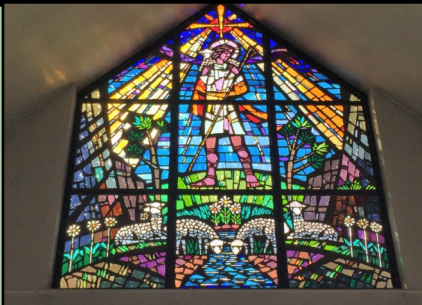


# The



# Call

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

This is a modified encore article. In 2008, Clint Eastwood directed and starred in the film *Gran Torino*. A drama/thriller about a retired fella who is having a tough time adjusting to the changing demographics of his neighborhood, this movie illustrates compassion, understanding, integrity, and transformation. There are plenty of movies that capture such themes, but this is one of my favorites.

Why?

When the main character confronts a group of young men that are harassing his feisty Hmong young neighbor gal, he ends up driving her home in his pickup truck. They have a moment to chat about who she is and why she's there. She explains how, during the Vietnam War, the Hmong helped the United States, which explains why she and her family are in the USA, but doesn't explain how they got to his neck of the woods. The main character then asks, "But how did you get here? In my neighborhood (meaning in suburban Detroit)?"

She replies, "Oh, you can blame the Lutherans."

And he retorts, "Everyone always blames the Lutherans."

I love that exchange. Embedded in this movie that addresses bigotry and stereotypes, is a tiny proclamation about the work that Lutherans do. How does a family from across the world find a new home and a new place to build their lives? Blame the Lutherans.

We worship. We pray. We provide spiritual friendship, and comfort, and support. And we don't hesitate to get our hands dirty with the work of providing radical love and hospitality to those in need.

Today, as funding sources are shifting, we Lutherans need to continue our efforts and supports for such ministry with volunteer hours and monetary donations. Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), and our ecumenical partners maintain their commitment to helping those in need. Together, we make a difference to those settling in the USA from afar. Thank you for all that you do in Jesus' name!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

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*Our prayers  
 and the  
 comfort of the  
 Christian faith*

*are with the  
 family and friends of  
 Elner Mann*

*who died April 21, 2025.*

*A funeral service was held*

*on April 30, 2025*

*in St. Mary's Chapel*

*with Pastor Baker presiding.*

*Our prayers  
 and the  
 comfort of the  
 Christian faith  
 are also with*



*the family and friends of  
 Julie Swartz*

*who died April 26, 2025.*

*A funeral service will be held  
 on May 12, 2025 at Good Shepherd  
 with Pastor Baker presiding.*



### **Calling All Music**

### **and Ice Cream Lovers!**

The annual Ice Cream Social  
 has been planned for  
 Saturday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.  
 prior to the Keystone

Concert Band performance at 2 p.m.

Ice cream will be served with a selected  
 number of favorite toppings. All will  
 take place in All Saints Hall.

## **From Our Treasurer: March Financials**

### **MARCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

### **2025**

### **BALANCES**

**Giving**  
**Spending**  
**Surplus/(Deficit)**

<b>Mar.</b>	<b>YTD</b>
23,967	84,667
22,043	61,460
<b>1,924</b>	<b>23,207</b>

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>44,005</b>
<b>Exchange (Restricted)</b>	<b>79,654</b>
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>30,136</b>
<b>Mission Investment Fund CD</b>	<b>32,391</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>359,312</b>

# May Birthdays



May 2	Connie Lochbaum
May 3	Vicki Delp
May 4	William Baum Janice Breon
May 5	Dave Boyne
May 8	Kelsey Fagan
May 11	Doug Rhodes
May 12	Phyllis Switaj
May 13	Theresa Dermes
May 14	Ben Clemente IV
May 15	Ben Clemente V
May 20	Douglas Griffiths Gene Stewart Dick Wix
May 25	Terri Bentzel
May 27	Ellen Ditmer
May 28	Sam Kuba



