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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.

APRIL 2008 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

APRIL 6 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 13 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
MISSION SUNDAY (Bring in items for
Food Pantry and Capital Campaign Offerings)
HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 20 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 27 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations

to the following students who received their First Holy
Communion on Palm Sunday, March 16, 2008:

ASHLEY ELIZABETH BURR
HANNAH NICOLE FARR
FRANCISCO JACOB OLIVAREZ
TYLER STAFFORD PEW

April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|------------------------|---|
| | | 1 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Capital Campaign Committee Meets | 2 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choir <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 100px;">PASTOR VACATION</div> | 3 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program 6:00 Conneaut Quilters Guild | 4 PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 5 9:00 Men's Breakfast |
| 6 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 2:00 – 6:00 Splash Lagoon | 7 5:00 Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts | 8 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry Noon Women's Bible Study 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 All Committees Meet 7:00 Committee Potluck | 9 2:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choir | 10 | 11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 12 "STRENGTHENING YOUR CONGREGATION" WORKSHOP in Ashland |
| 13 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY (Capital Campaign & Food Pantry Offerings) 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon Teen Serve Work Camper Meeting | 14 Noon Salvation Army Board Meets 5:00 Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts | 15 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meets | 16 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs ECHO ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE | 17 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program | 18 PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 19 4:00 – 7:00 Perch Dinner |
| 20 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00-5:00 Confirmation | 21 5:00 Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts | 22 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5-8 Girl Scouts (FH) | 23 | 24 | 25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 26 |
| 27 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship | 28 5:00 Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts | 29 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry | 30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 150px;">May 11 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation May 30 Baccalaureate at Good Shepherd</div> | | | |

Pastor's Corner April 2008

Alleluia He Has Risen!!!

He Has Risen Indeed, Alleluia!!!

As Jesus lives, so do we. We are alive in Christ and we see this every time we gather. The resurrection of our Lord brings certain hope and joy to his disciples. We identify the empty cross and the empty tomb as eternal life, "Sacrifice and Salvation".

Christ is present in this community as we work together to glorify his father. Christ is present in the 3M Ministry, the Quilting Ministry, the Senior Ministry, the Youth Ministry, the Social Ministry, and every committee, dinner, fundraiser, and any volunteer projects that we do. He is alive working in and through you for the glory of God as well as the people we serve.

While I'm writing this letter, we are again witnesses of faith to our community. We (GSLC) have organized a fundraiser for the Conneaut K-9 Unit and TeenServe. The fundraiser is to support both community programs. One to help get drugs out of the schools, off the streets, and out of our community, the other to help clean up the community, fix homes for those who cannot afford it, and to witness to Christ in this world. I hope that you will be able to make the lunch after church. Jim Fuller and his "Blues Project" will be playing music for this wonderful community event March 30th after worship until 3 pm.

Renewing The Worship Space...

I'm referring to the revitalization of our sanctuary. As we know, we'll experience the resurrection because of God's action for us. We come to worship to Praise him and worship him. God is Awesome!!! (Okay, I'll stop now before I go into a sermon).

The resurrection of our worship space or the renewing of God's house means that the carpet is being replaced, the pew tiles are being replaced and the chancel is being redone with ceramic tile. It will renew our worship space the same way God has renewed our worship together.

One area that you've noticed already is the Altar railing. After the congregational meeting in March, we decided to take the rail down so that people could think of how they feel regarding the railing. I believe we should examine the chancel without the rail so that **"together", we can make an informed decision** to keep or remove the rail.

I encourage you to keep worship Holy without the distraction of the missing rail. God is present in worship when our hearts are focused on him (the reason we come). What we do in the sanctuary will last for years. I'm grateful to all the people helping Greg and I'm encouraged by the open conversation about the renewing of God's house.

"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

YOUTH

There will be a meeting

Sunday, April 13, 2008
at noon

for all youth (grades 7 and up)
who want to work on homes with **TeenServe**.

Parents should attend.

Discussion will also be held regarding

Cedar Point Trip in July (youth grades 5 and up)

Get your **SPLASH FOR CASH** flyers from Kris or Mark Cameron. All are invited to Splash Lagoon on Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 2 pm to 6 pm for \$14.95. Twenty percent of the swimmer admission goes to *GSLC*.

