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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Followers of Jesus Christ, sharing the Love of God with all people.

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL for ages 3 through adult

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY **ADVENTWORSHIP**

6:30 p.m. Dessert

7:00 p.m. Worship

December 6

December 13

December 20

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

DECEMBER 3

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

DECEMBER 10

Noon

6:30 P.M.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Advent Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 17

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

DECEMBER 31

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY COMMUNION**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with **Holy Communion**—Youth Choirs to sing

4:00 p.m. Family Pageant Service

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship – Adult Choir to sing

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship

If you need a ride to church for worship service or another church function, please contact Phyllis Waid at 593-2334.

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3	Mark Betts	20	Jennifer Gallagher Miriam Rood
4	Fritz Houy		
		21	Ali Frew
5	N. Keith Anderson		Sarah Loveland
		24	Faye Lampela
6	Debbie Coe Aaron Eddy III		
		25	Miriam Joy Dittler
7	Gaylord Bozard Mia Lytle		
		26	Laurie Bidwell
9	Jack Parkomaki	28	Janiece Woodworth
12	Madison Loveland	29	Hazel Laituri
13	Janice Uveges	30	Joshua Anderson Michelle Davey
16	Kelly Gore James McKiethan David Thompson	31	Wanda Gore
17	Clarence Baugher		

5 William ? Sheila Vogtmann
9 David ? Mary Ellen Heinonen
13 Ernest ? Phyllis Waid
19 Raymond ? Nelma Snyder
Mark ? Susan Lytle

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**NEW MEMBERS
RECEIVED
November 12, 2006**

**Suzan Dewey
Sylvia Rae Jerina
Jaime Moore & Kaelin
Kyle Vidmar & Brandon**

Attached to this newsletter you find a *Commitment Card* - an opportunity to make a commitment for the continued growth of *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*.

This card may be mailed to the attention of *Chris Murtha*, Financial Secretary, or put in the offering.

**Altar Guild has lost several clear plastic flower vases.
If you have one, please return it to the church office. Thank you!**

Pastor's Corner December 2006

What are your plans for the month of December?

Trust me when I say, that I too know the month of December. During the busy time of Christmas, it will take a considerable effort to make time for God. Yes, you heard me right, at this most Holy time; we tend to forget about God in our lives because our focus is on shopping days, family parties, and sale papers.

The ministry at Good Shepherd during this month will give you plenty of opportunities to **stop and be with God** in worship, fellowship, and prayer. My fellow Sister in Christ, Suzanne Malys reminds me every once and a while that we need to “Rejoice in the Chaos” of our busy lives. My hope for this upcoming month is that you are able to see God and feel God’s Spirit at this joyfully busy time of year. Take the time to stop and listening to God.

I recommend that you read your bible during Advent as a discipline for Christmas. I invite you to come Wednesday evenings for deserts and lessons. I encourage you to plan Sunday morning worship throughout Advent preparing for the Christmas celebration.

Yes, it will take more time out of your already over booked life. But it will connect your family to the life of the church in this Holy Season of Christmas.

Christmas is a Holy time in the church but it can also be a Holy time in your household. The Christmas celebration for the church shall always be about the “gift” God gave to humanity... Jesus. I invite you to make the Christmas celebration for you and your household about Christ. Remembering the “gift” that God gave you and your family... Jesus (Emmanuel).

May God’s Spirit fill you with joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Love,
Pastor Frank

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can Boast.” (Eph. 2:8-9)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN DECEMBER

REMINDER: IF FOR SOME REASON THERE IS A CONFLICT WITH ANY OF THE SCHEDULES, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH SECRETARY OF ALL CHANGES. THANK YOU!!!

CHURCH CLEANING STEWARD

Help is needed, **please!**

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Dec 3	Linda Hall	Nancy Guthrie.
Dec 17	Amy Gallagher	Manny Gonzales
Dec 24	(10:00 A.M.)	Duffy Guthrie
Christmas Eve	(7:00 P.M.)	(11:00 P.M.)
Dec 31	Dick Pelow	Shawn Sackett

HOSPITALITY

Dec 3 Art & Mil Niinisto
(11:00a.m.)

Please sign up to provide refreshments after worship services. There is a sign-up sheet on the ministry opportunity board in the foyer as you enter the church building. Thank you!

