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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.

FEBRUARY 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

FEBRUARY 3

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION**

FEBRUARY 10

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

FEBRUARY 17

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

FEBRUARY 24

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

11 am Worship/Distribution of Ashes

6 pm - 6:45 pm Soup Supper

7 pm Worship/Distribution of Ashes

February 13, 20 & 27

WEDNESDAY LENT

6 pm – 6:45 pm Soup Supper

7 pm Worship


February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	2	
3 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Sub Sandwich Pickup	4 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry Noon Capital Campaign Committee Meets	6 ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 11:00 Worship 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choir 6:00 Mom's Group	7 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program 5:30 Conneaut Quilters Guild	8 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9 9:00 Sweetheart Breakfast 4:00-7:00 Chicken Dinner	
10 MISSION SUNDAY (Capital Campaign & Food Pantry Offerings) 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Congregational Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	11 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 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	13 2:30 Social Ministry at Ashtabula County Home WED LENT 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Mom's Group	14	15 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	16 12-5 Anniversary Party FH	
17 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon – 2 pm Confirmation 1:30 Confirmation Parents 12:30 – 2 pm First Holy Communion Class	18 Noon Salvation Army Board Meets 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Council Meets	20 WED LENT 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Mom's Group	21 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program	22 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	23	
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2008

Pastor's Corner February 2008

"Celebrating the Cross and Resurrection"



*"The central event of the Christian faith is the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That unitive event of the cross and resurrection is the **core** of the apostolic preaching; it is also the **central** celebration of the church's liturgy. It is set forth in the Eucharist and in the daily prayer of morning and evening. It is the focus of the church year: Lent prepares for it, and the great Fifty Days are a celebration of the mystery of redemption; Wednesday services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the fifty days are the proclamation and celebration of it. It is one event seen from two sides: Cross and Resurrection, each incomplete without the other."*

Manual on the Liturgy, Lutheran Book of Worship

The ELCA Churches in Ashtabula County are sharing Lent this year with a special topic of faith. The series title "The Foundation of Faith" will begin February 13th, a week after Ash Wednesday Service. Please note the service schedule listed below for your faith journey through Lent

Ash Wednesday – February 6, 2008

11:00 AM Service

6:00 PM Soups and Breads

7:00 PM Service

Wednesday Lent Services - February 13th, 20th, 27th March 5th & 12th

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM Soup and Sandwiches

7:00 PM Worship

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 16th

(1st Holy Communion) Celebrated at 11:00 Service

Maundy Thursday – March 20, 2008

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

7:00 PM – "**The Living Dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's the Last Supper**"

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday – March 21, 2008

7:00 PM Service

"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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN FEBRUARY

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

Feb 3	Dick Pelow	Bob Hybert
Feb 6	Ash Wed (7:00 p.m.)	Al Gee
Feb 17	Dick Pelow	Phyllis Waid

GREETERS

Feb 3	Jim & Marilyn Salo	Janelle Cole
Feb 10	Alex & Jan Uveges	Wanda Gore
Feb 17	Marilyn Hathy	David & Martha Jayne Thompson
Feb 24	Michael Malys	Mary Lou Moisio

USHERS

Feb 10	Peggy Harco & Shirley Harco
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READERS

Feb 3	Dolores Pelow	Candy Arcaro
Feb 6	Ash Wed (7:00 p.m.)	Kelly Anthony
Feb 10	Jim Arcaro	Paul Mechling
Feb 17	Amy Gallagher	Mike Malys
Feb 24		Duffy Guthrie

FEBRUARY FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Marsha Taylor
 Pauline Arbuckle
 Candy Arcaro
 Chris Murtha
 JoAnn Mechling

ALTAR GUILD

Pat Haas
 Wanda Gore
 E. Jay Hybert

NURSERY

Feb 3	Shelly Carpenter
Feb 17	Terry & Lisa Hennessey

There are many ways in which you can assist in the ministry at Good Shepherd. Please prayerfully consider volunteering—especially in the following areas:

Nursery: Two or three adults are needed to be in the nursery during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Ushers: Help is needed to distribute worship bulletins, pass the offering plates and to direct the flow of communicants during worship services

Hospitality: Help provide socialization opportunity by providing light refreshments such as coffee, cookies, juice or punch in the gathering space Sunday mornings following worship services.

Please register your willingness to serve by signing up on the ministry opportunity board in the entranceway.