Mutual Ministry is holding a jelly sale starting March 30, 2008. Orders will be delivered May 4 (just in time for Mother's Day). All orders are prepay. Orders will be taken between each Sunday service. Proceeds go to the church picnic/rally day event in August.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN APRIL

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

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 6 Heidi Parkomaki
April 13 Heidi Parkomaki
April 20 Heidi Parkomaki
April 27 Heidi Parkomaki

Duffy Guthrie
Duffy Guthrie
Manny Gonzales
Manny Gonzales

APRIL FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA

**Shirley Harco
Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer
Peg Harco
Millie Hennessey**

GREETERS

April 6 John & Susan Chapin
April 13 Pearl Ann Curtis
April 20 Waino & Betty Nyman
April 27 Al & Jan Uveges

Terry & Lisa Hennessey
Kelly Anthony
Candy Arcaro
Paul & Ruth Brown

USHERS

April 6 **Volunteers Needed**
April 13 **Volunteers Needed**
April 20 **Volunteers Needed**
April 27 **Volunteers Needed**

Ron & Diane Young
Volunteers Needed
Volunteers Needed
Volunteers Needed

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Harco
Peggy Harco

READERS

April 6 Amy Gallagher
Rebecca Parkomaki
April 13 Jim Arcaro
Rebecca Parkomaki
April 20 Sandra Horvath
Rebecca Parkomaki
April 27 Dolores Pelow
Rebecca Parkomaki

Marne Gonzales
Mark Lytle
Shirley Harco
Shawn Sackett

Ushers are needed for both services. Sign-up sheets can be found in the entry way as you come into the church building.

ACOLYTES

April 6 Rebecca Parkomaki
April 13 Rick Kantola
April 20 Analynn DiFilippo
April 27 Rebecca Parkomaki

Lexi Zappitello
Kelly Gore
Jacob Eddy
Michael Nelson
Alyx Ruffo
Alicia Ngiraingas
Quinn Rudler
Megan Picard

NURSERY

April 6 Tony & Molly Todaro

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|
| 1 | Karen Picard | 15 | Jim Sackett |
| 2 | Herb Hopkins | 16 | Stephanie Mischka |
| 4 | Pat Haas | 17 | Steve Sanford |
| 5 | Al Gee | 18 | Luke Patriarco |
| 6 | Kelsey Kehoe | 19 | Deanna Brown Sally Sillanpaa |
| 7 | Jacob Kehoe Dick Pelow | 22 | Gary Anderson Rebecca Burr Christopher Jewell |
| 8 | Shannon Burton Lee Murtha | 23 | Timothy Montagano |
| 9 | Greg Betteridge | 24 | Bob Hybert |
| 10 | Irene Baugher June Daykin Ty Paden | 25 | Nancy Litz |
| 12 | Dagmar Bozard | 28 | Michael Malys III |
| 14 | Jennifer Hutchison Jim Salo Ryan Thompson | 29 | Martha Lillie |
| | | 30 | Tim Jackson Amanda Sanford |

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------|---|-----------|----------------------|
| 1 | Frank ♥ Melanie Olivarez | 20 | Bob ♥ Pat Haas |
| 2 | Jerry ♥ Shirley Brookhouser | 21 | Mike ♥ Diane Nipper |
| 3 | Ron ♥ Dianne Young | 24 | Rich ♥ Julie Kantola |
| 14 | Chuck ♥ Kelly Anthony Greg ♥ Glenda Betteridge | 28 | Jim ♥ Nancy Sackett |
| 15 | Martin ♥ Mary Herpy | 29 | Waino ♥ Betty Nyman |

We express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of three of our sisters in Christ who departed earthly life.

FANNIE KETTELL died March 3, 2008 at The Villa. Her funeral service was March 7 at Good Shepherd.

MONA TAYLOR died March 7, 2008 at Inn Conneaut. Her funeral service was held March 11 at Good Shepherd.

DORA HAAPANEN died March 17, 2008 at Inn Conneaut. Her funeral service was held March 20 at Good Shepherd.

May God continue to bless these families and friends with His peace and strength.

Notify the church office (599-8908) if you or a member of your family is hospitalized.

If you desire, a member of the **Hospital Visiting Team** will visit.

PRAYER CHAIN

If anyone has a prayer concern or prayer of praise, please contact Michelle Logan at 599-8383 and the request will be forwarded to the chain members.

We do ask that you give us your name. All requests are kept confidential.

Also, if you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Michelle.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED or ENGAGED COUPLES!

On Saturday, May 3, Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall will be the site of an Ohio Keeping Your Relationship a Priority workshop entitled "Conflict and Resolution." Facilitated by Fred and Julie Schamber, one of the national leadership couples for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, "Conflict and Resolution" begins at 1 p.m. and is open to all married or engaged couples in our community. If you choose to attend the potluck lunch that precedes the workshop at 12:00 noon, please bring a dish to share!

