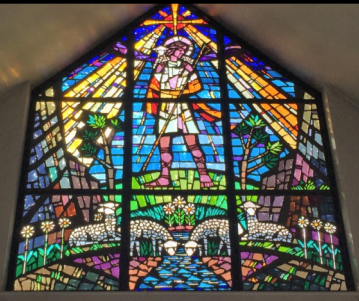


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The



Call

Dear Friends—

August is shaping up to be a month of special occasions and new things at Good Shepherd. (Who knew that celebrating my ordination anniversary in May was going to kick off a summer of exciting things!?!)

On August 10, Sunday, we (all of us) are invited to participate in an ecumenical picnic with area churches (see page 8 for more information). I can't wait to see us all gathered together and getting to know one another. Individual congregations often get turned in on themselves and start to think that we are the only ones doing ministry in a given area. That simply is never true. There are plenty of Christians around us who share in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, doing God's good work of ministry in service to others, and in worshiping God's holy name. We are not alone. Please mark your calendars, purchase or prepare something to share, and plan to attend this first (of hopefully many) ecumenical picnic.

On August 16, Saturday, at 4 p.m., we are invited to attend an ordination at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown. Vicar Rose Tonkin has served as a seminarian at Salem Lutheran in Oberlin and St. John in Steelton. She completed her seminary studies and is now approved by the Lower Susquehanna Synod Candidacy Committee for ordination. While this is a time to celebrate with Vicar Rose, raising up a leader is something for the whole church, everyone, to celebrate. Vicar Rose did not do this work on her own, but the prayers and support of God's people have surrounded her throughout her life and this process. We all have reason to come together, to worship God in thanksgiving for what has been done, and to affirm our support for Rose as she goes from being vicar to pastor. Thanks be to God!

God is at work. God is at work around the world, and right here in our little corner of it. God is making things happen: bringing people together and lifting up leaders.

Thanks be to God!

*Peace, and many blessings,
Kathleen J. Baker, pastor*

Parish Staff:

Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
 Nicholas P. Werner, Music Director
 Beth C. Fine, Church Administrator
 Kester T. Sobers III, Pastor Emeritus
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 Don Lausch, Dix McCauley, Robert Roller, Fred Sprunk,
 and Ann Vazquez.

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 the third Sunday of the month.



From Our Treasurer: June Financials

	2025	
	June	YTD
Giving	17,873	138,936
Spending	20,673	123,458
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,800)	15,478

BALANCES

General Fund	36,250
Exchange (Restricted)	49,227
Memorial	24,628
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,748
Investments	389,307

Stewardship News

Good news to share!

The Stewardship Committee has been exploring the “Building a Culture of Generosity” program since January.

A timeline has been planned to share what we have learned with the Good Shepherd family.

Watch for mailings, bulletin inserts, and most importantly stories of generosity from our church family beginning in late September and culminating in a Celebration Sunday in November.

We are looking forward to sharing how we can share our time, talent and treasure! God is calling us to a great adventure and our generosity will help our Good Shepherd family accomplish so much more as we move forward.

—Ann Vazquez



August Birthdays

August 2 Michael Rose
 August 7 Eleanor Stonefeld
 August 12 Jackie Love
 August 16 Emerson Knight
 August 17 Sheryl Watson
 August 20 Karl Valley
 August 25 Ruben Vazquez
 August 26 Larry McCauley
 August 27 Flo Valley
 August 29 Andria Jacobs



Swatara Township
National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5
6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Vanatta Park

The park is located behind the 7 Eleven on Derry Street in Lawnton. Good Shepherd will be participating. Stop by and say hello!

Volunteers: Please wear the newest Thrivent T-Shirt (available for pick up in the Gathering Room).

