

THE ECHO

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.

JANUARY 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

JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 13

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

JANUARY 20

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 27

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

ALL ARE WELCOME!


Please consider staying for a little while following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 13, 2008 to help take down Christmas decorations. A sign up sheet is available in the gathering space.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Cherub/Youth Choirs 5:45 Snack 6:00 Practice 6:00 Mom's Group	3 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program 6:00 Conneaut Quilters Guild	4 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Youth Winter Gathering, Independence, OH	5 9:00 Men's Breakfast
6 HOLY COMMUNION EPIPHANY 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	7 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 9:00 "3M" Ministry 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry Noon Capital Campaign Committee Meets Noon Women's Bible Study 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Committee Potluck	9 2:30 Social Ministry at Ash. County Nursing Home Cherub/Youth Choirs 5:45 Snack 6:00 Practice 6:00 Mom's Group	10	11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	12
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22 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00-5:30 Confirmation	21 Noon Salvation Army Board Meets 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry	23 1:00 – 6:00 Bloodmobile	24	25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	26
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2008

Pastor's Corner January 2008



¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

We begin the New Year with the thought of a New Creation. Yes, we've been reborn in Christ Jesus. My Grandfather would say, "Born again". We're encouraged by Paul to let the old ways of life and living pass away.

We're encouraged to accept that God reconciled his relationship with us through Jesus, the Word made Flesh. We're encouraged in this new creation this New Year, to model the love of Christ. We're given another opportunity to see everything that has become new in and through "The Body of Christ".

Instead of making a New Year's resolution for your worldly life, make a resolution that involves Christ.

In your understanding of New Creation, make a resolution that creates a greater love, a greater commitment, and a greater life. Make a resolution to let the old pass away, and begin a new life with Jesus and his church; Good Shepherd. Here at Good Shepherd, you will feel the love of Jesus through his people and in his service.

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas, filled with the Spirit of our Lord. May you have a blessed and safe New Year in 2008.

"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 JANUARY

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

January 6 Linda Hall
January 20 Pam Deemer

Greg Betteridge
Duffy Guthrie

JANUARY FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Wanda Gore
Pat Haas

GREETERS

Jan 6 Jennie Crites
Jan 13 Ron & Janet Maenpaa
Jan 20 Jack Parkomaki
Jan 27 Dick & Dolores Pelow

Shirley & Peg Harco
Ruth & Bob Cain
Mary & Frank Behling
Jerry & Shirley Brookhouser

READERS

Jan 6 Jim Arcaro
Jan 13 Linda Hall
Jan 20 Dolores Pelow
Jan 27 Sandra Horvath

Greg Betteridge
Manny Gonzales
Dianne Young
Marne Gonzales

ALTAR GUILD

Pat Haas
Wanda Gore
Tammy Owens

There are many ways in which you can assist in the ministry at Good Shepherd. As we enter a new year, 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 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.

SIGN UP!

New charts are on the bulletin board across from the office. This is an opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to show honor or thanksgiving for a special occasion.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART
Cost is \$35 a week

BULLETIN SPONSORS
Cost is \$15 a week

MEMORIAL CANDLES
Cost is \$5 a week – sign up for a whole month
(4 weeks in a month = \$20 or
5 weeks in a month = \$25)

Make payment to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place in envelope marking it for the appropriate area of sponsorship and then place envelope in the offering or mail to the church office. Please include your name and your envelope number.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Kim Esposito	20	Pastor Gore Chip Young
2	Lisa Hennessey Jennifer Sheneman	23	Stephanie Narhi
3	Waino Nyman Gunnar Schwartz Moses Schwartz	24	Matthew Boatright Kaelin Moore Deb Sturtevant
4	Christopher Gantz Sharen Wright	25	Sydney Carpenter Jennie Crites
6	Ina Parkomaki	26	Heatherlie McQueeney
7	Ray Laine	27	Jennifer Betts Chase Carpenter Marne Gonzales Alison Hathy Steve Martin
10	Kevin Manniko Alex Uveges		
11	Mark Owens		
14	Marilyn Hathy	29	Kris Cameron David Rudler
15	John Montagano	30	Hunter Olivarez
18	Julia Kesatie RaeAnn Wright	31	Carol Dimon

