

The



Call

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The season of Epiphany is a green season. It's longer than usual this year due to Easter's date. It is called Common Time or Ordinary time.

In farming terms, it is neither the planting nor the harvesting. It is the tending. The watering and the feeding, it is watching and waiting.

In education terms, it is neither the introduction nor the test. It is the practice. The worksheets and the homework assignments, it is doing the day-to-day class work of checking in to see how the progress is coming along.

In business terms, it is neither the beginning of the quarter nor the end. It is, well, the business. The planning, purchasing, paying invoices, and selling, it is opening/closing and doing your best one day to the next.

The truth is, this time is anything but common or ordinary. We might let ourselves believe that nothing is ever changing, but it is. What we do every day makes a difference. It makes a difference to our bodies. It makes a difference in our homes. It makes a difference in our congregation. It makes a difference in our communities.

Like little drops of water that land on a stone, over time, those little drops will change that stone. It will make the stone wet. It will cause a slight deterioration of the stone. An indentation will form. And before long, that stone will be transformed. It will be unlike it was. It will still be a stone, but with a new look. The stone might even be unrecognizable from what it was before that little drop of water touched it.

Go and be who you are, the people of God washed in the waters of baptism. You have died to sin and been raised to new life in Jesus Christ! In this season of Epiphany, notice God's love transforming you. But more than that, try to notice the love of God that you carry with you transforming the world around you.

Like that plant growing in the field, like that student learning a new concept or skill, like that business gets one new customer at a time: the change can be imperceptible if you are not paying attention.

Grow in faith and love toward God and toward one another.

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

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Kathleen J. Baker, STM, Pastor
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 clarity. Unless otherwise publicized, the deadline for
 submissions is the third Sunday of the month.

Save the Date!

25th Anniversary of
 Pastor Baker's Ordination

Sunday, May 25, 2025
 One Service at 9:30 a.m.

Luncheon following
 in All Saints Hall

More details will be
 forthcoming!



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

*the family and friends of
 Bill Weaver*

who died Sunday, January 5.

A funeral service was held

Friday January 10

at Good Shepherd

with Pastor Baker presiding.

*Our prayers
 and the comfort of
 the Christian faith*



are also with

*the family and friends of
 Barbara Willhide*

who died Tuesday, January 7.

A funeral service was held

Tuesday, January 14

at Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home

with Pastor Baker presiding.



*And, our prayers
 and the comfort of
 the Christian faith
 are also with*

the family and friends of

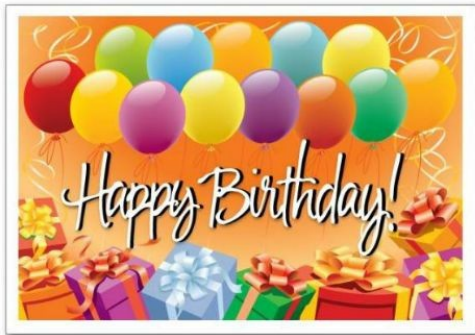
Don Adams

who died Sunday January 26.

Funeral service arrangements

are pending.

February Birthdays



- February 4 Arlene Parker
 Misty Ulerick
- February 5 Ken Beard
 Derek Lochbaum
- February 6 Winter Lou Bricker
- February 7 Barbara Erney
- February 8 Kasey Kelchner
- February 10 Jonah Petruschke
- February 14 Jeff Gleiter
- February 17 Anna Clemente
- February 18 Kathy Jacobs
- February 20 Linda Beaver
- February 23 Jill Buhrman
 Karen Ditmer
- February 24 Lucille Nye
- February 25 The Rev. Kester
 "Chip" Sobers III
- February 26 Eric Dermes

