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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.

DECEMBER 2007 WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGES 3 THROUGH ADULTS

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

DECEMBER 2

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

DECEMBER 9

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MISSION SUNDAY (bring in non-perishable items
for the Food Pantry and your Capital Campaign
offerings)

9:30-10:40 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

****Please Note Time Change for Meeting**

DECEMBER 16

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY COMMUNION**

4:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY

ADVENT

WORSHIP

6:30 p.m. Dessert

7:00 p.m. Worship

December 5

December 12

December 19

DECEMBER 30

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
HOLY COMMUNION**

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING Fridays from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. - Noon			1 9:00 Men's Breakfast ADVENT EVENT 1:00 Potluck Lunch 2-4 Hanging of Greens and Crafts
2 HOLY COMMUNION ADVENT 1 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's	3 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry Noon Capital Campaign Committee Meets 6:00 Girl Scouts	5 Cherub/Youth Choirs 5:45 Snack - 6:00 Practice 6:00 Mom's Group WED ADVENT 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	6 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program 5:30 Conneaut Quilters Guild	7 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	8
9 MISSION SUNDAY ADVENT 2 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Congregational Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	10 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry Noon Women's Bible Study 6:00 Girl Scouts	12 2:30 Social Ministry Cherub/Youth Choirs 5:45 Snack - 6:00 Practice 6:00 Mom's Group WED ADVENT 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	13	14 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	15
16 HOLY COMMUNION ADVENT 3 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00-5:30 Confirmation	17 9 a.m. Pack Baskets 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts ECHO ARTICLES DUE	18 NO Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:00 Council Christmas Party	19 Cherub/Youth Choirs 5:45 Snack - 6:00 Practice 6:00 Mom's Group WED ADVENT 6:30 Dessert 7:00 Worship	20 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program	21 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	22
23 ADVENT 4 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 Family Service 7:00 Traditional Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	29
30 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY				

2007

Pastor's Corner December 2007



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "**Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'**" ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The turkey is gone, the wind is cooler, the leaves are on the ground, the people are shopping, and while I'm writing, snow is on the way. Now that the business is over... take some time to tell the birth story to someone you know. We all need to hear it again... and again...

Christmas is a time of family celebration. It's a time when we most often think of Jesus. There is of course the commercial season as well. You notice, I said the commercial "season". Over the course of my short life, we've gone from saying "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays" "Seasons Greetings" and other ways that take Christ away from our Christian celebration. I encourage you over the next month to meet and greet people with a joyful "Merry Christmas". For we celebrate the birth of Christ as we wait again for his coming.

In Christian witness we have leased the billboard across from the Conneaut Post Office and through that witness statement people will be encouraged to remember Christ as they celebrate Christmas. The message will also invite people of the community to worship Christ at GSLC. Drive downtown and look at the message you are sending to the community. After all, you are the church. You are Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the living "Body of Christ".

Services scheduled for December are as follows:

December 2 nd	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
December 5 th	6:30 PM fellowship/ 7:00 PM Advent service
December 9 th	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
December 12 th	6:30 PM fellowship/ 7:00 PM Advent service
December 16 th	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
December 19 th	6:30 PM fellowship/ 7:00 PM Advent service
December 23 rd	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

December 24th **4:00 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service/ Holy Communion**
7:00 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve Service/ Holy Communion
11:00 PM – Traditional Christmas Eve Service/ Holy Communion

Faithfully Serving,

Paster Frank

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN DECEMBER

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

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Dec 2 Heidi Parkomaki
 Dec 16 Heidi Parkomaki
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec 30 Dick Pelow

Duffy Guthrie
 Manny Gonzales
7:00 p.m. Volunteer Needed
11:00 p.m. Volunteer Needed
 Shawn Sackett

DECEMBER FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Pearl Ann Curtis
 Michelle Logan
 Nancy Sackett
 Susan Tan

GREETERS

Dec 2 Heidi & Rebecca Parkomaki
 Dec 9 Waino & Betty Nyman
 Dec 16 Alex & Jan Uveges
 Dec 23 Marilyn & Jim Salo
 Dec 30 Martha Lillie

Mary & Frank Behling
 Ellen & Al Gee
 Ruth Perkins, Janelle Cole
 Nancy & Bud Sackett

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lou Moiso
 Ruth Brown
 Ellen Gee