GREETERS

Dec 3	Betty Nyman	Phyllis & Ernie Waid
Dec 10	Dolores & Dick Pelow	Ellen & Al Gee
Dec 17	Janet & Bud Maenpaa	Wanda Gore
Dec 24	Marilyn & Jim Salo	Ruth & Paul Brown
Dec 31	Dinah Grimes	Jason & Heatherlie McQueeney

ALTARGUILD

Mary Lou Moisio, Ruth Brown, and Ellen Gee

READERS

Dec 3	Linda Hall	Paul Mechling
	Ricky Kantola	Lucas Malys
Dec 10	Kathy Vaux-Paden	Marne Gonzales
	Bryan Gildone	Lucas Malys
Dec 17	Jim Arcaro	Shirley Harco
	Ricky Kantola	Felicia Kobernik
Dec 24	(10:00 A.M.)	Greg Betteridge.
Christmas	Clarence Baugher	Volunteer Needed!
Eve	(7:00 P.M.)	(11:00 P.M.)
Dec 31	Jim Arcaro	Shawn Sackett

ACOLYTES

NURSERY

Two or three adults are needed to be in the nursery during the 11 o'clock worship service. **Please sign up on ministry opportunity board in the foyer!**

Dec.3 Kris Cameron & Mandy Wright
Dec 10 Michelle Logan & Sandi Rivera
Dec 17 Jen Betts & Jessica Osborne

USHERS

Dec 3 **VOLUNTEERS**
Dec 10 **NEEDED!!**
Dec 17 Please
Dec 24 Consider
Dec 31 Serving!

Thank you to the members and friends of Good Shepherd for supporting OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Sixty-five shoeboxes were delivered to the Fellowship Bible Church in Ashtabula for processing. The boxes were delivered by Paul and Ruth Brown and Al and Ellen Gee. Your generosity will be appreciated by the poverty stricken children who will be receiving your gift. Next year we hope to be able to fill at least seventy-five shoeboxes.

THANK YOU GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

for the pumpkin. It was thoughtful of you. Sorry I wasn't available to thank you in person.
God bless you!
Dora Haapanen

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated the delicious cakes and to everyone who helped in the kitchen at the perch dinner. A special thank you to the youth for their assistance. We could not have done it without all of you!

God bless you all!
Pat Haas

THANKYOU!!!!

As I sit and try to find the appropriate words to describe just how wonderful everyone was with their donations of food and time for our church family Thanksgiving Feast, I find it overwhelming. It is difficult to find the exact words and to make sure that all who were a part of the successful event are sincerely thanked because they are deserving of our gratefulness.

I enjoyed every minute of planning and preparing the meal. What can one say about the mouthwatering pies that filled our dessert table! Yum, yum!! I would also like to thank my kitchen fairy as he or she always adds that special touch—not only to our Feast, but to our Wednesday Night Choir meals too.

I cannot forget the wonderful Church Family that enjoyed our Feast, the Youth who helped tremendously, and the Young at Heart (adults) who pitched in to make our dinner such a SUCCESS.

Thank you everyone! May God continue to show His strength, and may our love for Him continue to grow.

God's love,

Kathy, Youth Coordinator

We really enjoyed the choir and horn accompaniment on Sunday (Nov 19). It was familiar music presented in a special way. The bell quartet piece was outstanding! We don't know how you were able to keep out of each other's way! The choir and the bells are much enjoyed and appreciated.

Art & Mil Niinisto

COVER GIRLS QUILTING
MINISTRY

December quilting sessions
will be held from **9:00 – 11:30**
a.m. on Tuesday, December 5
and Tuesday, December 12.

THANKYOU!

I would like to convey my personal thanks to everyone who prayed for me and sent cards during my hospital stay and recovery at home. I am sincerely grateful to you, Pastor Frank, for your visits and prayers.

Sue Chapin

We want to thank the Youth of the church and all who helped them prepare and serve the delicious dinner on Sunday, November 19. It was much appreciated and enjoyed. It was nice to see the young children with the teenagers working together.

Kiitos!

Art & Mil Niinisto

THANK YOU for your generous donation of blankets. Following worship dedication on November 12, eighteen new blankets, twelve gently used blankets, ten quilts, two baby quilts, and one set of sheets were delivered to the Conneaut Human Resource Center.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to all who bought cookie dough this Fall. We were just short of matching our sales from last year, but still successful! Half of the funds raised will stay within our Christian Education department. The other half will be divided among our local volunteer firefighters and to our Social Ministry committee for the purchase of turkeys for the Food Pantry. Thanks be to God!

The holiday season is upon us, and that means it is time for our **Advent Event** to be held **December 3**. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a potluck meal will be served and crafts will be available for all. Come one and all for food and fun, but especially to prepare for our Savior's birth.