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3** Gene ♥ Janice Boyle
- 4** John ♥ Susan Chapin
- 10** Terry ♥ Lisa Hennessey

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church “Constitution”

At the Annual Congregation meeting held December 9, 2007 the attendees voted to ratify the constitution of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

One of the major changes in the constitution for this congregation is the area of membership. Please read this portion and the attached copy of the constitution to get a better understanding of membership for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Conneaut, Ohio.

Chapter 8 defines membership. I have placed a copy of this chapter in the ECHO for you to read over and understand. If you have any questions regarding this chapter, please feel free to schedule an appointment with me or the president of church council. There are other changes in the constitution but they do not create hurt like membership does.

Some changes that are occurring based on the ratification of this new constitution:

1. Membership is reviewed yearly based on communion and giving. (C8.04 - C8.06)
2. Young adults attending school or who still fall under their parent’s tax filing will be considered part of the parents household and will remain on the active roster as long as the parent’s are meeting (C8.04 - C8.06)
3. Young adult or adult children of active members will become their own household if they do not fall under their parents tax filing.
4. The young adult (*not in parent’s household*) will be responsible for maintaining membership by meeting (C8.04 -C8.06).
 - a. If they are residing away from the congregation, they can send records of communion from a local church, and send financial contributions to GSLC at least once a year.
 - b. The young adult living at home will be listed separately from the parents in the church directory.

It is not my intention to remove people from GSLC. My hope is that through better communication and better education, we will continue to flourish and grow in membership and financial stability.

Membership is not a birthright, a permanent place because of confirmation, or a right of heritage. Membership is based on each adult’s desire to be part of the Christian community we know as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. **If one chooses not to participate in accordance with the constitution of GSLC, then they are making the choice not to be a member of Good Shepherd.**

Faithfully Serving,

Pastor Frank

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Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP

- *C8.01.** Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.
- *C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows:
- Baptized** members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.
 - Confirmed** members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
 - Voting** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.
 - Associate** members are persons holding membership in other Christian congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, or persons who wish to retain a relationship with this congregation while being members of other congregations. They have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights and eligibility for elected offices or membership on the Congregation Council of this congregation. Associates may serve as co-chairs with a Good Shepherd member on committees. The member co-chair must be a voting member.
- *C8.03.** All applications for confirmed membership shall be submitted to and shall require the approval of the Congregation Council.
- *C8.04.** It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:
- make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
 - live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and
 - support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.
- *C8.05.** Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following:
- death;
 - resignation;
 - transfer or release;
 - disciplinary action by the Congregation Council; or
 - removal from the roll due to inactivity as defined in the bylaws.
- Such persons who have been removed from the roll of members shall remain persons for whom the Church has a continuing pastoral concern.
- C8.06** A member failing to commune or make recorded financial contribution or has removed themselves from communions with the congregation or record of communion with the Body of Christ for a period of one (1) year shall be removed from membership following the annual review of the membership roll and at the discretion of the pastor and approval of church council with the exception of C8.06.01.
- C8.06.01** Young adults still dependent on their parents/guardians and who fall under the tax filing for their parents/guardians will be considered part of the family giving unit as long as the parents/guardians retain their membership and meet the constitutional provisions provided in C8.01, C8.02, C8.03, C8.04, C8.05 and C8.06.

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens. We all had a good time, and the many hands made the work go quickly.

Martha Jayne Thompson



Luke 14:15 *"Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."*

What a wonderful feast of Thanksgiving we shared on Sunday, November 18! I would like to begin my Thank Yous by thanking everyone for their prayers. I could not have done it without the power of prayer.

A big shout of thanks goes out to the congregation of our church for making our dinner another big success. We served about 180 dinners—40 more than last year.

