

The



Call

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

—Liturgy of St. James

COME AND WORSHIP

We gather to worship, not a criminal, but the King of kings and Lord of lords, who travels with his cross. We gather to worship from Palm Sunday through Holy Week and onto Easter Sunday. We add our voices to the angels' song proclaiming God's love for us and our love for God.

We worship to sing God's praise and in worship we hear God's Word and to pray:

*O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!*

—Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

*Peace, and many blessings —
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
pastor*

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**HOLY WEEK SERVICES****Palm Sunday****April 13****Word and Sacrament****8:30 a.m.****11:00 a.m. (Nave only)****Maundy Thursday****April 17 —7:00 p.m.****Good Friday****April 18—7:00 p.m.****Easter Vigil****Saturday, April 19****7:00 p.m.****Easter Sunday****April 20****Word and Sacrament****8:30 a.m.****11:00 a.m. (Nave only)****Meeting Notice**

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called for **Sunday, April 27 at 10:30**

a.m. in the Nave. There will be one service of worship that day at 9:30 a.m. prior to the meeting. The Semi-Annual Report will be available April 3 and will be distributed electronically. Hard copies of the report will be available upon request from the Church Office.

Welcome New Members!

We welcome Heather and Dan Watkins, along with sons Alec and Connor, who joined Good Shepherd on March 10 by Certificate of Transfer from Tree of Life, Harrisburg. Welcome to this ministry!

Unless otherwise noted,

all services are held in the Nave

and live streamed on YouTube.

“SOUP-ER” Suppers and Worship

On the remaining Wednesday evenings during Lent, April 2 and 9,
we will gather to share a meal and worship together.

5:30 p.m. “Soup-er” Supper in All Saints Hall
7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer in the Nave

Please plan to join with your friends from Good Shepherd
as we prepare for Holy Week.



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal—April 17

Lentil Soup and all the trimmings will be served in All Saints Hall
prior to the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service in the Nave. All are welcome!



Easter Breakfast—April 20

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a breakfast on Easter Sunday,
April 20 at 9:45 a.m. in All Saints Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in the
fellowship and celebration of the risen Christ! Mark your calendar, and
bring your favorite breakfast item to share. Please indicate the food that you
will bring on a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or at the Chapel
entrance. If you are willing to assist the Hospitality Committee with set-up
and/or clean-up, please contact Susan Master.

Adult Faith Formation

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in The Gathering Room

During the season of Lent, the Adult Faith Formation Class is studying “The Sermon on the Mount.” This video-aided lesson, led by John Bricker, will discuss what author Amy-Jill Levine calls “A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The schedule of topics is as follows:

April 6	Finding Your Treasure
April 13	Living in the Kingdom

Each lesson is a stand-alone discussion. Come to all or any of the classes. Feel free to bring guests—all are welcome!

— John Bricker

Pastor’s Bible Study In Recess

The monthly Bible study led by Pastor Baker has concluded for the season. The class will reconvene in the fall with a new study.

Mission and Ministry To Meet

There will be a Mission and Ministry Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome!

—Sue Bricker

Spring Clean-Up

Volunteers are invited to help spruce up Good Shepherd’s grounds ahead of Easter. Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Coffee, donuts, and water will be provided. Please be in touch with Bill Baum with any questions.



—Bill Baum

From Our Treasurer: February Financials

FEB. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2025

	Feb.	YTD
Giving	25,002	60,699
Spending	19,674	40,715
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,328	19,983

BALANCES

General Fund	40,731
Exchange (Restricted)	78,756
Memorial	30,136
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,391
Investments	372,645

April Birthdays



April 1	Sylvia McAnaney
April 2	Dakota Dougherty Samuel Sprunk
April 4	Jason Ulerick
April 7	Blake Bair Lynne Clemente William Tuttle
April 10	Will Wright
April 13	Jeanne Romberger
April 14	Vera Mink
April 15	Joyce Tuttle
April 19	Bertram Kreider, Jr. Robert Sprunk Sara Sprunk
April 21	Lorelei Sipe
April 23	Alexandra Bridges
April 26	Mary Petruschke
April 27	Denny Beaver Susan Master



