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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

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

JULY 2 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
HOLY COMMUNION

JULY 9 **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30 Children's Craft Time

JULY 16 **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
HOLY COMMUNION
Noon-Special Congregational Meeting

JULY 23 **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30 Children's Craft Time

JULY 30 **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
HOLY COMMUNION

**ALTAR FLOWERS
FOR SUMMER**

**Will cost \$35 per week for one vase
from June 11 through September 3, 2006**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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!!!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
July 2	Mike Malys III	Manny Gonzales
July 16	Kristin Gore	Al Gee
July 30	Pam Deemer	Shawn Sackett

CHURCH CLEANING STEWARDS

For July

Volunteers Needed

GREETERS

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
July 2	Estella Grow	Robin Bryant & Amanda Wright
July 9	Jim & Marilyn Salo	Candy Arcaro
July 16	Pauline Arbuckle & Laurie Bidwell	Ruth Perkins & Janelle Cole
July 23	Waino & Betty Nyman	Ruth & Bob Cain
July 30	Al & Jan Uveges	Marjorie Palo

ALTAR GUILD

for July

Ellen Gee
Janelle Cole

READERS

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
July 2	Amanda Sturtevant	Manny Gonzales
July 9	Kelly Gore	Shawn Sackett
July 16	Linda Hall	Susan Tan
July 23	Nancy Guthrie	Clarence Baugher
July 30	Dolores Pelow	Shirley Harco

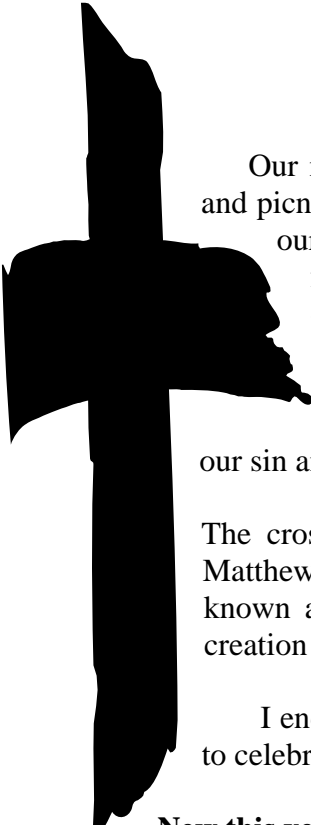
HOSPITALITY

7/02/06	8:30 a.m.	Amy Gallagher & Jennie Crites
	11:00 a.m.	Marsha Taylor
7/09/06	8:30 a.m.	Dinah Grimes
	11:00 a.m.	Peggy & Shirley Harco
7/16/06	8:30 a.m.	Laureen Bidwell, Pauline Arbuckle & Michelle Jewell
7/23/06	8:30 a.m.	Jan Uveges & Betty Nyman
	11:00 a.m.	Heatherlie McQueeney
7/30/06	8:30 a.m.	Jackie Miller

ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 4	52	169	221
June 11	81	58	139
June 18	95	128	223

Pastor's Corner July 2006



Our nation's holiday (July 4th) is approaching quickly. We celebrate our freedom with parties and picnics. This freedom **does** have a cost. Many men and women have lost their lives in keeping our country free and safe. As the fireworks burst in the sky... take a moment to give thanks for your freedom to Worship our LORD. Take a moment to give thanks that you can choose your career, school, house, and religion.

Another form of freedom reflection comes through Christ. Our freedom from sin **does** have a cost. God's gift of grace comes to us through His Son. The blood of Christ covers our sin and it's his blood that gives us freedom from sin.

The cross and the empty tomb make it possible to have freedom from death. The Gospel of Matthew connects the abiding presence of Jesus in our world with the community of believers known as the church. We come together in corporate worship to celebrate God's love for His creation and His gift of eternal life.

I encourage you to celebrate your freedom from sin and death through worship. I look forward to celebrating with you each Sunday.

New this year

Out door service book and liturgy.

During the summer outdoor service, the children will be invited to go into fellowship hall to do crafts. This activity will occur on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Nursery will be available at 11:00 service beginning July 2nd.

Please continue to pray for one another and please continue to pray for me.

"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)

Pastor Frank

Pastoral care

The member care committee has three (3) different racks of care notes for those in spiritual and emotional need. They are for young children who need to get answers to questions regarding faith, school, and pressures of others. There is a rack for teens that help with many of those same topics but dig a little deeper. The adult care notes cover topics of health, illness of a loved one, Cancer, addictions, and Spirituality. Please know that these are for you to pick up and use. We all go through crises sometime in our lives so please take a look at the booklets. Teens and adults are located in the entrance doorway, the children booklets are located on the wall in the education wing.