READERS

Dec 2 Jim Arcaro
 Ricky Kantola
 Dec 9 Amy Gallagher
 Jennifer Gallagher
 Dec 16 Sandra Horvath
 Analynn DiFilippo
 Dec 23 Wanda Gore

Marne Gonzales
 Felicia Kobernik
 Mark Lytle
 Lucas Malys
 Shirley Harco
 Felicia Kobernik
 Shawn Sackett
 Michael Nelson

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec 30 Dolores Pelow

7:00 p.m. Clarence Baugher
11:00 p.m. Molly Todaro
 Jim McKiethan

NURSERY

Dec 2 Tony & Molly Todaro
 Dec 9 Tammy Owens
 Dec 16 Kyle Vidmar
 Suzan Dewey
 Dec 23 **Volunteers Needed**
 Dec 30 Terry & Lisa Hennessey

USHERS

Dec 2 Jim & Marilyn Salo

Duffy Guthrie, Ernie Waid
 Ron & Diane Young

Dec 5 **7 p.m. Advent Service** – Faye Lampela & Michelle Logan

Dec 9 Dick & Diana Stoker

Ron & Diane Young
 Pat Haas & Tim Jackson

Dec 12 **7 p.m. Advent Service** – Faye Lampela & Michelle Logan

Dec 16 Kantola Family

Faye Lampela & Michael Nelson

Dec 19 **7 p.m. Advent Service** – Faye Lampela & Michelle Logan

Dec 23 Jim & Betty Monday

Terry & Lisa Hennessey

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed
7:00 p.m. Terry & Lisa Hennessey
11:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed

Dec 30 Tracie Getchell
 Robert Humalainen

Manny & Marne Gonzales
 Peggy Harco & Shirley Harco

HOSPITALITY

8:30 a.m.

Dec. 2 Betty Nyman &
 Jan Uveges

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Kirk Giles Renee Montagano	18	Nicole Heinonen
3	Mark Betts	19	Ray Snyder
4	Francis Houy	20	Jennifer Gallagher Michael Helfinstine
5	Keith Anderson	21	Aili Frew Sarah Loveland
6	Aaron Eddy III	23	Megan Picard
7	Gaylord Bozard	24	Faye Lampela
8	Alexis Brown Stephanie Van Norman	25	Joy Dittler
9	Jack Parkomaki	26	Laurie Bidwell
12	Madison Loveland	28	Jan Woodworth
13	Jan Uveges	30	Joshua Anderson Michelle Davey
16	Kelly Gore James McKiethan David Thompson	31	Wanda Gore
17	Clarence Baugher		

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5	Bill ♥ Sheila Vogtmann
9	David ♥ Mary Ellen Heinonen
13	Ernest ♥ Phyllis Waid
19	Raymond ♥ Nelma Snyder
21	Rob ♥ Susan Wallace
29	George ♥ Margo Kaihlanen Mark ♥ Susan Lytle

MEN – THIS ARTICLE IS FOR YOU!

**“ 3 M ” ... what’s that?
“Men’s Maintenance Ministry,”
that’s what!**

It’s an opportunity for men who do not work on the first Tuesday morning of each month to come together in service and fellowship. The Men’s Maintenance Ministry (“3M”) meets for the first time on January 8 (because of New Year’s Day on the first Tuesday). All men are invited to gather at 9 a.m. over coffee and snacks to work on small maintenance projects in the church – you know, the sort of “honey-do” list of little jobs. Completing these maintenance projects as the needs occur might keep them from becoming major or expensive hurdles for us down the road.

All available men are encouraged to attend the first “3M” day on January 8! Meet in the Lounge.

Questions? Please contact Jack Parkomaki.

p.s. – we hear that special hats only for the “3M” guys are in the works!

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIORS PROGRAM

All aged 55 and older are welcome to the meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A lunch follows the meeting for a donation of \$1.50.

December 6 – Rev. Tammy Shoup of Amboy United Methodist Church will have devotions and Trudy Hazen will be speaking on Hanukkah.

December 20 – Rev. Dave Miller of Lakeview United Methodist Church will lead devotions and the program will be Christmas Carols with Duffy and Nancy Guthrie.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and help with the program.

Our Church Library is Open!

Books, videos, and DVDs are all available for you to take out and enjoy. We feel we have a very good assortment of books, and are especially pleased with the collection of family oriented DVDs.