February Readings

- Feb. 1 2 Chronicles 36: 11-21, John 1: 43-51, Psalm 71: 1-6
- Feb. 2 Malachi 3: 1-4, Psalm 84, Hebrews 2: 14-18, Luke 2: 22-40
- Feb. 3 1 Kings 17: 8-16, 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16, Psalm 56
- Feb. 4 2 Kings 5: 1-14, 1 Corinthians 14: 13-25, Psalm 56
- Feb. 5 Jeremiah 13: 11-19, Luke 19: 41-44, Psalm 56
- Feb. 6 Numbers 20: 22-29, Acts 9: 19b-25, Psalm 138
- Feb. 7 Numbers 27: 12-23, Acts 9: 26-31, Psalm 138
- Feb. 8 Judges 3: 7-11, Luke 4: 42-44, Psalm 138
- Feb. 9 Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-13], Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11,
 Luke 5: 1-11
- Feb. 10 Judges 5: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 14: 26-40, Psalm 115
- Feb. 11 1 Samuel 9: 15-10:1b, 1 Timothy 3: 1-9, Psalm 115
- Feb. 12 Isaiah 8: 1-15, Luke 5: 27-32, Psalm 115
- Feb. 13 Jeremiah 13: 12-19, Acts 13: 26-34, Psalm 1
- Feb. 14 Jeremiah 13: 20-27, 1 Peter 1: 1;7-2:1, Psalm 1
- Feb. 15 Jeremiah 17: 1-4, Luke 11: 24-28, Psalm 1
- Feb. 16 Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20,
 Luke 6: 17-26
- Feb. 17 2 Kings 24: 18-25: 21, 1 Corinthians 15: 20-34, Psalm 120
- Feb. 18 Ezra 1: 1-11, 2 Corinthians 1: 12-19, Psalm 120
- Feb. 19 Jeremiah 22: 11-17, Luke 11: 37-52, Psalm 120
- Feb. 20 Genesis 43: 16-34; Romans 8: 1-11; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
- Feb. 21 Genesis 44: 1-7; 1 John 2: 12-17; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
- Feb. 22 Genesis 44: 18-34; Luke 12: 57-59; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
- Feb. 23 Genesis 43: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40;
 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42: 50; Luke 6: 27-38
- Feb. 24 Genesis 33: 1-17, 1 Corinthians 11: 2-16, Psalm 38
- Feb. 25 1 Samuel 24: 1-22; 1 Corinthians 11: 17-22, 27-33;
 Psalm 38
- Feb. 26 Leviticus 5: 1-13, Luke 17: 1-4, Psalm 38
- Feb. 27 Deuteronomy 9: 6-14, Acts 3: 11-16, Psalm 99
- Feb. 28 Deuteronomy 9: 15-24, Luke 10: 21-24, Psalm 99

From Our Treasurer: December Financials

DECEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2024

BALANCES

	Dec.	YTD
Giving	18,159	215,097
Spending	21,588	211,704
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,429)	3,393

General Fund	13,243
Exchange (Restricted)	77,245
Memorial	30,480
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,391
Investments	376,565

Why we do what we do.

Why are the color of the paraments changed? Like the calendar year with its seasons, the church year also has seasons.

The Church year begins with the Advent season and ends with Christ the King Sunday, and the colors of the paraments change with the seasons and feast days.

The use of colors began in the very early church, became standardized by the mid-12th century, and are used by all the liturgical churches (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal). In recent times, many of the non-liturgical churches have also adopted the use of colors, particularly on altars or communion tables.

Seasonal colors are as follows:

Advent—blue, meaning hope and anticipation.

Christmas—white and/or gold, meaning joy, purity, and glory. White is also used for Epiphany of Our Lord, Baptism of Our Lord, Transfiguration, and Maundy Thursday.

Lent—purple, meaning penance, sacrifice, and sorrow.

Easter—white and/or gold, here meaning joy, victory, and resurrection.

Ordinary Time (the season of Epiphany and the period from Pentecost to Christ the King Sunday)—green, meaning life, hope, fidelity, and growing.

At times, you will see other colors with each having their own meaning:

Red—meaning God's Love, blood, fire, zeal, and the Holy Spirit. You will see this color on Pentecost, Feast Days of the Martyrs, Reformation Sunday, and at an Ordination Service.

Scarlet—meaning sacrifice. Scarlet is used on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week.

Pink—meaning joy. Pink is used only twice a year, on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday in Lent, to remind us of the joy to come during our penitence.

Black—meaning mourning, is used only on Good Friday (if any paraments are used).



Chapel parament during the Lenten season.

—Gary Wendt

Women of the ELCA

Just Love Choose Love

February— the month of Groundhog Day, Valentine’s Day, Presidents’ Day and Black History Month. It’s also the month that Women of the ELCA has their Presidents’ Conference for Synodical presidents. It’s been a Zoom event since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Every three years Women of the ELCA has a Convention to conduct business and a Gathering to enrich our faith, lives and friendships. After our Triennial in 2017, we chose JUST LOVE to be our 2020 theme. Because of COVID, we didn’t have our events until 2023. If ever a theme should be extended, JUST LOVE was good to keep in our hearts and lives.

While watching the NFL playoff games, I noticed the words “CHOOSE LOVE” on the back of the helmets. This practice was started by the NFL in 2019 to inspire change. According to the The King Center, it was “born amid the ‘BE LOVE’ movement.” It addresses national and international conflicts and social justice issues. It was about the increase in gun violence and hate crimes. Some other themes have been: End Racism, Stop Hate, It Takes All of Us, Black Lives Matter, Inspire Change, and Say Their Names. There have been critics; however, the response has been that it’s the message of Jesus.