August Readings

8/1 Proverbs 24: 1-12, Ephesians 4: 17-24, Psalm 49: 1-12
 8/2 Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11, Mark 10: 17-22, Psalm 49: 1-12
 8/3 Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23, Psalm 49: 1-12, Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21
 8/4 Ecclesiastes 2: 1-17, Colossians 3: 18—4:1, Psalm 127
 8/5 Ecclesiastes 3: 16—4:8, Colossians 4: 2-6, Psalm 127
 8/6 Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8, 13-14; Luke 12: 22-31; Psalm 127
 8/7 Job 21: 1-16, Romans 9: 1-9, Psalm 33: 12-22
 8/8 Ecclesiastes 6: 1-6, Acts 7: 1-8, Psalm 33: 12-22
 8/9 Genesis 11: 27-32, Matthew 6: 19-24, Psalm 33: 12-22
 8/10 Genesis 15: 1-6; Psalm 33: 12-22; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
 8/11 2 Chronicles 33: 1-17, Hebrews 11: 1-7, Psalm 89: 1-18
 8/12 2 Chronicles 34: 22-33, Hebrews 11: 17-28, Psalm 89: 1-18
 8/13 Jeremiah 33: 14-26, Luke 12: 41-48, Psalm 89: 1-18
 8/14 Joshua 7: 1, 10-26; Hebrews 10: 26-31; Psalm 82
 8/15 1 Samuel 5: 1-12, Hebrews 10: 32-39, Psalm 82
 8/16 1 Samuel 6: 1-16, Matthew 24: 15-27, Psalm 82
 8/17 Jeremiah 23: 23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11: 29—12:2, Luke 12: 49-56
 8/18 Jeremiah 23: 30-40, 1 John 4: 1-6, Psalm 32
 8/19 Jeremiah 25: 15-29, Acts 7: 44-53, Psalm 32
 8/20 Jeremiah 25: 30-38, Luke 19: 45-48, Psalm 32
 8/21 Numbers 15: 32-41, Hebrews 12: 3-17, Psalm 103: 1-8
 8/22 2 Chronicles 8: 12-15, Acts 17: 1-9, Psalm 103: 1-8
 8/23 Nehemiah 13: 15-22, Luke 6: 1-5, Psalm 103: 1-8
 8/24 Isaiah 58: 9b-14, Psalm 103: 1-8, Hebrews 12: 18-29, Luke 13: 10-17
 8/25 Ezekiel 20: 1-17, Hebrews 3: 7—4:11, Psalm 109: 21-31
 8/26 Ezekiel 20: 18-32, Revelation 3: 7-13, Psalm 109: 21-31
 8/27 Ezekiel 20: 33-44, Luke 6: 6-11, Psalm 109: 21-31
 8/28 Proverbs 15: 13-17, 1 Peter 3: 8-12, Psalm 112
 8/29 Proverbs 18: 6-12, 1 Peter 4: 7-11, Psalm 112
 8/30 Proverbs 21: 1-4, 24-26; Matthew 20: 20-38; Psalm 112
 8/31 Proverbs 25: 6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14



ALL SAINTS HALL IS NOW FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED!

DNR Services has completed its work installing mini splits in All Saints Hall, the Servedy (Kitchen #1) and St. Lydia Room (sewing room). With final approval by the building permit inspector, the air conditioning is up and running. The units also will supplement the existing heating system.

This, in addition to the installation of new fans in the Nave, necessitates a huge thank you to everyone involved in the project. The Accessibility Task Force (Bill Baum, Greg Borzok, Karen Frischkorn, John McAnaney, Karl Valley and Dick Wix) deserves a special acknowledgement for the years-long work to enhance our multi-leveled building. Please take a moment to personally thank each of them.

However, I would be remiss if I did not add thanks to the leadership of Pastor Baker, the backing of church council and support of our entire congregation.

Finally, I ask our members to prayerfully consider making separate contributions to replenish our Memorial Fund. As you remember, the congregation approved taking money from the Memorial Fund to pay for the shortfall of the now-depleted Accessibility Fund on the fan and A/C projects. The final bill required spending approximately half of the \$30,000 in the Memorial Fund.

Again, thank you and blessings to all.

—Fred Sprunk
Your grateful council president

Have You Signed Up to Write an Advent Devotional?

Thank you to those who have already submitted an Advent article!

Thank you to all who have signed up and are trying to decide what they want to write!

Thank you to those who want to participate but are still thinking about it because they just don't know where to start!

Many years ago, Zion's members compiled several different Advent devotionals. Three of these devotionals are available in the Narthex for your perusal. If you are finding you have a writer's block, take some time before or after church to look through these booklets. The marked entries were written by Zion members (or family members) who were part of the merger. As you leaf through the booklets, you will see that some are quite short while others are long; some tell a story while others reflect on scripture verses; some quote other texts; some open with a hymn and others close with a prayer. Each, in their own way, inform, inspire, recall, or proclaim the coming of our Savior.

If you think it may be helpful, look through the booklets to see how different writers expressed their thoughts about the Advent Season. When you are finished, return the devotionals to the Narthex so other members may look through them.

Anyone who writes an entry should email it to the church office no later than **August 15th**. A list of Advent scripture texts and other Advent topics can be found in the Narthex. Thank you for taking the time to write an Advent message. Your contributions to this devotional booklet are guaranteed to make this a very personal Advent Season because we will know all the authors!

