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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

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS!

Invite someone to church!

FEBRUARY 4

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION**

FEBRUARY 11

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Baptism at 11:00 worship
ANNUAL MEETING AT NOON**

FEBRUARY 18

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD)
HOLY COMMUNION**

FEBRUARY 21

**ASH WEDNESDAY
Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m./Distribution of Ashes
6:00 p.m. Supper in Fellowship Hall**

FEBRUARY 25

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28

**6:00 p.m. SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER
7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP**

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

February 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Conneaut Quilters Guild	2	3 9:00 Men's Breakfast
4 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 4-6:30 Confirmation 5th Sunday after Epiphany	5 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 4:30 Worship & Music 6:30 Christian Education	7 5:00 Choir Homework Help 5:30 Youth Choirs Supper 6:00 Youth Choirs Practice	8	9 6 p.m. Retreat begins <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">Catechism Retreat at Good Shepherd</div>	10 9:15-Noon Council Workshop at Synod
11 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon – Annual Meeting 2:30-3:30 PreK-2 nd Grade 6th Sunday after EPIPHANY	12 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Girl Scout Troops 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry NOON Bible Study 5:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Evangelism	14 2:30 Social Ministries at Ashtabula County Nursing Home 5:00 Choir Homework Help 5:30 Youth Choirs Supper 6:00 Youth Choirs Practice	15	16	17 9 a.m. Sweetheart Breakfast 4-7 Spaghetti Dinner at GSLC
18 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	19 Noon – Lunch & Movie for Grades 3-6 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Girl Scout Troops 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 7:00 Council	21 ASH WEDNESDAY Distribution of Ashes Noon Worship 6:00 Supper 7:00 Worship 5:00 Choir Homework Help 5:30 Youth Choirs Supper 6:00 Youth Choirs Practice	22	23	24 Noon – 5 p.m. Shower (FH)
25 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 1:00 – 3:00 First Communion Instruction THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	26 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Adult Choir 6:30 Girl Scot Troops 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry	28 6:00 Soup & Sandwiches 7:00 Lenten Service			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Maggie Boyle	16	Candace Arcaro Sierra Brink
3	Aina Keskinen Joy Randall	17	Madison Nipper Mona Taylor
4	Steve Kehoe Dianne Young	19	Samantha Dolin Christopher Harco
8	Esther Bly Nelma Snyder	20	Shirley Brookhouser
13	Isabella Kincaid Urpo Mononen	21	Heidi Parkomaki
14	Mellisa Hammer Lydia Jerina	25	Ruth Cain Linda Laine
15	Danielle Davey Elizabeth Eddy	26	Gregory Duhamell
		27	Cheryl Duhamell Morgan Owens

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Richard ♥ Meryl Taylor
14 Christopher ♥ Sam Lampela
18 Bob ♥ Ruth Cain
21 James ♥ Robin Bryant
23 Edward ♥ Judith Barch

With gratitude to God and in joyful celebration,
we invite you to the installation of

Elizabeth Amy Eaton

as the third Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

on Saturday, February 3, 2007

Pre-service music at 1:30 p.m. with liturgy beginning at 2:00 p.m.

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1361 West Market Street

Akron, Ohio

ELCA Bishop Mark S. Hanson, presiding

Reception will follow at the church

The liturgical color is red

Good Shepherd
Congregation is invited
to the installation of the
new Bishop of the NEO
Synod.

If you are interested in
attending, call the
church office 599-8908.
Plans will be made to
car pool from the
church. Time to leave
will be 11:30 a.m.

Pastor's Corner February 2007

"He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
John 21:17

We begin this year changing how we feed His sheep... Please hear me and join in this new way of caring for the people of Jesus.

Beginning February 2007, we will place the food pantry cart in the center of our gathering space on the **2nd Sunday of each month**. Our goal will be to overflow the cart on that day... I'm talking way overflow to the point where the floor is covered. By doing this one time a month versus looking at the cart and walking by each week, we will center ourselves on giving to others in the community. The food cart gets passed over most weeks as very little is dropped off. "Feed my sheep" Jesus says, Therefore... **We Will!**

Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church.
Corinthians 14:4

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This month at the Annual Congregation Meeting, we will prophesy (vision) building up the church.

