

The



Call

Dearest people of God,

I'm concerned. I'm not the only one. The trend has been happening for quite some time, from the dawn of time to be precise. Put two people together, and they will find some way to distinguish one from another. To be more succinct, they will look for a way, not only to be divided from each other, but they will also look for a way to be better than the other. They will search to put the other person lower and to lift themselves higher.

In recent images, you and I are witness to this constant act.

As soon as the attacks on Iran took place, I saw two kinds of images. One kind of image showed the people of Iran as angry and defiant. The other kind of image showed the people of Iran rejoicing and thankful that the world was coming to their aid.

As Lutherans, we need to stand to see both pictures as reality. Saint AND Sinner. Both And.

When we put one image above the other, when we seek to further divide ourselves and take sides, we miss the reality.

It happens when we elevate certain people to celebrity and then rip them to shreds when we learn of their atrocious sins. People should be brought to justice for their crimes. No one is above the law, nor is anyone without sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

We are commanded to be truthful. We are commanded to see our own flaws. Beyond the Bible, we also hear the words of Martin Luther from his explanation of the 8th commandment to not tell lies:

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

Before we stand too firmly in our judgement of someone who does not see things the way that we do, stop. Consider if there is another side to the story. And consider if there is room in your heart and mind to see that the truth might be holding both positions, together.

Is it a reality that children and people are dying at the hands of aggression? Yes. Is it a reality that some people would welcome the change? Yes. Is it a reality that there is mourning of the death and destruction? Yes. Do we need to stand with everyone who is suffering loss of family and home and income and stability? Yes.

Resist the Tempter's work in pulling us away from each other. Resist the Tempter placing hatred and division among us. Be strong in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and Savior, who unifies us in the command to love and serve one another. Everyone.

Peace, and many blessings,

Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
pastor

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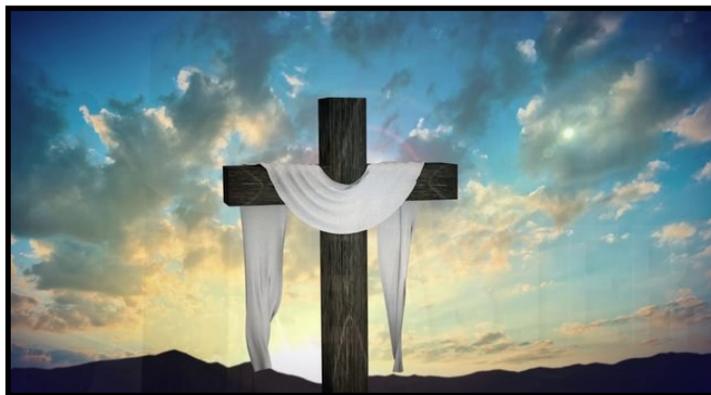
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 clarity. Unless otherwise publicized, the deadline
 for submissions is the third Sunday of the month.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES****Palm Sunday****March 29****Word and Sacrament****8:30 a.m.****11:00 a.m. (no livestream)****Maundy Thursday****April 2 —7:00 p.m.****Good Friday****April 3—7:00 p.m.****Easter Vigil****Saturday, April 4****7:00 p.m.****Easter Sunday****April 5****Word and Sacrament****8:30 a.m.****11:00 a.m. (no livestream)**

*Unless otherwise noted,
 all services are held in the Nave
 and live streamed on YouTube.*

**Meeting Notice**

The Semi-Annual
 Meeting of the
 Congregation has
 been called for

**Sunday, May 3 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 Re-
 port will be available April 12 and will
 be distributed electronically. Hard
 copies of the report will be available
 upon request from the Church Office.



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal—April 2

Lentil Soup and all the trimmings will be served in All Saints Hall
at 5:30 p.m.

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service in the Nave. All are welcome!



Easter Reception —April 5

The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring an Easter Reception Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome to join in the fellowship and celebration of the risen Christ! Mark your calendar, and bring your favorite treat to share. 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

The Adult Formation Class will resume meeting between Sunday services in The Gathering Room on Sunday, April 12, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Fred Sprunk will be leading a six-week course of the Parables of Jesus. The Adult Class will be on break during the summer worship schedule, which begins May 24.