## May Readings

May 1	Isaiah 5: 11-17, Revelation 3: 14-22, Psalm 30
May 2	Isaiah 6: 1-4, Revelation 4: 1-11, Psalm 30
May 3	Genesis 18: 1-8, Luke 14: 12-14, Psalm 30
May 4	Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19
May 5	Ezekiel 1: 1-25, Acts 9: 19b-31, Psalm 121
May 6	Ezekiel 1: 26—2: 1, Acts 26: 1-18, Psalm 121
May 7	Isaiah 6: 1-8, Luke 5: 1-11, Psalm 121
May 8	Ezekiel 11: 1-25, Revelation 5: 1-10, Psalm 23
May 9	Ezekiel 20: 39-44, Revelation 6: 1—7:4, Psalm 23
May 10	Ezekiel 28: 25-26, Luke 12: 29-32, Psalm 23
May 11	Acts 9: 36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30
May 12	Ezekiel 27: 15-28, Revelation 15: 1-14, Psalm 100
May 13	Ezekiel 45: 1-9, Acts 9:32-35, Psalm 100
May 14	Jeremiah 50: 17-20, John 10: 31-42, Psalm 100
May 15	Ezekiel 2: 8—3: 11, Revelation 10: 1-11, Psalm 148
May 16	Daniel 7: 13-24, Revelation 11: 15, Psalm 148
May 17	Daniel 7: 27, Revelation 11: 16-19, Psalm 148
May 18	Acts 11: 1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35
May 19	1 Samuel 20: 1-23, 35-42: Act s 11: 19-36; Psalm 133
May 20	2 Samuel 1: 4-27, Acts 11: 27-30, Psalm 133
May 21	Leviticus 19: 9-18, Luke 10: 25-28, Psalm 133
May 22	Proverbs 2: 1-5, Acts 15: 36-41, Psalm 67
May 23	Proverbs 2: 6-8, Acts 16: 1-8, Psalm 67
May 24	Proverbs 2: 9-15, Luke 19: 1-10, Psalm 67
May 25	Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 22—22:5; John 14: 23-29
May 26	1 Chronicles 12: 16-22, Revelation 21: 5-14, Psalm 93
May 27	2 Chronicles 15: 1-15, Revelation 21: 15-22, Psalm 93
May 28	2 Chronicles 34: 20-33, Luke 2: 25-38, Psalm 23
May 29	Acts 1: 1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Luke 24: 44-53
May 30	Exodus 33: 12-17, Revelation 22: 6-9, Psalm 97
May 31	Exodus 33: 18-23, John 1: 14-18, Psalm 97



## Celebrating Pastor Baker's Ordination Anniversary

On May 25, 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. Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd.

If you are planning to attend the lunch, please fill out the reservation form 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.  
Potluck in All Saints Hall**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring a dish to share (circle one):

Main Dish

Side Dish

Dessert

## **Adult Faith Formation Begins Stewardship Study**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod has entered into a partnership with GSB, a consulting firm, to offer its member congregations assistance to develop a positive stewardship program. Good Shepherd's Stewardship Committee has been studying the GSB curriculum "Building a Culture of Generosity." As part of this course, our Stewardship Chairperson Ann Vazquez will offer videos outlining the program during the Adult Formation Class between Sunday services beginning May 4. The class meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room. —Fred Sprunk

## **Accessibility Projects Approved**

The Good Shepherd Congregation voted to accept the bids to provide air conditioning in All Saints Hall and fans for the Nave during its Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27. In the first action item, the motion to accept the bid of \$43,600 by DNR Services of Hummelstown to install mini splits for air conditioning and heating All Saints Hall, The Servery (also known as Kitchen #1), and the St. Lydia Room (also known as the sewing room) was approved by a 43-0 vote. The cost of this project is to be paid from the Good Shepherd Accessibility Project Fund, which currently has a little over \$48,000.

In the second action item, a motion to accept the bid of \$11,208 by the Big Ass Fan Company for two fans and the mounting kits as well as the bid of \$7,550 by the Conewago Facilities Group for the installation of the fans in the Nave was approved by a 38-4 vote. The cost of this project is to be paid from any money remaining in the Good Shepherd Accessibility Project Fund, supplemented by the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund currently has more than \$30,000 available.

Council President Fred Sprunk encourages the congregation to prayerfully consider contributions to the Memorial Fund to replenish funds used for this expenditure.

Property Chair Bill Baum says the companies involved in these projects have been informed that we accepted their bids. No installation dates have been scheduled as yet, but we are hopeful to have work commence before summer. —Fred Sprunk

## **Upcoming Committee Meetings**

### **Monday, May 5**

**W/ELCA Board**

**9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room**

### **Wednesday, May 7**

**Stewardship Committee**

**11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room**

**Worship and Music Committee 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room**



## Bold Lutheran Women Called to Discipleship

**SOPHIE SCHOLL.** Do you know her name? She was born in 1921 Germany. She was Lutheran. Like Bonhoeffer, she resisted Hitler, and like Bonhoeffer, she became a martyr. I read her story in a BBC news article. While students at Munich University she, her brother Hans, and friends along with a professor formed a non-violent anti-Nazi resistance group known as “The White Rose.” They believed as Sophie stated, “The current ‘state’ is the dictatorship of evil... But,...I ask you, if you know that, why don’t you act? Why do you tolerate these rulers gradually robbing you in public and in private of one right after another, until one day nothing, absolutely nothing remains but the machinery of the state....”