*Our prayers
and the comfort
of the Christian faith
are with the
family and friends of
Donald Dearing
who died December 8, 2024.*

April Readings

April 1	Leviticus 23: 26-41, Revelation 19: 1-8, Psalm 53
April 2	Leviticus 25: 1-19, Revelation 19: 9-10, Psalm 53
April 3	2 Kings 4: 1-7, Luke 9: 10-17, Psalm 53
April 4	Isaiah 43: 8-15, Philippians 2: 25-3:1, Psalm 12
April 5	Exodus 12: 21-27, John 11: 45-57, Psalm 126
April 6	Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3: 4b-14, John 12: 1-8
April 7	Exodus 40: 1-15, Hebrews 10: 19-25, Psalm 20
April 8	Judges 9: 7-15, 1 John 2: 18-28, Psalm 20
April 9	Habakkuk 3: 2-15, 1 John 2: 18-28, Psalm 20
April 10	Isaiah 53: 10-12, Hebrews 2: 1-9, Psalm 31: 9-16
April 11	Isaiah 54 9: 10, Hebrews 2: 1-18, Psalm 31: 9-16
April 12	Leviticus 213: 1-8, Luke 22: 1-13, Psalm 31: 9-16
April 13	Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16, Philippians 2: 5-11, Luke 22: 15-23:56
April 14	Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalm 36: 5-11, Hebrews 9: 11-15, John 12: 1-11
April 15	Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 71: 1-14, 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31, John 12: 20-36
April 16	Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12: 1-3, John 13: 21-32
April 17	Exodus 12: 1-4 [5-10]11-14,;Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
April 18	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18: 1-19:42
April 19	Romans 6: 3-11, John 20: 1-18
April 20	Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26, Luke 24, 1-1
April 21	Joshua 10: 16-27, 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8, Psalm 118: 1-2, 24-24
April 22	Judges 4: 17-23; 5: 24-31a, Revelation 12: 1-12, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14:24
April 23	2 Samuel 6: 1-15, Luke 24: 1-12, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
April 24	1 Samuel 17: 1-23, Acts 5: 12-16, Psalm 150
April 25	1 Samuel 17: 19-32, Acts 5: 17-26, Psalm 150
April 26	1 Samuel 17: 32-51, Luke 24: 36-40, Psalm 150
April 27	Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29, Revelation 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31
April 28	Esther 7: 1-10, Revelation 1: 9-20, Psalm 122
April 29	Esther 8: 1-17, Revelation 2: 8-11, Psalm 122
April 30	Esther 9: 1-15, 18-23; Luke 12: 4-12; Psalm 122



Earth Day April 22, 2025

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... Then God said, "Let there be light... it was good. Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters... Let the waters under the heaven be gathered in one place.... Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit... Let there be lights in the firmament... Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth... Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind... And God saw that it was good. —Genesis 1

Then God created male and female, blessed them and gave them dominion over all. In worship we say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

Sadly, we have not been good servants when it comes to creation. April 22 is Earth Day. Every day should be Earth Day. My generation, at least those with power, have chosen to not change and to not think about the future of the world and its inhabitants.

My hope and inspiration are the youth of the world. They are letting their light shine. They protest, march, and AdvoCaTe—ACT!

In worship, we sing the hymns, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, *This Is My Father's World*, and many more praising God and creation. WE need to do more than sing. AdvoCaTe—ACT!

Be a catalyst! Email, call, and send postcards to your legislators. Urge them to believe and pass legislation to protect God's creation and his people from the dangers of climate change. Be creative, polite, and bold.

In closing, here is an excerpt from one of Pope Francis' prayers from an encyclical letter, "On Care for Our Common Home."