It is so very hard for me to make a list of names of those individuals who helped. The feast was fantastic because everyone helped and worked together as a whole. No one had to say what needed to be done—we worked as a team. So, to those who helped make pies, serve, prepare, clean up, take care of trash, and sweep, I say **Thank You!**

Thank you for the yearly generosity and the dedication that our wonderful congregation has given. I am very proud to say that I belong to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Thank you for being you. May God continue to pull us up from our debts and bless each and everyone of us as we begin a new year. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

God bless
Kathy Vaux-Paden
Feast of Thanksgiving Coordinator

THANK YOU to all who remembered me with their prayers and cards. Special thanks to Pastor Gore for visiting me during my recent hospitalization. I am grateful to one and all! I am now at home recuperating.

In God's Love,
Ruth Cain

Ali Frew now resides in room 425 at the Country Club Retirement Center, 925 E. 26th Street, Ashtabula OH 44004. Your cards and visits would be warmly welcomed.

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIORS PROGRAM

All age 55 or older are welcome to join us

Thursday, January 3, 2008
Thursday, January 17, 2008

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Times for devotions, activities and program follow until 12:30 p.m. A lunch is available for a \$1.50 donation.

We look forward to seeing you!

YEAR 2008 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available on a table in the gathering space. Please be sure to pick yours up but do not use them until 2008. If there are no envelopes assigned for you, please contact the office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry has finished with a very busy and rewarding time of the year.

On December 17, we packed boxes for four families. We received \$100 from our local Thrivent office and used the money toward groceries for the families. Each family member received two gifts from our church members as well as another gift with Thrivent grant money. Each family also received a quilt from the Cover Girls Quilting Ministry. It was very rewarding to see the joy on the faces as we delivered each gift.

Nine members of social ministry also conducted their monthly Bingo game at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home and each of the 45 residents present received a pair of warm socks as well as 4 quarters in a Christmas card.

We also delivered 8 quilts to the Conneaut Human Resource Center to be given to the Lowery family who lost their home in a recent fire.

May God bless each person who took time to donate money, canned goods, a gift, or their time to help those less fortunate. What a wonderful way to share the true Christmas spirit.

Quilting resumes at 9 a.m Tuesday, January 8. We are always looking for new helpers. Come and join us in Christian fellowship.

On January 15 at 6 p.m., Social Ministry will meet with our new chairman, Ron Young. Shirley Harco was elected to be the co-chairman of this committee. Thanks to Marsha Taylor for being our chairman for the past two years. Marsha is still planning to be active on this committee. Please come and join us for this wonderful outreach of our church mission.

MEN'S MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

“3 M” Day 9 a.m., January 8, 2008

Men, this is a reminder of our first meeting. Please consider joining us **in the lounge** for coffee and snacks followed by helping with small maintenance projects. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Parkomaki.

RECENT VISITORS *...How many did you greet?*

Ginger Black
Bruce & Brenda Britton
Nancy Casey
JoAnn & Elizabeth Cerveney
Amanda Colby
Bob & Irene Deeter
John Dewey
Connie & Heather Farr
Tad Furguson
Nancy Garwood
Paul, Emilie & Devin Gauvin
Ray & Kim Haas, Van Wert, OH
Shannon Haas
Rick & Peg Hertte, Stow, OH
Peter & Peggy Hess, Price, UT
Steve Horvath
Pam Hunt
Nicholas, Lisa, Laina & Mari Iarocci
Amber Kissman, Ashtabula, OH
Steve Krenisky
Mark Lines
Betty Lynn
Bruce Maenpaa
Cynthia Maenpaa
Katie Markielowski
Al A. Newsome, Columbus, OH
Laurine Pataky
Todd & Julia, Tyler & Emily Pew
Carmen Sandella
Jesse Shkolnik
Ken & Shirley Sippola
Mary Steighner
Dick & Diane Stoker
Alison Tan
Rick Vidmar
Adam Wright
Lexi Zappitello

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Worship with God

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for ages 3 through Adults

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Nursery available for children 5 years old and younger

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