PLEASE NOTE: All Sunday school students are needed to participate in the Family Service at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. Parts are being assigned. Practices will be held during the regular Sunday school hour. If more rehearsals are needed, dates and times will be announced. We need a commitment from each child and parent to be participants in this service.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

December 27, 2006 2:00 p.m.

Sled riding for ages pre-k - ?. We will meet at the church and then return for hot cocoa and cookies. If there is no snow, we will meet at the church for an afternoon of games.

December 29, 2006

LOCK-IN for grades 7-12. Bring warm clothes. If there is snow, the Luther League and Kinsman Youth Group will go sled ridding on Township Park bluffs. Watch for more information!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will be held at noon on Tuesday, December 12 following a potluck luncheon.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

A potluck luncheon for the Quilters and Women's Bible Study Group will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 12.

Note Received from Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

"It is a privilege to serve together with you in our Operation Christmas Child ministry! Because of your dedication, hurting boys and girls are being impacted a world away with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are excited to give you the enclosed Christmas ornament commemorating the 2006 Operation Christmas Child season. We hope this ornament will remind you to pray for the children who will receive shoebox gifts and the Gospel message. Please also pray for the thousands of overseas churches and volunteers who direct the distribution of gifts and the follow-up ministry. May God greatly bless you during the holiday season and throughout the coming year."

ADVENT EVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2006

**Potluck Meal After 11:00 Worship Service
(Bring a dish to share and your own tableware.)**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Crafts

CHERUB CHOIR NEWS December 2006

The Cherub Choir is scheduled to sing on:

Wednesday, December 13 during the 7:00 p.m. Advent Service

Sunday, December 24 during the 10:00 a.m. Service

Sunday, December 24 during the 4:00 p.m. Service

Cherub Choir Practice is from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. on:

Wednesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 20

On choir practice nights, homework help is available from 5:00-5:30 p.m.
and dinner is served from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

I love working with your little angels. It is a rewarding experience, and they are progressing beautifully. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me (599-8850) or talk to me when you see me.

Stephanie Gildone

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Each year our Good Shepherd congregation adopts several families from our church and the local HALO program for the Christmas season and helps to bring light into their lives by sharing our resources. We currently have four families to share with.

Family 1: Mother, father, girl (age 4)

Family 2: Mother, girl (age 3)

Family 3: Mother, girl (age 16), girl (age 9), and boy (age 5)

Family 4: Mother, father, boy (age 10)
boy (age 7), and boy (age 4)

Please consider your generosity at this time of the year as there are so many who have so little. You may share in the following ways:

1. Bring canned goods or boxed goods and place on the table located in the gathering space designated for “Christmas Families.”
December 17 is the deadline to receive these items.
2. You may make monetary donations (to be used for purchasing food for the families) by placing your donation in an envelope and marking it specifically as “Christmas Families Donation.” Either place the envelope in the offering plate

or turn it in to the church office. **Please make checks payable to “Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.”**

December 17 is the deadline to receive these offerings.

3. You may select an ornament from the tree that will be present in the Narthex after November 29 and purchase the item listed on the ornament. All gifts purchased must be in place beneath the tree by **December 17** as these items will be packed for delivery to the families at 9:00 a.m. December 18.

TREE OF WARMTH

You may bring in hats, scarves, mittens, or gloves to decorate the Tree of Warmth that will be up in the Narthex after November 29. These items will be distributed to needy children in the Conneaut Area City Schools.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

You may remember our shut-ins with a card or a phone call over the holidays. Members of Social Ministry will be visiting our shut-ins and giving them a small gift and card created by and provided by Kathy Paden and her youth group.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS!

Invite someone to church!

SALVATIONARMY
BELL RINGER SNEEDED!!

It is time to plan to give an hour (or two) to help ring bells at the Conneaut K-Mart and the Truck Stop on Route 193 for the Salvation Army. All monies collected remain in the local area. Our times are from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Fridays and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Ringers are needed for November 24&25, December 1&2, December 8&9, and December 15&16.

If you are willing to help, please see Marsha Taylor or Shirley Harco after worship service to sign up for a time.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERSNEEDED

If you would be interested in sharing a few minutes of your time and the availability of your vehicle in order to provide transportation to those needing a ride to and from church, please contact Phyllis Waid at 593-2334.

This is a marvelous opportunity to help others share in the love of Jesus.

Please continue to remember the Conneaut Food Pantry when you are shopping for your own groceries. If each of us brings in one can or box of a food item each week, we can be of tremendous help to those in need in our local area. Your participation can be a witness to Good Shepherd's commitment to serve the community, and it may also give opportunity for our congregation to share in the traveling trophy competition between churches to see which church can send in the most food and sundry items to the Pantry in a three-month time period!