They wrote pamphlets and distributed them on campus and all over Germany. She believed, “Somebody, after all, had to make a start. What we wrote and said is also believed by others. They just don’t dare express themselves as we did.” □

For whatever reason, one day Sophie went to the top floor of a university building and threw the leaflets down to others on the ground. A caretaker identified her to the Gestapo. She and her brother were arrested. Even though they never gave up names, the others were found, tried, and all were sentenced to death for crimes of high treason.

At 21, Sophia went to the guillotine. he said, “Such a fine sunny day, and I have to go...what does my death matter, if through us thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action?” According to the *New York Times*, the text of the 6th leaflet was smuggled to the United Kingdom, reprinted, and dropped all over Germany by Allied planes. There are schools, streets, and awards named for her and others of “The White Rose.” Remember her name—Sophie Magdalena Scholl: Student, Resistance Fighter and a BOLD WOMAN.

**LEYMAH GBOWEE.** Do you know her name? “God is calling us today to reclaim our space.” She’s a Lutheran peacemaker and modern day reformer from Liberia. She spoke these words to over 2,000 women

at the 2011 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering. I was in the audience then and at another Triennial when she spoke. She’s an inspiring motivational speaker and leader. She told us, “Faith without action is dead.” (James 2:26)

Her country was in a civil war. It was a time of violence and murder. She became a volunteer for 5 years with the Lutheran Church in Liberia’s, Lutheran World Federation Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Program. Then, with thousands of Christian and Muslim women, they embarked on a mission to end the war, stop corruption, and establish peace. Her story is a testimony to the difference a group of committed people can make. Because of her leadership in this successful nonviolent movement, she received the Nobel Peace Prize.

They fought for woman’s rights—an end to rape and domestic violence. They helped elect Liberia’s first woman President, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. They mentored women in other countries. What inspired me is in the video/ documentary that’s available in our Synod Resource Center, she demonstrates forgiveness. Because of her faith and as the mother of 6 children, she encouraged and promoted “healing and wholeness” for the young boy soldiers that got caught up in the violence of war.

In Elizabeth Hunter’s story about Leymah in the book, “Together by Grace”, she includes some fun facts. (also available in our synod’s Resource Center) “Gbowee is the second Lutheran woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1982, Alva Myrdal, a member of the church in Sweden, was the first Lutheran woman to win the prize. Other Lutheran Nobel Peace Prize winners are Albert Schweitzer (1952) Dag Hammarskjöld (1961) and Norman Borlaug (1970).”

Remember her name—Leymah Gbowee: Peacemaker, Woman’s Rights Advocate and a BOLD WOMAN.

—Lois Griffiths

## W/ELCA Upcoming Dates

**W/ELCA Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**in the Gathering Room**

**W/ELCA Gathering**  
**Monday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**in the Gathering Room**

## Workshop News

We continue to work every Tuesday in ASH every Tuesday morning. Stop in and see what we do! We have finished up packing **Personal Care Kits** to be taken to our distribution center in Maryland. This was our Lenten Service Project this year. Thank you to all who so graciously donated items. **Your support helped us to complete 97 kits!** **10 Laprobes** were also delivered to **UPMC** this month.