Pastor's Bible Study

Bible Study led by Pastor Baker will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. John 14 & 15 will be discussed as Jesus' last two 'I AM' statements.

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, March 28 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

2026

	Feb.	YTD
Giving	20,750	64,547
Spending	18,979	41,067
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,771	23,481

BALANCES

General Fund	54,915
Exchange (Restricted)	35,762
Memorial	20,431
Mission Investment Fund CD	33,287
Investments	420,298

April Birthdays



April 1	Sylvia McAnnaney
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

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE

Good Shepherd's Living Room Dialogue will be introducing a new book when it resumes meeting on Sunday, April 26, in The Gathering Room at 6:30 p.m. Phyllis Switaj will lead the first session on the book No Wonder They Call Him Savior by Max Lucado. The group extends an invitation to anyone wishing to join in our small-group discussions. There is still time for Fred Sprunk to order a book for you if you contact him by April 12. The May meeting will be on the 31st to avoid Memorial Day.

April Readings

April 1	Isaiah 50:4-9a, Hebrews 12:1-3, Kings 13:1-32. Psalm 70
April 2	Exodus 12:1-4[5-10]11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
April 3	Isaiah 52:13--53:12, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1--19:42, Psalm 22
April 4	Romans 6: 3-11, John 20: 1-18
April 5	Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28: 1-10, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
April 6	Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21, Colossians 3:5-11, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
April 7	Exodus 15: 1-18, Colossians 3: 12-17, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
April 8	Joshua 3: 1-7, Matthew 28: 1-10, Psalm 118: 1-2. 14-24
April 9	Song of Solomon 2:8-15, Colossians 4: 2-5, Psalm 16
April 10	Song of Solomon 5:9--63, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Psalm 16
April 11	Song of Solomon 8: 6-7, John 20: 11-20, Psalm 16
April 12	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31, Psalm 16
April 13	Judges 6: 36-40, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Psalm 114
April 14	Jonah 1: 1-17, 1 Corinthians 15: 19-28, Psalm 114
April 15	Jonah 2: 1-10, Matthew 12: 38-42, Psalm 114
April 16	Isaiah 25: 1-5, 1 Peter 1: 8b-12, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
April 17	Isaiah 26: 1-4, 1 Peter 1: 13-16, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
April 18	Isaiah 25: 6-9, Luke 147: 12-14, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
April 19	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
April 20	Genesis 18: 1-14, 1 Peter 1: 23-25, Psalm 134
April 21	Proverbs 8: 32--9:6, 1 Peter 2: 1-3, Psalm 134
April 22	Exodus 24: 1-11, John 21: 1-14, Psalm 134
April 23	Exodus 2: 15b-25, 1 Peter 2: 9-12, Psalm 23
April 24	Exodus 3:16-22: 4: 18-20, 1 Peter 2: 13-17, Psalm 23
April 25	Ezekiel 34: 1-16, Luke 15: 1-7, Psalm 23
April 26	Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 2: 19-25, John 10: 1-10, Psalm 23
April 27	Ezekiel 34: 17-23, 1 Peter 5: 1-5, Psalm 100
April 28	Ezekiel 34: 23-31, Hebrews 13: 20-21, Psalm 100
April 29	Jeremiah 23: 1-8, Matthew 20: 17-28, Psalm 100
April 30	Genesis 12: 1-3, Acts 6:8-15, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16



Earth Day April 22, 2026

“I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalm 139:14

“This proclamation reminds us of God’s promise to always be with us even during times of devastation and decision. Repeating the phrase ‘I am worthy’ helps us recognize the Holy Spirit’s ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation creates opportunities for healing and repair within ourselves, the church, society and the world. When we declare, ‘I am worthy’, we align ourselves with God’s promises. There is great power in our resolve.”

This is the 2026 WELCA Triennial Gathering theme. It will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 16-19, 2026. We also hold our Churchwide convention for voting members by Zoom from July 13-14, 2026.

Here are some **Lower Susquehanna Synod WELCA** dates:

Friday, August 14, 2026 LSS WELCA Convention. (place to be announced). Our theme “Go Boldly into the wilderness”. Worship with Bishop Herr. Our convention speaker is Deacon Marsha Roscoe.