Pastor Frank

A Strengthening Prayer, **for those who would like to use it daily.**

Dear God,

It is hard for me to thank you today for the tragedies and heartache I have encountered in my life. It is hard for me to thank you because I know that you didn't bestow the tragedies upon me – you didn't will them, nor want them, nor cause them. They just happened. And I refuse to blame you.

But Father, I do want to thank you for being there with me when I cried and shook and asked, “**Why Me?**” There are times I feel empty – when I reach for you and can't find you. And yet, I know you are there. Thank you for the courage you have given me to face another day and to try again.

Yet more than anything else, I want to thank you, Father, for using my trials to strengthen me, to make me wiser, to cause me to be more empathetic to the struggles of others. O Lord, take my crucifixions and slowly, over time, turn them into resurrections, through Jesus Christ, **my Lord.**

Amen

(prayer paraphrased: Scott Walker, Liferails)

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Erik Mischka

July 2 Budd Brookhouser Jr.
Adam Lytle

July 5 Mary Lou Moisio

July 6 Shae Brink
Mildred Niinisto

July 8 Carl Heinonen Sr.

July 9 Kody Giles
Mike Malys Jr.
Marilyn Salo

July 10 Devin Ledlow
Kathryn VauxPaden
Susan Wallace

July 11 Justin Duhamell
Reuben Schwartz

July 12 Dane Malys

July 13 Stephanie Gildone

BIRTHDAYS

July 14 Stacie Brink
Donald Sackett

July 15 Julie Kantola
Allan Keskinen

July 17 Tammy Kobernik

July 18 Cheryl Jewell

July 21 Benjamin Betteridge
Barbara Lundgren
David Schwartzfager

July 22 Benjamin Wood

July 27 Justin Lytle

July 28 Emilee Esposito
Betsy Johnston

July 29 Aaron Eddy Jr.
Audrey Vasti

July 30 Janet Antila

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 3 Allan ☐ Aina Keskinen

July 6 Robert ☐ Sharen Wright

July 9 Bernard☐ Penny Armeni
Greg ☐ Deanna Broown

July 11 Rueben ☐ Kimberly Schwartz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 13 Paul ☐ Janelle Cole

July 15 James ☐ Rose McKiethan

July 21 Satch ☐ Marilyn Hathy

July 25 Robert ☐ E. Jay Hybert

July 30 Samuel ☐ Patricia Rhoads

July 31 Clarence ☐ Irene Baugher

“COVER GIRLS” QUILTING MINISTRY

The “Cover Girls” have finished another busy season and have made 232 quilts and 36 lap robes since last September. We have been blessed with a group of dedicated helpers and support from our Christian friends.

We were pleased to learn that we will be getting another \$1,000 grant from our regional Thrivent office thanks to the efforts of Jeff Shinabery. Jeff visited us in May and helped Carol Allds pack away our quilts for Fall shipment. We have also set quilts aside for Blanket Sunday in the Fall as well as some if needed for fire victims.

In order to earn our grant, we needed to verify our quilting hours with 250 hours needed. We had an astonishing 1,536 hours which does not include the countless hours spent at home. We must spend this money first in order to be reimbursed by Thrivent. We have decided to purchase 4 rolls of batting. Batting costs \$70 a roll, and we can make about 25 quilts per roll. We will also purchase socks for the residents at the County Home as their Christmas gift as well as set aside \$50 to be used in their Christmas cards. The remainder of the money will be put into gift certificates for Save- A- Lot and WalMart to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas families. We realize that we are planning ahead, but this money must be spent now in order to qualify for the grant

We are truly grateful for the efforts of Jeff and Thrivent as we have received \$3,000 in grants the last two years. This does not include the money received from the Ashtabula Chapter.

Quilting will resume on September 5th and Jan Uveges has promised us a tasty treat that first day.

****CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**** in August

Don't throw those used items away! Hold on to them for our sale.

Starting July 24th (after Vacation Bible School)
you may bring your items to the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Suzanne Malys at 599-8308 if you can help.

More information will follow.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
(440) 599-8908
2006 NOAH'S ARK GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER
Vacation Bible School-July 17-21, 2006
Ages 3 through Grade 6 Time: 9 am-Noon

PLEASE PRINT:

Parent Name(s) _____ Students Name: _____

Day Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Age _____ Last School Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Student brought by _____

Will be picked up daily at close of program by _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT OTHER THAN PARENT:

Any conditions of which we should be aware? (Allergies, Diabetes, Physical Impairments, etc.)

Does Student attend Church regularly? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Church _____

How did you learn about our VBS? (Circle all that apply)

Conneaut Courier Ashtabula Star-Beacon Outdoor Sign Website Bulletin

Echo/Newsletter Kiosk Bulletin Board Friend/Neighbor Other _____

Items needed for VBS: bubbles, stickers(attendance), colored tissue paper.
Snacks will also be needed: animal crackers, crackers, vegetables(cucumbers, peppers, celery, carrots); peanut butter, Ranch dressing, caramel dip, fruit(apples, grapes, etc.); dry cereal(Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Crispix,etc.); Gal. mix juice, canned frosting.