The Schambers are dynamic workshop presenters who bring a wonderful blend of humor, seriousness and hope to their message. Take this opportunity to experience ways to make your relationship the top priority for more than just this informative afternoon.

To register or for more information, please contact Stephen & Sue Rufe (440-888-1242 or srufe@juno.com) or Duffy & Nancy Guthrie (440-599-9090 or nguthrie@suite224.net)

SANCTUARY REVITALIZATION

At the special congregational meeting held on March 9, 2008, the Revitalization Committee presented its recommendations for the vinyl composite tile, carpet, and ceramic tile to be used in the re-flooring of our sanctuary.

After looking at the carpet and tile displays, many people expressed a preference for the browner/tanner carpet and ceramic tile from one proposed combination (Choice B) with the lighter brown vinyl composite tile from the other (Choice A). The preferred vinyl composite tile was selected by a show of hands, and then a ballot vote was taken to choose the carpet and ceramic tile combination. The final results were the Choice A vinyl composite tile with the Choice B carpet and ceramic tile.

At a future time, the Revitalization Committee will present an overview of its plans for the overall project.

Please Note: The funds for the revitalization of the Sanctuary came from funds donated specifically for this project and **NOT** from the general fund.

If you have concerns or ideas about any aspect of this project, please put them in writing, sign them, and place them in my mailbox in the office. I will promptly contact you to discuss them.

Serving through Christ,
Greg Betteridge
Revitalization Chair

“STRENGTHENING YOUR CONGREGATION” WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 12, 2008
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

February 25, 2008

Members of Good Shepherd,

There is a wonderful opportunity being presented at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland, Ohio on April 12, 2008.

They are hosting a program “Strengthening Your Congregation” and inviting leaders and members of ministry to attend.

Please consider attending this program. The cost is \$12.50 and we will carpool from GSLC leaving about 7:30 am on Saturday, April 12.

Please register through the church office. There is a form to fill out and you can leave your registration fee with Shirley or Chris.

Faithfully Serving,
Pastor Frank

OFFERINGS

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

Offerings Received for the General Fund
as of March 23, 2008
under budget - \$5,009.83

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| March 2 | 177 |
| March 9 | 78 (winter storm) |
| March 16 | 213 Palm Sunday |
| March 23 | 337 Easter |

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

The Cover Girls are pleased to recruit new helpers to sew our quilt tops. Thanks to Phyllis Waid and E. Jay Hybert for volunteering their time and talents. Ruth Cain brought us an amazing seven tops for one week!! Thanks to Brianna Allds for helping her mom, Carol, pack up the quilts we have completed so far this season. We extend our sympathies to Marsha Taylor and her family on the loss of their mother, Mona. Marsha and Mona could be found sitting side by side cutting squares each Tuesday morning. Mona's presence will be missed.

TURKEY BOX

Beginning in April, a turkey box will be placed in the gathering space for you to deposit any loose change. We will use this money to buy turkeys for our Thanksgiving and Christmas families. Rather than take part in the combined Thanksgiving dinner with Cabrini church, we feel we can reach more needy families by donating turkey to the local Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring in your canned goods on April 13. Our grocery cart was not filled in March, probably due to the ice and snowstorms. The need is now more critical. Thank you for any donation you may make.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Conneaut Optimist Club has a program for repairing bicycles that are then given away at Christmas. **Do you have any old bicycles that could be donated?** Twenty-two bikes were given away this past Christmas and they would like to be able to give 36 bikes away this coming year.

Questions? Call Dennis Steighner at 593-3788.

Lake Erie Perch Dinner Saturday, April 19, 2008

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Menu includes perch, coleslaw, potatoes, dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade.

Donation: Adults \$10

Children age 10 & under \$5

Take out will be available.

Donations benefit youth program.

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIORS PROGRAM

All age 55 and older are welcome!

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and activities follow until noon. Lunch is available for a \$1.50 donation.

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Rev. Karen Tews of Bethany and Faith Lutheran Churches in Ashtabula will lead devotions. The program will be given on Community Action 211 – Heating and other programs.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Rev. Michael Meranda of Messiah Lutheran Church in Ashtabula will lead devotions. Trudy Hazen will present the program on the Passover and a Seder meal.

Please join us!

Mutual Ministry team is looking for new members. If you would like to serve on this team, contact Faye Lampela at 593-1273 or Michelle Logan at 599-8383.