Please attend the congregational meeting on February 11, 2007 at 12:00 (noon) to help build the foundation for a new era at Good Shepherd. As followers of Jesus, we speak only to glorify God. Your voice matters as we build another foundation visioning for future growth and protection of God's church at GSLC. As Paul wrote to the people of Corinth, I write to you... "According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it."**1 Corinthians 3:10**
The foundation is being formed and you are the builders. And as Paul says, each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

We will gather on February 11 to vote to purchase the property attached to our west parking lot. This house and the open property will expand the ministry of Good Shepherd. The property managers, council, and many others have been part of the process. It is now up to you.

Will we prophesy for the future in a way that will expand the ministry of Good Shepherd?
So far I've heard nothing but "Yes Lord", "Yes Lord".

Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church.

"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)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 2006

Pastor Frank

BENEVOLENCE

Committed through December 31,2006

\$ 16,296.00

Submitted through December 31, 2006 \$ 15,790.00
 Percentage 96.9%
 Easter Coin Envelopes
 Offerings submitted for December , 2006 \$ 2,402.00

GENERAL FUND - Balance as of December 31, 2006 Statement \$ 23,393.00
 Actual \$ **20,077.00**

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% BUDGET	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	% BUDGET
January	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 10,860.00	83.9%	\$ 16,334.00	\$ 16,334.00	126.3%
February	\$ 8,683.00	\$ 19,543.00	75.6%	\$ 16,385.00	\$ 33,169.00	128.3%
March	\$ 11,686.00	\$ 31,225.00	80.5%	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 47,269.00	121.9%
April	\$ 15,581.00	\$ 46,806.00	90.5%	\$ 15,472.00	\$ 62,741.00	121.3%
May	\$ 10,122.00	\$ 56,928.00	88.1%	\$ 13,192.00	\$ 75,933.00	117.5%
June	\$ 11,150.00	\$ 68,078.00	87.8%	\$ 13,847.00	\$ 89,780.00	115.7%
July	\$ 14,873.00	\$ 82,951.00	91.6%	\$ 13,538.00	\$ 103,318.00	114.2%
August	\$ 12,790.00	\$ 95,741.00	92.6%	\$ 12,573.00	\$ 115,891.00	112.0%
September	\$ 11,549.00	\$ 107,290.00	92.2%	\$ 12,186.00	\$ 128,077.00	110.1%
October	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 120,390.00	93.1%	\$ 13,658.00	\$ 141,735.00	109.6%
November	\$ 13,047.00	\$ 133,437.00	93.8%	\$ 14,909.00	\$ 156,644.00	110.1%
December	\$ 26,399.00	\$ 159,836.00	103.0%	\$ 10,162.00	\$ 166,806.00	107.5%

Need \$12,930 each month

ABIDING MEMORIAL - Balance as of December 31 , 2006 \$ 2,755.00

HOUSING FUND - Balance as of December 31, 2006 \$ 5,003.00

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND - Balance as of December 31, 2006 \$ 187,751.00

Money Market = \$626 \$ 41.00

EXTENDED STUDY FUND - Balance as December 31, 2006 \$ 516.00

BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND - Balance as of December 31, 2006 \$ 6,257.00

Estate Distribution \$ 511
 \$42M used to start Mission & Education Endowment Fund.

YOUTH MISSIONS FUND - Balance as December 31, 2006 \$ 2,539.00

Robert Hybert,
 Church
 Treasurer

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY

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!!!

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Feb 4	Dick Pelow	Manny Gonzales
Feb 18	Jim Arcaro	Dave Thompson
Feb 21	7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)	Al Gee

GREETERS

Feb 4	Alex & Jan Uveges	Wanda Gore
Feb 11	Kathy Vaux-Paden	Al & Ellen Gee
Feb 18	Waino & Betty Nyman	Paul & Ruth Brown
Feb 25	Estella Grow	Jerry & Shirley Brookhouser

READERS

Feb 4	Jim Arcaro	Mark Lytle Justyn Olivarez
Feb 11	Wanda Gore Rebecca Parkomaki	Shirley Harco Emilee Esposito
Feb 18	Jim Arcaro Jacob Eddy	Carol Allds Adie Manniko
Feb 21	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday	Kelly Sanford
Feb 25	Linda Hall Jacob Eddy	Nancy Guthrie

HOSPITALITY

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

At the 8:30 service the following have signed up:

Feb. 4 Jan Uveges and Betty Nyman

Feb. 11 Marilyn Hathy

USHERS are needed at both 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

Feb. 11 Lucas, Dane, Michael and Mike Malys have signed up for 11:00 a.m.