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of the earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they might avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

—Lois Griffiths

W/ELCA

Upcoming Events

W/ELCA Gathering
Monday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m.
in the Gathering Room

Thankoffering
Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m.
in the Chapel
Sunday April 27 at 9:30 a.m.
in the Nave



Workshop News

Just a reminder of the fundraiser for Family Promise: **Fam Jam** will be held on **Sunday, April 27** at **The Englewood in Hershey**. **Join us** for an afternoon of **fun, music, and good food!** There will be **Activities and crafts for the kids as well as a Silent Auction! Tickets** may be purchased at familypromisehcr.org or by **calling 717.737.1100**. **Hope to see you there!**

Family Promise Host Week will begin the week after Easter—**April 27 through May 4**. As always, we are in need of **meal preparers/servers, van drivers, and overnight hosts**. If you are able to help in any of these ways, please contact Georgia Rehm to sign-up. When we all work together, no one has to do too much. Thank you for all the support you have given to this very worthwhile program! The need for this program is very great. This past week, one family moved into their own **home** and a new family entered the program the very next day! There is almost always a waiting list!

—Georgia Rehm

THANK YOU to everyone who visited our Open House in March. It is always nice to have visitors! Feel free to visit anytime!

Just a reminder that Workshop is always in need of **cotton/cotton blend sheets and fabrics**, as well as **yarn**. Thank you for your continued support!

Just a reminder that Good Shepherd is **collecting items for Personal Care Kits** through Easter. Items needed are:

- bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz. in original wrapping)
- adult-size toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- sturdy combs (no picks)
- metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- and light-weight bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52", dark color recommended).

Donations may be placed in the green tubs in the breezeway and in both Narthexes.

—Georgia Rehm



Church World Service Request for Assistance

All refugee resettlement organizations received a stop-work order a few weeks ago. This stop-work order is affecting refugees who are already here in the US: people who have been extensively vetted by the US government and have been legally resettled in this country. Refugee status takes years to acquire and is one of the most difficult statuses to obtain. In fiscal year 2024, Church World Service Harrisburg resettled 611 refugees in the greater Harrisburg area. They were set to settle 850 refugees in fiscal year 2025. Since October 2024, CWS Harrisburg resettled 400 people prior to January 20.

Since the stop-work order, CWS has not been able to offer the mandated services refugees are supposed to receive because there has been a freeze on their federal income. In addition, work that was already done in December 2024 and submitted for reimbursement is included in this freeze, so the contracts that were fulfilled are not being paid by the federal government. As a result, they were massive furloughs, going from a staff of 54 people to 11 people. This has cut into the mandated services programs and affected refugees that have been resettled in this area.

Volunteers are urgently needed.

Giving opportunities:

- Grocery store gift cards
- Uber gift cards to help with transportation
- Toiletries (including diapers and feminine hygiene products)
- Household items (e.g. cleaning products, laundry products, furniture, sheets, towels, etc.)

Hands-on opportunities:

- School enrollment team
- Medical appointment team (transportation)
- House welcome and support
- Food and supplies assistance
- Cultural orientation and ESL mentorship
- Job readiness and resume help
- State ID & bank account support
- General admin and office support

If you'd like to volunteer hands-on time, please contact Church World Service Harrisburg at [**harrisburg@cwsglobal.org**](mailto:harrisburg@cwsglobal.org) .

Financial donations are also welcome and may be made online at [**cwsharrisburg.org/**](http://cwsharrisburg.org/)

CD East High School—Prom Sponsors Invited

The Central Dauphin East High PBIS team is requesting our help! The committee plans to recognize students who have positively impacted our school community by displaying grit, respect, excellence, accountability, and thoughtfulness (GREAT). They would like to surprise selected students with prom tickets. Prom tickets cost \$70 per person, and they are looking for individuals or groups willing to sponsor a student or multiple students. You may donate any amount. Good Shepherd has supported this program for several years. The deadline is April 9. Make checks payable to “CD East High PBIS” and mail to Central Dauphin East High School, Attn: Brittany Robinson, 626 Rutherford Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