—Vicki Delp





What is W/ELCA?

What is W/ELCA? It's an easy way to say **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**.

Quite a mouthful, we know. Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship, and more! W/ELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

How does W/ELCA work?

There are three expressions of Women of the ELCA, each with its own constitution.

- Congregational, inter-congregational, and special units (about 7,000)
- Synodical Women's Organization (in 64 of the ELCA's 65 synods)
- Churchwide Women's Organization

The **congregational, inter-congregational and special units** are the largest expression of the organization and are the heart of the organization. This is where we grow the organization, inviting women to experience the reconciling and transforming love of God through Jesus Christ, encouraging women to act on their baptismal covenant.

The **synodical women's organizations** (SWOs) establish a partnership with units in their geographic areas and with the churchwide women's organization. SWOs exist to support women in congregations. Each SWO has a board whose members are elected at an annual or biennial convention by voting members from units. Each SWO establishes clusters or conferences of units within its geographic area.

Conferences and clusters are groupings of congregations within a synodical organization. While they have no legislative responsibilities, conferences and clusters provide learning opportunities through leadership development, community building, stewardship education, networks for communication and opportunities for joint ministry and action with the guidance of the SWO.

The **churchwide women's organization** (CWO) is the entire organization. Within the churchwide expression of Women of the ELCA, the triennial convention is the highest legislative authority; voting members to the convention are elected by synodical organizations. Between conventions, the churchwide executive board (volunteers elected by the triennial convention) conducts the business of the organization.

The churchwide executive board hires an executive director to oversee the operations of the CWO; the executive director, in turn, hires staff to assist in that endeavor. The only paid staff is located within the CWO. In all other expressions of the organization, volunteers carry out the organization's mission and purpose.

W/ELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. It is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs. Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

—Lois Griffiths

Workshop News

We continue to meet on Tuesday mornings in All Saints Hall and the St. Lydia room. Everyone is welcome! Stop in to see what we do!

This month, **donations** have been made to **Morningstar Pregnancy Services** (8 Quilts/Blankets and 8 Sweater and Hat sets).

In-Gathering will be held on **October 4 and 5**. Join us to see our donations for **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** on display. Our donations typically were sent to disaster areas throughout the world, but in recent years, many of the items are sent to disaster sites in the U.S. as well as around the globe.

Here's how YOU can help:

Monetary donations to help with the cost of shipping the needed items are welcome! Look for blue envelopes in the Narthex and outside of the Chapel closer to In-Gathering. **Donations of needed items** to put in the kits are also welcome!

Workshop continues to sew quilts, school bags, and pack personal care kits, and sewing kits for In-Gathering in October. Just a reminder that **school supplies** often go on sale in July and especially during late summer in preparation for students going back to school and fabric and thread are currently on sale. **Green tubs labeled W/ELCA DONATIONS** have been placed in the Breezeway and in the Narthex (Nave and Chapel) to collect donations.

Items needed for School Bags include: 70 sheet spiral bound notebooks (**currently \$.35 at Target and \$.40 at Walmart and Staples**), rulers with inches and centimeters, pencil sharpeners, black or blue ball point pens, Crayons (16 or 24 count), 2.5" erasers, and unsharpened pencils



Items needed for Personal Care Kits include:

nail clippers, towels (thin 52"X 27" dark color preferred), large tooth combs (not picks), Toothbrushes, and individually wrapped bars of soap

Items needed for Sewing Kits: fabric (60" – 2 1/4 yd., 42"-45" – 3 yd., 34-37" – 4 yd.) and matching or neutral color thread 250 – 300 yds.



Thank you for your continued support!

—Georgia Rehm

Family Promise News **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Family Promise Host Week
August 10 through 17
Volunteers are still needed!
Contact Georgia Rehm to sign-up.



Overnight hosts, meal preparers, and van drivers are still needed. We've had no guests in the program for several weeks, but the staff still received 134 calls in the month of June. The staff provided referrals to other agencies for help and support. **We now have 3 families and 10 guests in the program.**

Mission Golf Tournament to support Family Promise HCR
Friday, October 3 at 1:30p.m.
Rich Valley Golf Club.

See the notice on church bulletin boards and page 8 of the newsletter for more details.

Family Promise Harrisburg Capital Region
15TH Anniversary
October 17, 2025
Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church
Details will be forthcoming!

FAMILY PROMISE BULLETIN BOARD
Located in the Breezeway!

Check it out
for new information, announcements, activities, and needs!

Call Georgia Rehm with any questions.



MISSION CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Get ready to tee up for a powerful cause!