2006 AVENUE
GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE: July 17-21, 2006

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

THEME: Noah's Ark

Classes for everyone from 3 years to grade 6

Mark the date and time on your summer calendar. You don't want to miss a fun and exciting time! Register and then join Pastor Gore for a game of kickball...walk into a fun time of ark activities, music, hands-on with live animals...Don't miss the finale—a picnic in the park!! Registration forms are available in the Gathering space.

PHAKAMISA PROJECT

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Noah's Ark, and one of the activities during VBS is going to be live animals that my family has raised—some from birth. One of my favorite animals in this exhibit is Amanzi, which means "water" in Zulu. Amanzi is a Boer, which is a South African breed of goat. He is my brothers' and my 4-H club's international project. An international project is an animal that is raised and then sold at the Ashtabula County Fair. The money raised from the selling of all the international project animals goes to a charity known as the Phakamisa Project which "gives 100 pennies of every dollar to rebuild the most irreparable communities."

Phakamisa means "to uplift" in Zulu. "The Phakamisa Project strives to uplift impoverished communities through the provision of training, resourcing, and support." The Phakamisa Project is located in Pinetown, South Africa, "where first and third world people live cheek by jowl". The Phakamisa Project has been around for seven years and has helped thousands of the world's poorest people. This year they are training 220 teachers to teach 8,500 children from the ages of 0-6. They are also training over 500 people caring for over 2,000 orphans. Another very important project they are working on is the building of concrete water tanks so the South Africans can water their gardens during the dry season, which lasts approximately four months. Without this water, their gardens do not grow, and they cannot feed themselves. A man once said, "Give a man a potato and he'll be satisfied for a day; teach him to grow potatoes and he'll satisfy many for a life time"

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School offering is going to be given to the Phakamisa Project. It will be used to build the water storage tanks. These tanks are used by the orphans and the "grannies" (women of all ages) that take care of them. Without the water to support the gardens that grow the vegetables the orphans live on, the children would not survive.

One of the tanks already in use was partially funded by Ashtabula County 4-H Clubs. Ashtabula County is the only 4-H organization in Ohio doing an international project like this. The Ohio State 4-H is thinking about using Ashtabula County 4-H as a model for an international project for the whole state. The 4-H pledge states "we pledge our ... hands to larger service. . . for our club, our community, our country, and our WORLD."

Through the help of Christians all around the world we can teach, feed, and embrace men, women, and children from all walks of life in the poorest places on earth.

Respectfully submitted
Becky Betteridge

GOSHEN, OHIO YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Thank you to the following youth and adults who generously donated their time, energy, abilities, and spirit during their week-long mission trip in Goshen, Ohio:

Kelly Gore
Alexa Simon
Ben Betteridge
Devin Ledlow
Pastor Gore
Steve Sanford

Kristin Gore
Skip Sanford
Blake Betteridge
Michael Malys
Nancy Guthrie

Laina Iarocci
Emilee Esposito
Felicia Kobernik
Zach Rapose
Duffy Guthrie

Adie Manniko
Cassie Belcher
Katelyn Kantola
Lucas Malys
Phyllis Waid

We are back from our Mission Trip and spent one of the most spiritual and hard working weeks ever. This was sure a learning experience for all of us. Our youth and adults fixed homes for people who were unable to do for themselves, and what a gratifying thing this was to be able to help. There were 131 homes that needed to be fixed in one way or another and 49 of these were completed in the week. There were youth there from seven states and one of them as far as Texas.

The fellowship that was shared with all the youth there cannot be described. Our Praise and Worship every night was very inspirational. We had a speaker there whose name was Craig Smith, and every night he spoke on Victory in Christ. Many of our young people were able to give testimonies in front of several hundred people, and that surely made us all proud of our youth.

Again, we can't thank you enough for all the support and prayers that came from our congregation and the parents who helped make all this possible.

We also want to give a big thanks to Pastor Gore because without him this trip would have never been possible.

THANKS!!!!

Phyllis Waid, Mission Chairperson

OFFERINGS AS OF JUNE 25, 2006

Offerings Received Budget to Date

Benevolence	- \$ 2,400.00
General	- \$ 7,732.85

Announcement

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional Photographer and meet with a Portrait Consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments before and after services and meetings at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

**The Scheduled Dates for Photography and Portrait Viewing are
Tuesday, Sepember 19, 2006, Wednesday September 20, 2006
and Wednesday, September 27, 2006
From 2:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

If you have questions, please contact the church office at 599-8808.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONNEAUT, OHIO

FALL GATHERING

OCTOBER 2006

How is your Vision?