—Mary Sprunk

Celebrating Pastor Baker’s Ordination Anniversary

On May 25, 2025, Good Shepherd will celebrate Pastor Baker on the 25th anniversary of her ordination. There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch in All Saints Hall. As our way to honor Pastor, we are collecting money that will be donated to the “Robert and Mame Klick Scholarship Fund” at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg (her Alma mater). For this 25th anniversary, wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could raise \$2500 in honor of Pastor Baker? Donations should be placed in an envelope marked “Klick Scholarship Fund” and put in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. If you are planning to attend the lunch, please fill out the reservation form (below) and return it to the church office so proper arrangements can be made.

—Dix McCauley

25th Anniversary Celebration of Pastor Baker’s Ordination

May 25, 2025

Following one service of worship at 9:30 a.m.

All Saints Hall

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Please bring a dish to share (circle one):

Main Dish

Side Dish

Dessert

Harrisburg Food Pantry

Needed Items — The Basics

Canned Items

baby food
fruit juice
meats (tuna, stew)
peanut butter
soups
spaghetti sauce
tomatoes
vegetables

Packaged Items

baby formula
cereal
crackers
mac & cheese dinners
powdered milk
pudding
jello
ramen noodles
rice
spaghetti

Other items: Cake mix, flour, pancake mix
condiments: jam, jelly, mustard, ketchup,
salad dressing, salt (no sugar due to mice)
toiletry items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste,
deodorant. baby diapers.

April 6 is Food Pantry Sunday.

Health Ministries Wishlist

Christ Lutheran Church

124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg

Items needed:

Bayer contour blood glucose test strips
Tussin CF cough medicine
honey • lice shampoo • allergy eye drops
sugar-free cough drops • shoe inserts
men's & women's socks • underwear
t-shirts • chapstick • toothpaste
toothbrush • deodorant • soap
back supports/braces
HP LaserJet toner, 85A & 83A
quality orthotics (knee, ankle, wrist braces)
muscle rub pain relief cream
hot/cold packs for muscle pain
coffee • tea • sugar • powdered creamer

Worship Sponsorships

Flowers \$25

Bulletins \$30

Lamps \$10

April 6	No flowers	D. McCauley	D. McCauley
April 13		Boyne	
April 20	Easter lilies	Sprunk	Stewart
April 27	Boyne	McCauley	

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIP OPEN APRIL 13 (Palm Sunday).

A master calendar
is posted in the
Narthex of the
Nave . Sign up on
the calendar and
return your form
and payment to the
church office.

Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are
printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____, 2025

___ Flowers

___ Bulletins

___ Lamps

___ To the Glory of God

___ In Memory Of

___ In Honor Of

___ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday 9 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	2 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 10:45 a.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube)	3	4 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	5 8:30 a.m. Spring Clean-Up (Church Grounds) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
6 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	7 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	8 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul) 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)	9 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube)	10	11 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)	12 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
13 May Call Deadline 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	14 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	15 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)	16 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel)	17 5:30 p.m. Agape Meal (ASH) 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday W & S (Nave/ YouTube)	18 7 p.m. Good Friday W & S (Nave/YouTube)	19 7 p.m. Easter Vigil (Nave/YouTube)
20 Easter 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast (ASH) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	21 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	22 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	23 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	24	25 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	26 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
27 9:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 10:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room) Thankoffering Sunday	28 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	29 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	30 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	SAVE THE DATE! The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m. The Keystone Concert Band will perform at 2 p.m. More information to come in future bulletins and the May 2025 Call. 		



Easter Decoration Fund



Please return this form with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) **by April 13, 2025** if you'd like to contribute toward this effort.

Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday—April 20.

____ To the Glory of God

____ In Memory of: _____

____ In Honor of: _____

____ In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Our Purpose

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

Guiding Principles

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful

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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Nave)