The **Mission Classic Golf Tournament** is more than just a day on the green—it's a chance to drive real change for families in our community who are working to overcome homelessness and housing instability.

Join us on **Friday, October 3 at 1:30 p.m.** at the beautiful **Rich Valley Golf Course** for an afternoon filled with friendly competition, fresh air, laughter, and purpose.

Whether you're a scratch golfer or more of a "swing and a prayer" kind of player, **this event is all about coming together to support the life-changing mission of Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region.** Your participation helps provide shelter, case management, transportation assistance, employment coaching, and so much more to families striving to rebuild their lives on their journey to stability and independence. Register to play (individuals and foursomes welcome) or to be a sponsor.

Call 717-545-2000 to register.

For sponsorship information, please visit CharltonChurch.org/golf

For more information, please visit familypromisehcr.org/mission-classic/

COMMUNITY MULTI-FAITH PICNIC

Sunday, August 10, 2025—1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.



**40 and 8 Club Pavilion
5831 Chambers Hill Road
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111**

- All are invited—bring the family
- Pot Luck—please bring a dish to share
- Free—Fellowship—Fun
- Games —Horseshoes, Volley Ball, Badminton, Cornhole
- Bring a lawn chair
- Musicians welcome



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

U.S. FLOODING LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

ELCA.org/flooding

In the face of disaster, the ELCA through Lutheran Disaster Response, shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow.

Flooding is one of the most common natural disasters in the United States. Across the country, we support communities as they recover from devastating floodwaters. LDR works with synods and partners to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery (including disaster care management and meeting unmet needs), and provide educational training for synods and partners in affected regions.

Lutheran Disaster Response works through strong partnerships with ELCA synods, congregations, and other organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to LDR support our church's work to share healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response \$_____DDG0060

☐ U.S. Flooding \$_____DDG0069

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIPcode _____

Email address _____

Scan to
give online



Give by phone (800-638-3522) or by mail. Checks or money orders may be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



SAVE THE DATE! Our annual **Community Day** is scheduled to take place on **September 13, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** The event will feature a yard sale, soup sale, and bake sale. Entertainment will be provided by the Keystone Concert Band with a performance taking place at 10:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be placed on the tables in All Saints Hall. We will be accepting clothing items that are in good and clean condition—**all donations of clothing,**

clothing, shoes, and books should be placed in the Choir Room. Furniture items will also be accepted. We ask that any electronic items be in good working condition and inspected by a member of the Evangelism Committee prior to being placed in ASH. Televisions will not be accepted. Please contact Dix McCauley with questions. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter and return it to the church office. **Volunteers:** Please wear the newest Thrivent T-Shirt (available for pick up in the Gathering Room). —Dix McCauley

Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
August 3	E. Hafer	Bricker	D. McCauley
August 10	E. Hafer	Switaj	D. McCauley
August 17	Wendt		Breon
August 24	D. McCauley	D. McCauley	D. McCauley
August 31	Fine		D. McCauley

A central calendar is also posted in the Narthex of the Nave . Sign your name to that calendar as well and turn in the form to the office. We can also do

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 \$25 ____ Bulletins \$30 ____ Sanctuary Lamps \$10

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

Submitted by: _____

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

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
3 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Nave) (Chapel)	4 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	5 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 6 p.m. Nat'l Night Out Vanatta Park	6 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel) 7 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	7	8	9 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
10 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel)	11 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 ASH 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	12 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)	13 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	14	15	16 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
17 SEPT. CALL DEADLINE 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel)	18 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	19 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)	20 9:30 a.m. W & S (Chapel) 10:45 a.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 7 p.m. Keystone Concert	21	22	23 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
24 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 10 a.m. W & S (Chapel) 9:30 a.m. Summer Fellowship (Wilhelm Rd. Patio) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)	25 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	26 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)	27 9:30 a.m. W & S (Chapel) 1 p.m. Worship & Music (Gathering Room) 7p.m. Keystone Concert	28	29	30 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
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Community Day September 13, 2024 Volunteer Form



***Please complete and return to the church office.
Questions? Contact Dix McCauley.***

- ☐ I will help set up for Community Day on Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. (additional dates will be needed if necessary.)
- ☐ I will donate an item for the Bake Sale What? _____

Please bring all baked items in disposable containers, dishes, or wraps to accommodate people who would like to purchase an entire pie or cake.

- ☐ I will help September 13:
 - ☐ wherever needed
 - ☐ specified area Where? _____
 - ☐ I will help cleanup after Community Day

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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



Church Office

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

10:00 a.m. Sunday (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)

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