We’d like to invite ALL women of Good Shepherd to join us on the second Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the Gathering Room on February 10 to enrich our faith with Bible studies and to enjoy our fellowship time together.

JUST LOVE and CHOOSE LOVE

In closing, the following excerpt is from an article in our award-winning Women of the ELCA’s January/ February 2025 *Gather* magazine. an “Epiphany Prayer” by Julia Seymour:

...in the broken aspects of our human nature, we are often quick to embrace the gifts of the people who most resemble us. We forget to watch for your presence, God, in the stranger, the immigrant, the grieving, the in-laws, the outlaws, and the ones whose gifts don’t make sense to us.

Lord of all holy epiphanies and true revelations, send your Spirit upon us. Soften our hearts. Open our minds. Grant us wisdom, discernment and courage to perceive the wideness of your mercy, the breath of your inclusion, and the diversity of gifts among your devoted children. May our words and deeds proclaim a year of the Lord’s favor for those who have been marginalized, demonized and unrecognized.

Holy Parent of us all, fill our hearts with a deep gratitude for the gifts you have given us and the powerful respect for the gifts you have given to others. Help is to spread an abiding awareness of what it means to be part of the holy connection and communion of the body of Christ, working together to love you, God, and our neighbors. Amen.

—Lois Griffiths

WORKSHOP NEWS

Just a reminder that Workshop meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m to noon, at which time we bring a bag lunch and eat and socialize together. Stop in and see what we do. We may put you to work—there is always something that you will be able to do!

This month, we packed 20 personal care kits and completed 12 fidget mats. Quilts and lap robes are ongoing projects!

WORKSHOP—ASSORTED NEEDS: When you are cleaning out/reorganizing, please remember Workshop! We are always in need of:

For Quilts: sheets, cotton/cotton blend fabric (especially solid colors)

For Personal Care Kits: light weight bath towels (20” X 40” to 27” X 52”) dark color recommended, 2-3 bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz, adult toothbrushes, nail clippers, sturdy combs (no picks or fine-tooth combs)

Yarn for Prayer Shawl Ministry: any color of regular yarn (not baby yarn)

All donations may be placed in the laundry sorters in the Breezeway.

—Georgia Rehm

2025 Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
February 2	W. Baum		W. Baum
February 9	Sprunk		W. Baum
February 16	Stewart		
February 23	E. Hafer	Breon	Wendt

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



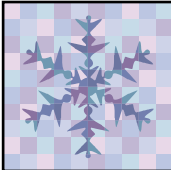
Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____, 2025

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

Submitted by: _____

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

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">REMINDER—In Case of Inclement Weather</p> <p>It will continue to be the policy of Good Shepherd never to cancel our Sunday liturgies regardless of weather conditions. The only change in that policy would be if a snow emergency were declared with roadways closed to all but emergency personnel. Wednesday services will be canceled if the Central Dauphin School District delays the opening or closes their administrative offices and holds a remote learning day due to winter weather.</p>						<p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p align="center">2 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)</p>	<p align="center">3 2:30 p.m. W/ELCA Board (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">4 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)</p>	<p align="center">5 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 3:30 p.m. Bldg. Task Force (Gathering Rm.) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">6</p>	<p align="center">7 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)</p>	<p align="center">8 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p align="center">9 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p align="center">10 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)</p>	<p align="center">11 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)</p>	<p align="center">12 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">13</p>	<p align="center">14 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)</p>	<p align="center">15 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p align="center">16 March Call Deadline Scout Sunday (11 a.m) 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p align="center">17 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">18 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul) 7 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p align="center">19 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">20</p>	<p align="center">21 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)</p>	<p align="center">22 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p align="center">25 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)</p>	<p align="center">24 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">25 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)</p>	<p align="center">26 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p align="center">27</p>	<p align="center">28 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter and Paul)</p>	

Church Council Leadership for 2025

On January 13, 2025, the Church Council held its initial meeting of the year, and in accordance with our Constitution, the first order of business was to elect new officers.

The following individuals will serve as officers for 2025:

President	Fred Sprunk
Vice President	Sue Bricker
Secretary	Dix McCauley
Treasurer	Don Lausch

The committees of the church will be chaired by the following Council members:

Evangelism	Dix McCauley
Finance	Greg Borzok
Memorial	Karen Borzok
Worship and Music	Robert Roller
Mission and Ministry	Sue Bricker
Stewardship	Ann Vazquez
Property	Bill Baum

Please remember the Church Council in your prayers as the members seek to fulfill their responsibilities to this congregation.

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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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)

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)