October 23, 24 & 25, 2026 is our annual Camp Hebron Retreat, Halifax, PA. There are options to attend from 1-3 days. More details will soon be available.

Good Shepherd’s WELCA dates:

“Here in this place gather us in” WOV, PP.718-719. You’re invited to join us every 2nd Monday of the month. We meet in the Gathering Room at 9:30 a.m. We will meet again April 13, May 11, June 8, 2026. We’re continuing our study of Women of the Bible. Thankoffering Sunday will be May 3, 2026.

Here’s information from the LS SWO WELCA about our recent Cabin Fever Gathering Saturday, March 7 at St. Bartholomew’s United Lutheran Church, Hanover. There were 56 attendees.

This is the article by JoAnn Brumgard that appeared in our recent News & Views newsletter. “Being Worthy: Cabin Fever Gathering- Recap”

...”Amy Albert, Assistant Youth Program Manager of New Hope Youth Ministries, opened our eyes to all the wonderful opportunities and wide variety of services that New Hope Ministries offer/provide. We here in South Central Pennsylvania are so fortunate to have access to a great nonprofit for our communities... offering for the day donated to New Hope Youth Ministries was \$888.

Author, speaker and coach, Michelle Brumgard, spoke straight from her heart to us about “all the things we have under the rug” over the years. She showed us how to embrace peace in our bodies and our lives by dealing with our past stories that we hold on to. Check out her new book, [Pace of Peace](#).

Our Assisting Pastor, Sheila E. Ireland, led us in our worship service and had us chanting, “I am a Masterpiece, made by God...to do good works” repeated 3 times. We truly and uniquely are designed by God...” We enjoyed a bell choir of “On Eagles Wings”.

We did a heart craft reminding us that Jesus is love. She also gave a shout out to the kitchen men and members of St. Bartholomew for an enjoyable, fun and successful event.

A prayer from Gather magazine’s March/ April/ May’s Bible study by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

“Holy, loving and gracious God, your son Jesus came among us that we may have life and have it in abundance. Yet for so many of us that abundant life can feel far away. Lead and guide us and all creation from fear to love, from anxiety to peace, and from death to life. You are the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In your name, we pray. Amen

W/ELCA
Upcoming Events
W/ELCA Gathering
Monday, April 13 at 9:30
a.m.
in the Gathering Room

Thankoffering
Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m.
in the Chapel
Sunday May 3 at 9:30 a.m.
in the Nave



Family Promise currently has 2 families in the shelter program: a mother with 3 children and a couple who are expecting a baby in a few weeks.

FAM JAM will be held at The Englewood in Hershey on Sunday, April 26 from 2 to 4. This is an annual fundraiser for Family Promise. Visit their website, www.FamilyPromiseHCR.org for complete details. They are currently looking for sponsors and donations of silent auction items.

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK will be **Sunday, April 26 - May 3**. We always need volunteers to provide meals, van drivers, and overnight hosts. Please contact Georgia if you might be available to help with any of these positions.

—Georgia Rehm

Workshop News

Workshop/Prayer Shawl continues to meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to noon. Feel free to drop in anytime to see what we do. Everyone is welcome! A reminder that we are always in need of items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief : dark colored bath towels, individually wrapped bars of soap, toothbrushes, large tooth combs (no picks), and nail clippers.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for workshop and prayer shawl. We could not do what we do without your continued support!

An Open House was held on March 17.

Donations Requested

It has come to our attention that there is a need for **craft items** and **used greeting cards**. These items will be used for craft projects for a group of disabled adults.

Donations may be placed in the box on the table under the mailboxes in the breezeway.

Thank You! —Georgia Rehm

**Health Ministries
Wishlist**

Christ Lutheran Church
**124 South 13th Street, Harris-
burg**

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

**Harrisburg Food Pantry
Needed Items – The Basics**

Canned Items	Packaged Items
baby food fruit juice meats (tuna, stew) peanut butter soups spaghetti sauce tomatoes vegetables	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 dress-
ing, salt (no sugar due to mice)
toiletry items: toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, tooth-
paste, deodorant, baby diapers.
NEW NEED: EGG CARTONS!