Please note: New sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the office where you can sign up to sponsor **ALTAR FLOWERS** (\$35/wk), **BULLETINS** (\$15/wk), and **MEMORIAL CANDLES** (\$5/wk—sign up by the month).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Maggie Boyle	17	Madison Nipper Mona Taylor
3	Claire Monday Joy Randall	18	James Monday
4	Steve Kehoe Dianne Young	19	Samantha Dolin Christopher Harco
8	Esther Bly Cynthia Nelson Nelma Snyder	20	Shirley Brookhouser
10	Emma Van Norman	21	Heidi Parkomaki
13	Urpo Mononen	25	Ruth Cain Linda Laine
14	Lydia Jerina	26	Gregory Duhamell
15	Danielle Davey Elizabeth Eddy	27	Cheryl Duhamell Morgan Owens
16	Candace Arcaro Sierra Brink		

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14	Chris ♥ Samantha Lampela
16	Jim ♥ Betty Monday
18	Bob ♥ Ruth Cain
21	Jim ♥ Robin Bryant
23	Ed ♥ Judy Barch

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

who were received during worship
services Sunday, January 27, 2008:

Virginia Ann Black
Ashley Elizabeth Burr
Rebecca Susan Burr
Barbara Jean Burton
Elenea Marie Curtis
Kyle Edward Curtis
Robert Ray Curtis
Tina Ann Curtis
David Bryan Uthe
Rosemarie Uthe

Engaged to be married? A wedding is a day. **A marriage is a lifetime!** Engagement and preparations for a wedding can be exciting, but stressful. A **Lutheran Engaged Encounter** weekend can give you an opportunity to openly and honestly share hopes, dreams and desires for the marriage relationship that may lie ahead. **The next Engaged Encounter is February 15-17 in Richfield, Ohio.** \$50 registration and \$275/couple covers 2 nights' lodging, all meals and materials for the weekend getaway. Please contact Doug and Lori Burchard, 576 W. Ohio Avenue, Sebring, Ohio 44672. Phone them at (330) 938-2723 or e-mail at lburchar@kent.edu

Want to try something different to celebrate Valentine's Day? This year, why not give each other the gift of a truly satisfying relationship. Attend a **Marriage Encounter Weekend.** This is a weekend-long retreat experience designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationship. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter is **March 28-30** in Northeast Ohio. For information, contact John & Robin Legan at (330) 425-2176, thelegans@excite.com, or go online at www.ilmeone.org. A \$45 non-refundable fee ensures your reservation.

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We note the passing of Alice M. Griffith Friday, December 21, 2007, and extend sincere sympathy to all of her friends and family.

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REMEMBER!
Pick up your pre-ordered submarine sandwiches following worship services on Sunday February 3, 2008.

BENEFIT DINNER
Saturday, February 9, 2008
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
at Good Shepherd

Come enjoy creamed chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, dessert and a beverage for an \$8.00 donation (to benefit TeenServe and Youth activities).

Carry out will be available.

♥♥ **SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**

All couples and singles are invited to a breakfast at 9:00 am Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Good Shepherd.

The Saturday men's group will do the cooking.

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk in the gathering space **by February 1st** for ease in planning.

The Conneaut Area Ministerial Association (C.A.M.A.)
 is sponsoring

TETELESTAI
The Trial, Execution and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah

produced by
 Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries
 at **St Mary Church, Conneaut OH**

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 15 & 16 at 8 p.m.
 &
Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

TEENSERVE IS COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY ON JUNE 22-28!

Good Shepherd has teamed up with community leaders and organizations to bring the non-profit organization **TeenServe** to our community this summer. TeenServe workcampers, including youth and their advisors from across the country, offer assistance to people with homes in need of repair or a coat of paint. All repairs are free of charge, including materials. You can partner with the participating youth groups by allowing your home to be one of the work sites. Call the GSLC office at 599-8908 to sign up for this valuable service.

To prepare for the arrival of the TeenServe outreach ministry, we are searching for ladders and helpers – no, not helpers to climb the ladders, but ladders as well as volunteers to help serve in the following ways. Please check all that YOU are interested in.

- unload the TeenServe semi truck when it arrives on June 17
- transport TeenServe staff from site to site
- work behind the counter at the Coffee House after each evening program
- provide desserts for work campers
- pick up / deliver materials to school or work sites (trucks needed)
- provide janitorial service in cafeteria
- troubleshoot work projects (general contractor/carpentry skills needed)
- serve in the kitchen
- pick up/deliver ladders before and after the work camp
- provide ladders as follows (give length and type of ladder): _____

To help with any of the above services, please return this completed form to the church office, or contact volunteer coordinator Nancy Guthrie directly at 599-9090. Thank you!

TeenServe – Rebuilding Homes ... Refocusing Lives

OFFERINGS	
Amount Needed Each Week	\$3,884.00
Offerings Received for the General Fund as of January 20, 2008	
under budget	- \$1,488.10

<u>JANUARY</u>	
<u>WORSHIP</u>	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
January 6	151
January 13	174
January 20	145
January 27	187

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

Our ladies continue to meet Tuesday mornings to share laughs and refreshments intermingled with work as they prepare quilts for shipment through Lutheran World Relief. These ladies always welcome new faces!