Our library operates on the honor system. Anytime you are at the church, feel free to visit and make your selections. Just sign and date the card in the pocket and leave it for us.

We will continue to have the cart with videos and DVD’s out on Sunday mornings, along with a selection of books. Stephanie will continue to be here on Sunday mornings to help in any way that she can.

Our thanks are extended to Rick Kantola and Kelly Gore who have helped us out during our transitional period.

Donations will always be appreciated.

We have enjoyed getting the library ready for you to use. Please enjoy all of the books and movies.

Laura Gustafson
Stephanie Mischka
Nancy Sackett

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Nov. 4	194	57
Nov. 11	197	62
Nov. 18	222	56
Nov. 25	202	

OFFERINGS

Amount Needed Each Week	\$3,884.00
Offerings Received for the General Fund as of November 25, 2007	
under budget	- \$ 22,083,37

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, helped in the kitchen, and who baked delicious cakes for our Perch Dinner. Thanks also to the youth for serving dinner cleaning up after the event. We could not have done it without you all! Thank you to everyone for helping to make the dinner such a success.

God bless,
Pat Haas



I would like to thank everyone who prayed and sent cards to me when I had my surgeries. I greatly appreciated and needed them. Thank you!

In Christ,
Duffy Guthrie



Thanks to MARK BETTS who designed the float for the Christmas Parade. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.



Thank you to the members and friends of Good Shepherd who joined in sharing the real meaning of Christmas through OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Monday, November 12th, 67 shoeboxes were delivered to the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Erie, PA. We also received \$46.00 in monetary donations towards the shipping expenses of OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Thanks be to God!!

Ellen Gee

A very special "Thank you" to the Social Ministry and Mutual Ministry committees and especially Kathy Paden and Pat Haas for the wonderful Thanksgiving time of food and fellowship on November 18. We appreciate you and your servant-hearts that are so evident as you minister at GSLC. Thank you!

From the 2007 GSLC Council



Conneaut Human Resources Center

November 20, 2007

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your congregation for your generous donation of twelve turkeys and 285 pounds of canned goods to the Conneaut Food Pantry "Thanks for Giving" Program. This program helps us provide a turkey for the holidays for the families in need of food assistance. We are seeing an increase in the number of families and seniors in need of emergency assistance and our funds are limited."

May God bless you for your commitment and support you as you give to the families in our community. May we continue to work together for the betterment of our fellow man.

Sincerely,

Renea Roach
Food Pantry Director

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THESE, A FEW OF YOUR MARVELOUS GIFTS TO US...
(as recorded on the kiosk poster in November)

Life
Cars
Love
Hunter
Family
Friends
Animals
My boys
My food
The choir
Every day
Everything
My husband
My two sons
Gift of music
My girlfriend
Church family
Conneaut, OH
Love of family
My son, Bryan
My best friends
My life in Christ
My life "In Him"
The Cherub Choir
Gift of good health
My extended family
A new beginning in life
Everyone and everything
Our blessings (not our luck)
Pastor, Wanda and their family
Someone inventing video games
The members of Good Shepherd
My children, God, family and job
Bringing my family back together
Being there to watch over my family
My wife, son, daughter and grandkids
The gift of ministry at Good Shepherd
The chance to be a new creation in Jesus
The presence of your Holy Spirit in my life
My mom and the people in her nursing home
Being with me even when I deserve it the least
The ability to share the word of God with others
All GSLC disciples spreading the Good News of Christ
Anticipating my needs before I even know what they are
Shawn, Bobbi, the choir and the beautiful music they create
The people of GSLC and all your saints in this Holy Community
Praise the Lord, and Thanks Be to God!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

There are many opportunities through which our congregation can share during the month of December.

A **Tree of Warmth** will be placed in the gathering space. You may decorate the tree with hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. The items collected will be distributed to those in need through the Conneaut School system.

Paper ornaments will be placed on the tree and will contain information for the **families we adopt for Christmas**. This year we are adopting 3 families totaling 21 members, each of whom will receive 2 gifts from our church. Church members are encouraged to take an ornament and purchase the item listed on the ornament. Then return the gift and ornament to the church by **December 16**.