Please sign up on the ministry opportunity board in the entry way as you enter the church building.

NURSERY

Jan 28	Tammy Owens and Becky Betteridge
Feb 4	Molly & Tony Todaro
Feb 11	Jaime Moore, Kyle Vidmar, Suzan Dewey
Feb 18	Michelle Logan
Feb 25	Jennifer Best, Jessica Osborne

**A NOTE FROM
THE CONNEAUT FOOD PANTRY**

“Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful monetary donation to our local food pantry. Words cannot express my joy; I am truly humbled.

Working at the Conneaut Human Resource Center allows us a first hand view of the many struggles and difficulties families face each day. All of us at the Center are deeply devoted and dedicated to serve. With your help and support we can continue our ministry—feeding the hungry, comforting the aged, fostering youth, and guiding those who have strayed. These are some of the things we see daily.

These funds and food donations you have provided will be spent very wisely. May God continue to bless each of you as you continue on this mission. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you,
Renea Roach
Food Pantry Director”

The Malys Family would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for the cards, meals, visits and expressions of sympathy at the time of my mother’s passing. You are all truly our family of faith.

Love,
Suzanne, Mike
Michael, Dane and Lucas XXOO

THANK YOU!

The **Tree of Warmth** was overflowing with many items from our congregation and the Ashtabula Chapter of Thrivent who donated 36 hats, 2 hat & mitten sets, 2 scarves, and 20 pairs of gloves. Our church family contributed 17 hats, 9 hat & mitten sets, 24 pairs of gloves, 1 head band, 11 scarf & glove sets, 4 scarves, 1 hat & scarf set, and 1 Cuddle dud. Some of the items were used for the Christmas families, and the remainder were delivered to Lakeshore Primary School by Ruth Brown.

**FLOWERS, BULLETINS
& MEMORIAL CANDLE**

New sign-up charts for the year 2007 are posted on the Administrative Information bulletin board across from the office.

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.)

Congratulations to **J.T. MURTHA** for receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Thiel College with majors in actuarial studies and business administration and a minor in math. J.T. is the son of **Chris and Lou Murtha** and grandson of **Mona Taylor**.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry group completed a very busy holiday season having served 7 families within our church and the HALO program. This included 22 people. We were able to deliver three gifts to each person as well as several boxes of food items.

We are grateful to the Thrivent office in Chardon for Wal Mart and Sav-A-Lot gift certificates which helped with extra purchases.

Our members also visited each shut in and provided them with a sun catcher, calendar, and Christmas card.

In addition to serving our community, our members hosted the regular Bingo game at the County Home. Each resident attending Bingo received a pair of warm socks as well as a Christmas card with four quarters.

We are grateful for each of our members in this group who give of themselves so generously!

Submitted by Shirley Harco
Social Ministry Co-Chairman

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Funeral Luncheon Coordinator
Janet Maenpaa

Food Preparation Committee for February:

Marsha Taylor, chair
Pauline Arbuckle
Candy Arcaro
Chris Murtha

ATTENTION

ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thiel Lutheran Clergy Award is in its fourth year. This award grants \$500 toward the tuition cost of any student whose application to Thiel College is accompanied by the recommendation of the Pastor. The award is offered to the freshman class of Thiel College at the beginning of the fall semester, 2007, and is renewable for three years providing the student remains in good academic standing. If you are interested in applying for this award, there is an application available in the church office.

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

The Cover Girls have resumed quilting following a two-week break over Christmas. We enjoyed a wonderful potluck luncheon with the Bible Study group on December 12. We resumed our quilting on January 2 and have completed 87 quilts since the first of September.