The group is in special need of sewers!
If you can sew simple machine straight stitches and would prefer to work at home rather than meeting with the group, we would appreciate your time and talent. Material kits of precut squares are all ready for you to take home and sew. You may work at your own pace and return the sewn tops at your convenience. If you would be interested in sewing, please contact Shirley Harco or Carol Allds for information and kits.

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIORS PROGRAM

All who are age 55 and older (whether or not you are a member of Good Shepherd) are welcome to join us!

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Rev. Fred Grimm of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jefferson will lead devotions.
Ralph Humalainen will present a program on the Ships of the Great Lakes.

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Rev. John Singer of First Baptist Church will lead the devotions.
Conneaut Librarian, Debbie Zingaro, will present a book review.

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

We hope to see you there!

MEN'S MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

"3 M" Days

9:00 a.m., Tues., Feb. 12, 2008

and

9:00 a.m., Tues., Feb. 26, 2008

Thanks to all those who participated in our January meeting. Please consider joining us again this month! If you have any questions, please contact Jack Parkomaki.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Good Shepherd has a hospital visitation team. The members are:

Duffy Guthrie
Phyllis Waid
Jim Arcaro
Marne Gonzales
Tim Jackson
Nancy Guthrie
Michele Logan

Let the church office know if a family member is in the hospital. If you would like someone to visit, the office will contact one of the visiting team members.

The office telephone is 599-8908.

SUPPORT THE YOUTH GROUP

by purchasing Harry London candy. The candy will be delivered in time for Easter giving. Ask any of the youth in order to see a pamphlet. The candy is good!

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

...How many did you greet?

Michael Adams & Julie Gee
Chuck Anthony
Beth Armeni
Robert Beagle
Rochelle Bienosderfer, Centerburg, OH
Marian Biggs
Barbara Bisbee
Virginia Black
Gene Boyle
Mike Brown
Becky & Ashley Burr
Sarah Burress, Columbus, OH
Barbara Burton
JoAnn, & Tony Cerveny & Elizabeth,
Amanda Colby
Paul Crilley
Don & Sue Cummins
Don & Jennine Curtin
Tina Curtis
Irene & Robert Deeter
Joe, Tricia, Matthew & Michael Dietz
Jackie Eaton
Blake & Amy Edwards, Ft. Meade, MD
Gordon Edwards
Kaylee Ely
Kevin Esposito
Ruth Farr
Tom, Connie, Hannah, & Heather Farr
Tad Ferguson
Kyle Freeman
Bobby Fuller
Florence Gable
Deb Gallagher, Portsmouth, VA
Evelyn & Gerald Gallardo, Toronto, Canada
Paul, Devin & Emilie Gauvin
Tracie Getchell
Tom Gildone
Jeff Gill
Kelly Gordon
Pete, Amy, Ernie & Sean Harris
Trudy Hazen
Casey Hill
Steve Horvath
Jim Houseknecht
Melissa & ReAna Howard
Pam Hunt
James Jerina
Dick Johnston
Karen Keskinen, Hempstead, NY
Rosemary & Dave Keskinen

Mike Kirk
Samantha Kirk
Amber Kissman
Jill Klimpel
Eduardo Lacerda
Rich Lampi
David Lira
Chuck & Ruth Lloyd, Lake City, PA
Steve Logan
Cynthia Maenpaa
Erik Maenpaa
Mike & Yollie Malys
Robyne J. Malys
Katie, Kevin & Mike Markielowski
Susan McCarron
Mitch Moisio
Don & Betty Morrow
Lou & Lois Murtha
Jack Narhi
Al A. Newsome
Virginia Nuzum
Ken & Judy Pew, Strongsville, OH
Todd, Julie, Emily & Tyler Pew
Keith & Kaitlyn Reedy, Sparta, NJ
Nicole Rivera
Heaven Sabo
Becky, Gail & Melissa Sackett
Justin Sanford
Marion Schirmer, Springboro, PA
Kristy Schiro, Worthington, OH
Maribeth Tan-Sorrell
Gary Squire
Norma Squire
Dennis, Mary & Jasmine Steighner
Nancy Steighner, Ashtabula, OH
Shannon Stevens, Ashtabula, OH
Carol L. Stewart, Kingsville, OH
Dick & Diana Stoker
Alison Tan, Miami, FL
Laura Taylor
Linda Towne
Dennis & Jean Turner, Chardon, OH
Kristian M. Vaux
Rob Wallace
Jim White
Josh & Ramona Woodard
Francisco Yablanovich
Betty Zappitelli
Marilee Zappitelli

Praise be to God and thank you to everyone who donated items to our **Tree of Warmth** in December. The tree was filled with 72 pairs of gloves/mittens, 36 hats, 12 scarves, 6 pair of socks, and 10 hat/glove/scarf sets all of which were donated to Lakeshore Primary School. Plus, a pair of gloves, a hat, and a scarf was provided to all 15 people of our adopted Christmas families. Thanks again for your lovely and generous gifts!