Family 1

Mother
Boy, age 15 XL shirts, 33x32 pants,
Blank CD's
Girl, age 13 Women's small, size 3-4
Girl, age 4 months 9-12 month clothes

Family 2

Mother
Boy, age 20 XL shirts, 36x32 pants
CD's – most music
Girl, age 17 XXX, candles, hair straightener
Girl, age 16 XXX, candles, hair straightener

Family 3

Mother XL, hair straightener
Father XL shirts, 31x32 slacks
Girl, age 5 5T, puzzles, doll
Boy, age 3 3T, truck, train

You may bring food items for our Christmas families to the gathering space. Any item you may think of will be greatly appreciated to help feed these 21 people with a Christmas meal. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation instead. Please put your offering in an envelope marked "Christmas

Families" and put your envelope in the offering plate. Your donations will help purchase perishable items such as milk, bread, etc. **Food will be collected through Sunday, December 16. Christmas baskets for the adopted families will be packed at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 17. We welcome volunteers to help us pack at that time.**

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

The Cover Girls will hold their last 2007 quilting session on December 11. The group will stop working at 11:30 a.m. and will then enjoy a joint potluck with the Bible Study group at noon.

The Cover Girls will resume work sessions on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

Bingo will be held at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home December 12 at 2:30 p.m. Each of the residents will be given a card with 4 quarters taped inside.



THE WOMEN OF FINNISH HERITAGE

welcome all women in the Conneaut area who are of Finnish heritage or who are connected to Finnish heritage. The group is holding their December Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at noon at Kilpi Hall, the Conneaut Community Center for the Arts, 1025 Buffalo Street, Conneaut, Ohio. A chicken puff pastry dinner with noodles and vegetables along with dessert will be served for \$10 a person. Members are invited to bring a \$5 gift for an exchange and \$2 to contribute to a local organization serving families in Conneaut. Reservations are required by Saturday, December 1, 2007 by calling Martha Catrow (593-1367) or Judy Yesso (599-6779).

**RECENT VISITORS TO
GOOD SHEPHERD**

...How many did you greet?

Chuck Anthony
Randy Antila, Avon, OH
Russell Antila, Mayfield Hts, OH
Mindy Baldwin
Bob & Regina Best
Brenda Britton
Nancy Casey
Elizabeth Cerveny
JoAnn Cerveny
Bob & Irene Deeter
Kevin Esposito
Connie Farr
Heather Farr
Nancy L. Garwood
Paul, Emilie and Devin Gauvin
Tracie Getchell
Ray & Kim Haas, Van Wert, OH
Shannon Haas
Terry & Lisa Hennessey
Rick & Peg Hertte, Stow, OH
Peter & Peggy Hess, Price, UT
Betty Holmstrom
Pam Hunt
Nicholas, Lisa, Laina & Mari Iarocci
Dave, Rosemary & Peter Keskinen
Amber Kissman, Ashtabula, OH
Betty Lynn
Cindy Maenpaa
Robyne J. Malys
Cindy & Michael Nelson
Al A. Newsome, Columbus, OH
Lisa Nida
Virginia Ann Nuzum
Laurine Pataky
Donald Perrine
Todd & Julia Pew, Tyler & Emily
Mary Steighner
Dick & Diana Stoker
Alison Tan
David & Rosemarie. Uthe, Ashtabula, OH
Rick Vidmar
Bill & Linda Woodford, W. Farmington, OH
Adam Wright
Lexi Zappitello

We extend **SYMPATHY TO SUSAN TAN** and her family on the death of her mother, **NAOMI HESS** on November 14, 2007. Funeral services were held at Good Shepherd on November 20, 2007.

WELCOME to the following persons who were brought into membership on Sunday, November 25, 2007:

Bruce Allan Britton
Terrance Kim Hennessey, Jr.
Lisa Marie Hennessey
Terrance K. Hennessey
Cynthia Louise Nelson
Michael Andrew Nelson

CONGRATULATIONS to MARK and KRIS CAMERON on the birth of their daughter ANNAMAE.

*Conneaut Community Center
for the Arts*

presents

"A Christmas Tea"

featuring

The Cherry Hill Gals

A Capella Chorus

Sunday, December 9, 2007

at three o'clock

*Bring your sisters, daughters, moms,
grandmas, aunts and girlfriends
all dressed in their holiday best*

Tickets are

\$12.50 each/2 or more \$11.00

When reserved together

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Please call the Center by Dec. 5, 2007

at (440) 593-5888

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Worship with God

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES

4 P.M. FAMILY SERVICE

7 P.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11 P.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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