***April 5** is Food Pantry Sunday.*

03/02/2026

Dear Friends of the Food Pantry:

On behalf of Harrisburg Area Food Pantry, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of 62 pounds of food received on 02/06/2026. By stepping forward, you are helping us to carry out our mission of providing food assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity in the greater Harrisburg area. In these difficult times, your benevolence is not just providing a helping hand to those in need today but also offering hope for a better tomorrow. We encourage you to share information about Harrisburg Area Food Pantry and your experience of contributing to our cause. Information about our Pantry and how to donate can be found at www.hfoodpantry.org.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your support. Our mission can only be fulfilled through the kindness and generosity of supporters like you. Together, we can and will make a difference for thousands of people in our community.

As we strive to end hunger in the Harrisburg area, we draw strength from your belief in our mission.

With Warm Regards,
Deidre D. Lenker
Executive Director

Harrisburg Area Food Pantry operates as a 501 (c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in consideration of this gift.



At risk? Call/Text 988
or Chat at 988Lifeline.org



DAUPHIN COUNTY
ASPARE

ALLIES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION:
Inspiring, Responding, Educating

Question, Persuade and Refer

Three simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide



WHAT IS QPR

The QPR Institute's mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training.

We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

WHAT IS A QPR GATEKEEPER

A gatekeeper is someone in a position to recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide.

QPR Gatekeepers can be anyone, but include

- Parents
- Teachers
- Minister
- Youth
- Doctors
- First Responders
- Mental Health Professionals
- And YOU!

AS A CERTIFIED QPR GATEKEEPER YOU WILL LEARN TO

1. Recognize the warning signs of suicide
2. Increase awareness of stigma and understand suicide as a public health issue
3. Know how to offer hope
4. Know how to access local and national referral resources
5. Know how to get help and save a life

TRAINING INFORMATION

DATE & TIME

April 23, 2026

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

LOCATION

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3700 Rutherford St.
Harrisburg, PA**

*Entrance will be at Wilhelm Road side of the church
The Church is Handicap Accessible*

**Participants must attend the entire course in order to receive certification *If you are attending a virtual training, please ensure that your video remains on at all times*

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: (888) 726-7926
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Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
April 5	Easter lilies	K. Stewart	D. McCauley
April 12	Easter lilies		D. McCauley
April 19	F. Sprunk	D. McCauley	
April 27			

Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____, 2026

___ 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



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, May 2 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 2026 Call.

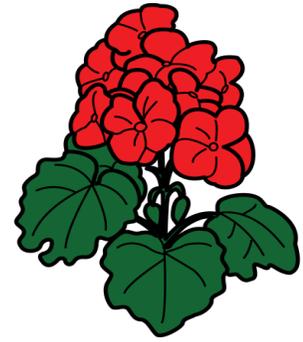


April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapell)	2 5:30 p.m. Agape Meal (ASH) 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday W & S (Nave/ YouTube)	3 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Good Friday (Nave/YouTube)	4 7 p.m. Easter Vigil (Nave/YouTube)
5 EASTER Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Reception (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	6 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	7 9:30 a.m. Workshop 11 am Shawl Min- istry (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)	8 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7 pm Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	9	10 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)	11 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
12 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave))	13 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	14 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul)	15 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7pm Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	16	17 11 a.m.. Ready for School , Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)	18 5 p. m. W & S (Chapel)
19 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)	20 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	21 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	22 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 11:00 a.m. Worship & Music Comm. (Gathering Rm) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	23 1:00 p.m. QPR training (ASH)	24 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	25 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
26 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathing Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)	27 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	28 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	29 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 11:00 a.m. Stewardship (Gathering Rm) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	30		

Decorations for Pentecost

Good Shepherd will be decorated with geraniums for
Pentecost—May 24, 2026.



After they have been used in worship, they will be planted around the building to beautify our grounds for the summer.

If you wish to contribute to this project, please submit your donation (any amount is appreciated) with your completed slip to the church office **by Sunday, May 17.**

_____ To the Glory of God _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

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

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of
Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*



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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)