We donated five quilts to the Holcomb family who lost all of their possessions in a fire as well as giving eight quilts to the Christmas families.

We look forward to many more weeks of quilting sessions filled with fellowship and laughter.

Submitted by Shirley Harco,
Social Ministry Co-Chairman

Attend the
Sweetheart Breakfast
at Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 17 at 9 a.m.
Sign up on the kiosk at church or call
the church office 599-8908

Want an easier-to-read Bible? How about a Bible with some study hints?

New Study Bibles (with slightly larger print) will be ordered for anyone who would like to have one. Cost is \$20.

To order, fill out the slip below and return to Nancy Guthrie or turn it in to the church office, along with the \$20. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. See Nancy Guthrie for more details. ***Deadline is February 5.***

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Please order _____ Study Bible(s) for me. Enclosed is \$_____.

(first and last names)

Echo Online

The Echo is available on Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's website,
www.gslcc.org.

We would like to send email reminders to people when each month's new Echo is available. By using the online version on Good Shepherd's website, you can read the Echo anywhere you have access to a computer with internet, and you'll also help conserve trees!

If you are interested in receiving an email reminding you of when the newest Echo is ready, please fill out the form below and return it to the Echo Online box in the gathering space.

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Name _____

Email Address _____

**RECENT VISITORS TO
GOOD SHEPHERD**

...How many did you greet?

Chuck Anthony
 John, Amanda, Timothy & Crystal Caldwell
 Howard & Pat Campbell
 LuAnn N. Champlin
 John Chapin
 Kevin Esposito
 Tom Gildone
 Star Grimes,
 Mike & Vincina Helfinstine
 Lisa Hennessey
 Norm Hill
 Stephen & Jackie, Erie, Chad Hopkins
 Tim Jackson
 Margo Kaihlanen
 Richard Kirby
 Samantha Lampela
 Robyne Malys
 Jean Maurice, Warren, Ohio
 Tammy Monday
 Amanda Sanford
 Sharon Schoneman
 Tim Smith
 Alison Tan
 Pamela, Timothy & Emmanuel Tan
 Marge Venable, Warren, OH
 Kelsey Wallon

ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on February 11 at noon right after the 11 a.m. worship service.

All members should have received information regarding the Trust Agreement of the Permanent Endowment Fund. Soon you will be receiving the Constitution of Good Shepherd. These items are for you to review before the meeting. The Annual Reports for 2006 will be available at the meeting.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

	Worship		Sunday
	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>School</u>
Jan. 7	48	113	56
Jan 14	45	135	58
Jan 21	42	139	60

OFFERINGS

**Amount Needed Each Week
\$ 3,884.00**

**Offerings Received
as of
January 21, 2007**

General - \$ 1,627.25



SPOTLIGHT ON “VISION”



This month’s *Spotlight on “Vision”* focuses on goals for GSLC related to our overall church growth through worship and education. Here are just a few of the specific and attainable goals suggested for the next 1—3 years, when the congregation met for the “Visioning” meeting last October.

- Add a Saturday evening worship service
- Increase our Christian education attendance (including adult) by 100%
- Record Sunday Worship for access channel at least twice per month
- Record Sunday Sermons for web page and home bound each week
- Increase the average weekly attendance at Sunday Worship to 225

To plan for the future of GSLC, we need your input! Your ideas are greatly valued and will help your church leaders plan for the future of this congregation. Please use the tear-off sheet below, and submit your ideas to the church office.

Next month this column will detail some of the goals suggested for GSLC for the next 1—3 years, relating specifically to our youth. Watch for “**Spotlight on Vision**” in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

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What do you think is at the top of
God’s top 10 priorities for Good Shepherd?
What should our goals be?

Your input is needed and greatly valued. Please submit your ideas below to the church office.

As we are listing what we think those goals are, we ask ourselves, “Is it attainable within the next 1-3 years?” and “Can we measure the success of that goal?”

This is what I think God wants for Good Shepherd in the next 1-3 years:

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Franklin Gore

(440) 599-8908

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www.gslcc.org

**HOLY
COMMUNION**

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

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Ages 3 to Adult

**Handicap
Accessible**

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Nursery available for children 5 years old and younger

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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