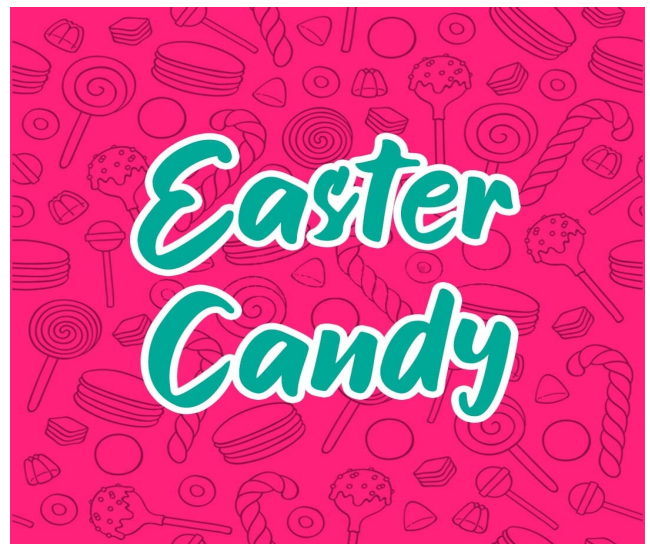
Our Gift Card Bingo Event that happened on Saturday, March 22nd was a smashing success!!! **WE SOLD OUT!** We hosted over 150 people and even the non winners had an amazing time. The kitchen was fully staffed and serving the delicious food GSLC is known for. Thank you to everyone who helped and to all of the guests that joined us on that Saturday. We grossed an amazing \$6,750.00!!! From the greeters and cashiers at the door and our all tireless kitchen staff, we are grateful and thankful to be blessed with such amazing members and volunteers. Thank you to the bakers who supplied the event with an outstanding selection of items to choose from. You can see from the pictures above all the smiling faces. We apologize to everyone that was not able to secure tickets. We hope to see you at the next Bingo on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th**. It will be another card bingo with lots of great prizes.

Annual Easter Candy Sale

The last day for GSLC Easter Candy orders is **Sunday, April 6th**. Please drop off any orders at the church office. Payment is due at the time of order.

Volunteers Needed

Candy assembly will be on **Wednesday, April 9th at 7am** in the fellowship hall. Please call Lorie at **610-297-5156** if you would like to feel like Willie Wonka for the day!





OUTDOOR SPRING COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Location: 1335 Old Carriage Road, Northampton, PA
Date: Saturday, May 17th (Raindate June 7th)
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Join us by reserving an outdoor space for **GSLC Community Spring Yard Sale**. This is the perfect event for Spring Cleaning!! Reserve a space for only \$20 (you must bring your own table). Limited spaces available. Good Shepherd will fill our fellowship hall with our items for sale. Our kitchen will be open. Please call the church office to reserve your spot. (610-262-9517) Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**Item donations for this event will be accepted at the church office from April 27th-May 10th only. Please call Monday –Friday from 9-2pm.*



Our **Annual Mardi Gras Talent Show & Pot Luck** was a great night of fun, jokes and music. We had 98 people in attendance on Saturday, March 1st, which was our highest attendance in 5 years! We had music, singers and comedians. Our praise band, Grounds of Grace, played as did the Kreidersville Headhunters band. There was also an Elvis sighting! The night was overall a great evening out with lots of fellowship. We love hosting these events and hope that with our upcoming **Karaoke Night** (March 26th) and the **Seniors' Prom** (June 14th) you will consider joining us. Thanks again to our fabulous host Scott Henninger.

Easter Fun Facts

- The lamb is an important Easter symbol.
The Easter bunny isn't the only holiday mascot around town! This more or less has to do with the Christian tradition of eating lamb to commemorate Christ's death and sacrifice all that time ago.
- PAAS is the most popular Easter egg dyeing kit.
You can't have Easter without colorful eggs! Well, you can, but it won't be near as fun! According to a recent study, PAAS is overwhelmingly the favorite egg decorating brand amongst American families. Considering all the creative options they have available, it's no surprise! From classic color dyes to kits brimming with glitter, egg crayons and stickers, there are so many works-of-art to be made.
- Pastel colors hold religious meanings.
Pastel colors are used in so many Easter celebrations. But they have important symbolism too! Baby blue, mint green, light yellow and soft pink all carry meaning of the rebirth and renewal of life that occurs in spring. Specifically, white represents light, triumph, and glory, while lavender represents penance, power and royalty. Pink represents joy and love, then red symbolizes sacrifice, blood and martyrdom. Finally, green represents hope and eternal life.
- In recent years, Americans spent over \$22 billion on Easter.
Between food, clothing, candy, and gifts, Easter can get expensive! In 2025, Americans planned to spend \$22.4 billion on Easter, according to the National Retail Federation (NRF). As that number increases every year, it's likely to be even higher in 2026!
- Florida held the largest Easter egg hunt in the United States.
Talk about eggs-traordinary! The largest Easter egg hunt to ever take place in the United States happened at Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Winter Haven, Florida on April 1, 2007. At the gigantic hunt, 9,753 children and adults searched for a whopping 501,000 eggs.
- The red jelly bean is the most popular flavor.
Specifically, the Very Cherry flavor! In fact, it remained the most popular flavor for over two decades, facing a brief hiatus from 1998 to 2003 when buttered popcorn took over. However, Very Cherry reclaimed its fame in 2003, and has been the most popular one ever since!