**Letter received
from Rena Roach, Director
The Conneaut Food Pantry**

“Dear Rev. FranklinGore,

On behalf of the Conneaut Food Pantry, HALO Program, and myself I would like to thank you and your congregation for the wonderful donation of turkeys in response to the Thanks 4 Giving program, along with the beautiful quilts and blankets to be distributed at the time of the HALO distribution.

Working at the Human Resource Center allows us a firsthand view of the many struggles and difficulties families face each day. All of us here at the Center are deeply devoted and dedicated to serve. We hope to continue on this most important journey and to do our jobs to the best of our ability. With your continued support I feel we will be successful. May God bless you and may we together work to make a difference.

Thank you,”

**RECENT VISITORS TO
GOOD SHEPHERD**
How many did you greet?

Cate Butler
Howard & Pat Campbell
LuAnn Nappi-Champlin
Debi & Jeff Christensen
Kelly Cimino
John Dewey
Suzan Dewey
Kevin Esposito
Tom Gildone
Sara Jane Heintzelman
Norm Hill
Timothy & Glenn Jackson
James Jerina
Ivan Kalanin
Jan Kalanin
Olga Kalanin
Dave & Rosemary Keskinen
Amber Kissman, Ashtabula, OH
Glenn Kobernik III
Stephen Krenisky
Dennis LeMon
Kevin Markielowski
Betty Monday
Jim Monday
Denny R. Moore
Jaime & Kaelin Moore
Jessica Osborne
Mildred Rantanen
Robert Rantanen
Jessie Rivera
Steve & Amy Sanford
Phil Schar
Holly, Megan, Stephen & Jen Sheneman
Columbus, OH
Shirley & Ken Sippola
Christi L. Sleigh
Jill Sluga
Dick & Diana Stoker
Barbara Taylor
Kyle I& Brandon Vidmar

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 5	57	145
Nov 12	61	147
Nov 19	49	135

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

November 5	67
November 12	67
November 19	55

FLOWERS, BULLETINS & MEMORIAL CANDLE

New sign-up charts will be posted on the Administrative Information bulletin board across from the office in mid December for the year 2007.

Please note price changes.

Flowers (One Vase)	\$35.00
Bulletins	\$15.00
Memorial Candle	\$4.00 for each Sunday in the month. (NOTE: Some months have 5 Sundays.)

POINSETTIA PLANTS

Christmas poinsettia plants are available at a cost of \$6.00 per plant. Payment along with this form may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church office.

We would ask that one name or one couple be honored or memorialized for each plant ordered. Thank you!

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Donor's Name _____ Envelope No. _____

Colors available: ___pink ___white ___red ___marble (pink & white)

LAST DAY FOR ORDERING WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006.
Plants may be left at the church through Sunday, December 31, 2006.

December 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00-7:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Wedding Rehearsal	2 10:00-6:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 4:00 Wedding
3 HOLY COMMUNION ADVENT 1 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon - ADVENT EVENT Noon - 2:30 Confirmation	4 5:30 Adult Bells 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 6:30 Christian Education 6:00 CAMA Memorial Service at Cabrini	5 4:30 Worship & Music 5:30 Cherub & Youth Choir Supper - Practice at 6:00 WED ADVENT WORSHIP 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	7	8 1:00-7:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	9 10:00-6:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
10 ADVENT 2 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon Congregational Meeting 6:30 Advent Lesson & Carols At Good Shepherd	11 5:30 Adult Bells 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts ECHO Articles Due	12 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 11:30 Potluck Noon Women's Bible Study 5:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Evangelism	13 2:30 Social Ministry 5:30 Cherub & Youth Choir Supper - Practice at 6:00 WED ADVENT WORSHIP 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	14	15 1:00-7:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	16 10:00-6:00 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
17 HOLY COMMUNION ADVENT 3 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 2:00 Inn Conneaut Worship	18 9:00 Pack Christmas Family Baskets 5:30 Adult Bells 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 6:30 Council Party	20 5:30 Cherub & Youth Choir Supper - Practice at 6:00 WED ADVENT WORSHIP 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	21	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE ADVENT 4 10:00 Traditional Service No Sunday School 4:00 Family Pageant Service 7:00 Traditional Service 11:00 Traditional Worship	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 2:00 Youth Group Sled Riding	28	29 7 pm Friday - 7 a.m. Saturday Church Lock-in for Grades 7-?	30
31 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship No Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship						

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HOLY
COMMUNION

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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Handicap
Accessible

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Ages 3 to Adult

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
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