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

...How many did you greet?

Chuck Anthony
Joni Arcaro
Alice Basen
Robert Beagle
Will Belcher
Johna Benson
Rochelle Biensderfer, Centerbury, OH
Dave & Barb Blake, Livonia, MI
Sara Bowers
Pat & Elsie Burr
Sarah Burress & Bray, Columbus, OH
Ray, Jackie & John Burton, Norwalk, OH
Nancy Casey
LuAnn Champlin
Amanda Colby
Cheyanne Cottral
JoAnn Cox
Sally Crawford
Paul Crilley
Don & Sue Cummins
Bob & Irene Deeter
Alex Ecklund
Kaylee Ely
Travis Erickson, WA
Kevin Esposito
Tom & Ruth Farr
Florence Gable
Luke Gallagher
Paul, Devin, Emilie Gauvin
Tracie Getchell
Tom Gildone
Mary Griswold
Janet Guth
Joe, Bethany, Kian Hardy, Arlington, VA
Dean Harless
Sonny, Linda, Brett & Sarah Heinonen
Wallace Heinonen
Steve Horvath
Jim Houseknecht
Pam Hunt
Colton Hutton, Jefferson, OH
Raenel Hutton, Jefferson, OH
Nick, Lisa, Laina, Mari Iarocci
James Jerina
Greg and Alex Johns
Kristina Johnson
Dick Johnston

Amber Kissman
Elena A. Knott, Williamsport, MD
Glenn Kobernik III
Stephen Krenisky
Michael Laituri
Charlie & Linda Lewis
Eugene Lowery
Erik Maenpaa
Emily Martin
Joy, Daniel, Stevie and Jacob Maurer
Susan McCarron
Darrel, Megan, Alexander & Donovan Mobley
Fred & Lil Monda
Brennen Mueller
Virginia Nuzum
Frank Olivarez
Dixie Onion
George Onion
Fran Peaspanen
Judy & Ken Pew
Rayona Potter
Dale Prime
Jim & Dot Sackett
Justin Sanford
Rueben Schwartz
JoAnne Seavey
Paul & Tina Sedmak
Laura Shank
Darren Sharkey
Gail Sharkey
Holly Sheneman
Carol Stewart, Kingsville, OH
Phyllis Sturtevant
Karin Tennant
Celia, Tricia, Ethan, Ella, Brian Timbers
Dick Trigg
Danielle Turri
Rob Wallace
Kenneth & Connie Woodring, Ashtabula, OH
Ashley Woolum, Ashtabula, OH
Adam Wright
Megan Wyand
Marilee Zappitelli

Thank you, Pastor Gore, Good Shepherd Care Committee, and church members for all your prayers, cards, and concern during my recent eye surgeries.

Irene Hopkins

I would like to thank Pastor Frank for being with me on the day of my surgery and for checking on me as I recovered. Thank you to my church family for your outpouring of love through your calls, cards and prayers. As I told my doctor, I believe I did as well as I did through the many prayers offered for me. God bless all of you.

Shirley Harco

Thank you to the Betteridges for bringing their three bunnies to the Easter Egg Hunt. They were a huge hit!

Thanks to all those who donated candy, cookies and juice and to whomever provided a bag of eggs already filled!

Thanks to my sister Pat, Wanda, Kelly, Shirley and everyone else who helped out.

The kids decorated their (cans) Easter baskets and hunted for eggs. We had many babies that loved the bunnies but did not hunt for eggs. All the kids went home with plenty of candy. So much candy was donated that I bought more eggs. Morgan, Madeline and I had a lot of fun filling the eggs. Ben opened them as fast as we could fill them so he was sent to help Daddy.

God Bless,
Tammy Owens

The following letter was received from the Conneaut Human Resources Center:

March 19, 2008

Dear Rev. Gore,

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to you and your congregation for the wonderful and endless support and dedication they have given to me and to this program (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). It never ceases to amaze me the amount of generous and caring individuals from Good Shepherd Lutheran who give of themselves and of their time. The love you foster is pouring out into the community to those who are in need.

The number of families from our local community you have been touched by your willingness to care and reach out is countless. We see so many desperate and frightened individuals who are faced with many difficulties and life altering decisions. Without the continuous support of all of you, we could not assist these families in their time of need.

I will continue to pray for all of you and ask our Lord to keep all of us in his care. May we together continue to walk with God and live in his image.

Sincerely,

Renea Roach
Emergency Food Director

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