Do church council meetings tend to get bogged down with month-to-month activities?

Do members leave the meetings feeling drained?

Or has each month's agenda become a dull routine?

How often is time spent looking at the "big picture" or visioning for the future?

Proverbs states that without a vision the people will perish.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH VISIONING...

Church gathering
for visioning
October 29th .

Potluck at Noon

Meeting at 1 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

THRIVENT NEWS

With so many new families coming into our church, many people are not aware that Thrivent was formerly Lutheran Brotherhood. This organization is set up not only for life insurance investments, but helps with planning for college funds, long term health care, and other financial investments for fellow Lutherans. It is listed in the Fortune 500.

I have found my interaction with Jeff Shinabery to be very worthwhile and informative. He does not give you a high-pressured speech and will help you to better understand your financial portfolio. He treats every person with utmost professionalism and has 19 years experience in his field.

Not only has Jeff helped us obtain generous grants, but he has helped answer many questions in one's financial planning. Thrivent members and associate members get free items such as Christian books for adults and children and CDs.

If you have any questions, Jeff can be reached at 1-877-354-5611.

Respectfully,
Shirley Harco, Thrivent Representative for Good Shepherd

Rose McKiethan & Dinah Grimes are also Thrivent representatives.

CONCEPT: Even financial “baby steps” are important.

A Financial Brief: Baby Step Your Way to Financial Independence

Have you ever watched a child learn to walk? First they learn to stand, then they grab onto the furniture and make their way around the room; then one day they just stand up and they are off. The baby steps children take when learning to walk are a great metaphor for beginning an investment strategy. If you are only able to begin with \$25 a month—it's a great start. Consider this, a \$25 monthly investment over 20 years at a hypothetical 8.5% annual rate of return will yield \$15,173-- \$50 a month will yield \$30,346 and \$100 will yield \$60,692. Making the commitment to start investing is the first step, and with increasing confidence, you'll be well on your way to financial independence.

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THRIVENT CHAPTER NEWS

The next chapter meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 16th. Contact your Thrivent coordinator for the meeting location as meetings are held at different locations each month .

Our **Walk Away the Hunger** event will be held Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. behind the Jewels Dance Hall in Austinburg. This is a family event which allows you to ride bikes, walk the asphalt trail, or skate along the scenic trail We have planned for a 3-mile distance (1-1/2 miles each way—out and back) but you may go as far as you would like. Free t-shirts will be given to participants. Pledge forms are now available. Every donation up to \$3,200 will be matched on a dollar for dollar basis with all monies staying in this local area to benefit the county food banks.

For further information, please contact Ed Leitch, President, 5777 West Maple Road, Geneva, OH 44041.

NEW FINNISH CULTURAL CENTER

**To open at
W. 8th Street & Joseph Avenue in
Ashtabula Harbor**

Ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 1, 2006

Open House will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
July 2. Students from the Ashtabula Arts Center will entertain with a woodwind ensemble playing several Finnish numbers.

Questions?

Contact Linda Riddell, LLJQR1@alltel.net

OUTDOOR DRAMA “Trumpet in the Land”

July 22, 2006

Motorcoach tour
(Sponsored by the Conneaut Outdoor Drama Epoch)

Cost \$67.00

Make check payable to Conneaut Community Center for the Arts
payable by July 10th.

Board motor coach at the Conneaut Plaza, Rt. 20, at 1:30 p.m. or
Ringsway Tours parking lot on Rt. 20 in Ashtabula at 1:45 p.m.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 GSLC in 4 th of July Parade
2 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	3 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 OFFICE CLOSED 4 TH OF JULY	5 4:30 Worship & M – meet for both July and Aug.	6 7:00 Conneaut Quilters Guild	7	8
9 Baptism/New Member Option 8:30 Outdoor Worship Children's Craft Time 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon-5:00 Shower (FH)	10 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 5:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Evangelism	12 2:30 Social Ministry	13 Lawn Care for Wedding	14 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal Pictures on Lawn	15 3:00 Wedding
16 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	17 ECHO Articles Due 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 7:00 Council	19	20	21	22
Vacation Bible School – 9 a.m. - Noon						
23 8:30 Outdoor Worship Children's Craft Time 11:00 Traditional Worship	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 5:30 PM Tentative confirmation picnic for upcoming 7 th /8 th Grade students	26 1:00-6:00 Blood Bank Mail ECHO	27	28	29 Community Block Party
30- HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	31 7:00 Boy Scouts Pastor begins vacation					

2006

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Franklin Gore

(440) 599-8908

**HOLY
COMMUNION**

**1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays**

goodshepherd@suite224.net

www.gslcc.org

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Nursery available for children 5 years old and younger

Handicap

Accessible

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