—Georgia Rehm

# WHERE DID YOUR LWR

# QUILTS AND KITS

# GO IN 2024?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE  
POWER OF YOUR  
LOVE THIS YEAR.

**689,814 QUILTS & KITS**  
**IN 16 COUNTRIES**



**370,818**  
QUILTS



**140,117**  
SCHOOL KITS



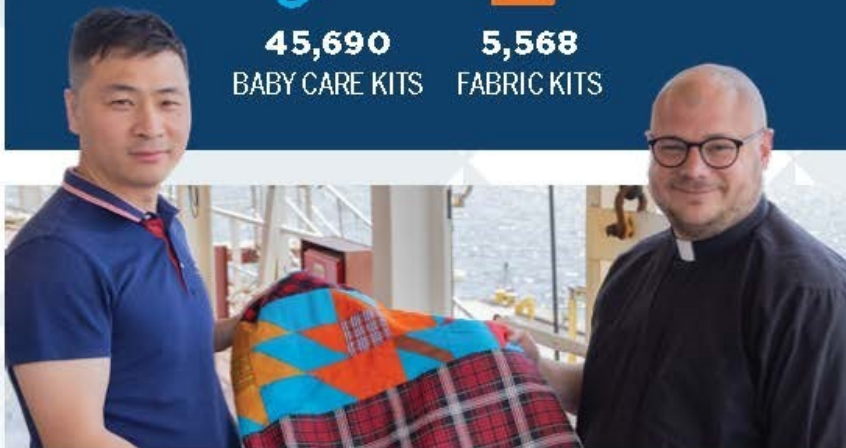
**127,621**  
PERSONAL CARE  
KITS



**45,690**  
BABY CARE KITS



**5,568**  
FABRIC KITS



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# ways congregations changed lives in 2024

Through Lutheran World Relief, **congregations serve as the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.** Wherever there is war, poverty or disaster, their compassion is there — **sharing love with our neighbors** in life-changing ways.



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## QUILTS & KITS: HURRICANES IN THE UNITED STATES

When a shelter for homeless veterans flooded in Asheville, North Carolina, residents gratefully received quilts as they moved into temporary housing.

“It gave me something to hold on to in the midst of a crisis.”

- EDWARD LYNCH



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



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## IN TIMES OF CRISIS: EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKİYE

Dilan Cabiroğlu, 17, lives with her parents in a **container home** you provided. She became depressed when her damaged school could not reopen, until she started attending **classes** and **counseling** at an LWR-supported **youth-friendly community center**.

“If it wasn’t for this place, I would probably still be experiencing the shock of the earthquake.”

- DILAN CABIROĞLU



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## FOR THE LONG TERM: FLOODING IN SOUTH SUDAN



Gabriel Gatluak, who lost his leg in a landmine explosion, received support upon arriving at a displacement camp. Today Gabriel works for LWR, teaching other residents about nutrition and gardening.

“I’m very happy. If I’m alive, then my children go to school, and then I will support my community.”

- GABRIEL GATLUAK

To read more, view the 2024 annual report at [lwr.org/congregations](https://lwr.org/congregations).



**Happy Birthday, Jeanne!**  
Good Shepherd's Jeanne Romberger recently celebrated a milestone birthday with her church family. Jeanne was gifted a quilt from Good Shepherd for her 65th birthday (April 13). The quilt was lovingly made as a special birthday surprise. Happy birthday, Jeanne!

**Summer Worship Schedule  
Begins June 1**

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Nave/YouTube  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

**Wednesday**

9:30 a.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

**Saturday**

5 p.m. Worship and Sacrament—Chapel

**Worship Sponsorships**

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
May 4	Stewart	Breon	Anonymous
May 11	Bricker		Switaj
May 18	Duvall	Duvall	Duvall
May 25	D. McCauley	Sprunk	D. McCauley

*A master calendar is posted in the Narthex of the Nave . Sign up on the calendar, and return your completed sponsorship 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: \_\_\_\_\_

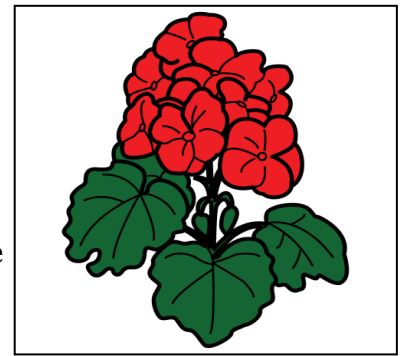
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline: Wednesday 9 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	3 1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social (ASH) 2 p.m. Keystone Concert Band Performance (ASH) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
4 <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	5 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA Board (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	6 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul) 12:30 p.m. W/ELCA Board (Gathering Room)	7 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 11 a.m. Stewardship (Gathering Rm.) 1 p.m. Worship & Music (Gathering Rm.) 7 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	8	9 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	10 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
11 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	12 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)	13 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)	14 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	15	16 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	17 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
18 <b>June Call Deadline</b> 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)	19 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)	20 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 12:30 p.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 10 a.m. Ready for School... 7 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering Room)	21 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	22	23 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	24 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)
25 <b>PASTOR BAKER'S 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY</b> 9:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 10:30 a.m. Anniversary Potluck (ASH)	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>Church Office CLOSED</b>	27 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)	28 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)	29	30 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)	31 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)

# Decorations for Pentecost

Good Shepherd will be decorated with geraniums for  
**Pentecost—June 8, 2025.**



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, June 1.**

\_\_\_\_\_To the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_In Celebration Of

\_\_\_\_\_

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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

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)