****Note:** As a result of your kindness, Good Shepherd received a thank you note from Tammy Kobernik, Lake Shore Primary School Nurse's Aide, who indicated many students have made use of the hats, gloves, and scarves our church has provided.



Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you! goes out to the congregation for your continuing support of all our programs—especially our new Seniors Program.

God bless,
Kathy Vaux-Paden
Senior Program Coordinator for GSLC



Good Shepherd received two letters from Renea Roach, Director of The Emergency Food Assistance Program at the Conneaut Human Resources Center thanking the congregation for its monetary support through offerings at the Lessons and Carols Advent service and support of the October Walk for Hunger. The Ashtabula Chapter of Thrivent Financial provided matching funds for the walk that resulted in a total of \$500 given to Conneaut's food assistance program.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers of healing.

Frank Behling

My family and I would like to thank the choir, acolytes and assistants who served during the funeral of Naomi C. Hess in November. We also thank those who helped with the dinner following. We appreciate the care and concern of Pastor Gore and the congregation. Your support has always been a comfort to us through the years. Mother was very grateful to have so many friends in the congregation.

Sincerely,
Susan and Antero Tan

Dear Good Shepherd Members,

Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas with cards, cross, and well wishes. I appreciate everyone who visits me at the Villa.

Sincerely,
Ann Schepman

Good Shepherd received a thank you note from the Conneaut Optimist Club thanking the congregation for its participation in Conneaut's Christmas parade. Good Shepherd's float was awarded first place for which the church received a \$25.00 check. Thank you to all who made the float a reality.

A special thank you to all the people who rang the bells for the Salvation Army 2007 Campaign:

Ron & Diane Young
 Duffy & Nancy Guthrie
 Mike & Suzanne Malys
 Dave & Martha Jayne Thompson
 Jim & Marilyn Salo
 Greg & Deanna Brown
 Rich & Julie Kantola
 Jim & Betty Monday
 John & Sue Chapin
 Mike & Laurie Bidwell
 Jason & Heatherlie McQueeny
 Amy, Jennifer & Leah Gallagher
 Cheryl & Christopher Jewell
 Deb, Jennifer & Amanda Sturtevant
 Susan & Sandra Horvath, Analynn DiFilippo
 Pearl Ann & Julie Curtis
 Pam Deemer
 Devin Ledlow
 Manny Gonzales
 Chris Murtha and Tyler Moore
 Jack Parkomaki
 Kelly Anthony
 Ricky Kantola
 Katelyn Kantola and Bobby Fuller
 Janet Maenpaa
 Michelle Logan
 Pat Haas
 Shirley Harco
 Rose McKiethan
 Michael Nelson
 Lana & Lily Vargo
 Tracie Getchell
 Penny Armeni
 Jim Arcaro
 Jacob Eddy
 Ben Heinonen

Thanks also to
Scout Troop 36
Cub Scouts:
 Prudence Mason
 Christopher Failing
 John Rokosky
 Joe Robosky
 Tim LaBounty
 Seth Santee
 Tonya Wassie
 Tyler Campbell
 Jason Humphreys

THANK YOU!
 Marsha Taylor

The following Council persons and appointed leaders of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church were installed at the 11 a.m. worship service January 13, 2008:

Marne Gonzales	Council President
Duffy Guthrie	Council Vice President Stewardship Chair
Jim Arcaro	Council Secretary
Ruth Brown	Abiding Memorial Chair
Mark Lytle	Christian Education. Chair Endowment & Capital Campaign Chair
Nancy Guthrie	Evangelism Chair
Mike Malys	Worship & Music Chair
Faye Lampela	Mutual Ministry Chair
Michelle Logan	Mutual Ministry Co-Chair
Bob Haas	Property Chair
Ron Young	Social Ministry Chair
Shirley Harco	Social Ministry Co-Chair
Bob Hybert	Treasurer and Council Representative for Endowment Committee
Jerry Brookhouser	Capital Campaign Property Chair
Clarissa Murtha	Financial Secretary

COME, CELEBRATE 2007

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

9:30 A.M.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS

(REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING)

This is your notification of the Congregational Meeting.