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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.

MAY 2008 WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGES 3 THROUGH ADULTS
(Through May 18, 2008)

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Nursery Available for those up to age 5

MAY 4

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY COMMUNION
Music Sunday - GSLC Chancel Choir and
special music

MAY 11

THE DAY OF PENTECOST - HOLY COMMUNION
Mission Sunday (Bring in items for Food Pantry and
Capital Campaign Offerings)
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – 9 am – 10:30 am
Confirmation at 11 am Service
Reception for Confirmands after 11 am Service

MAY 18

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Youth will lead worship

MAY 25


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program 6:00 Conneaut Quilters Guild	2 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	3 8 am – 11 am Men's Breakfast 10 am – 3 pm Marriage Encounter Workshop
4 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship MUSIC SUNDAY	5 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Capital Campaign Property Committee	7 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choir 6:00 Mom's Group	8	9 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	10
11 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY (Capital Campaign & Food Pantry Offerings) 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:00 – 10:30 Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship CONFIRMATION Noon Reception for Confirmands PENTECOST SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY	12 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 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	14 NO Bingo at County Home 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Mom's Group	15 9:30 – Noon GSLC Community Seniors Program	16 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">NEO Synod Assembly</div>
18 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Youth Lead Worship	19 Noon Salvation Army Meets 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meets	21 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Mom's Group ECHO ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE	22	23 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	24
25 GRADUATES HONORED 8:30 Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 Traditional Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	27 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	28 1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile	29	30 Baccalaureate at GSLC 6:30 Prelude 7:00 Service	31 Conneaut High School Graduation 7 pm

2008

Pastor's Corner May 2008



I can't believe how quickly time flies. I've just completed my 3rd year at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I hope God will grant me another 23 years with you. Thank you for allowing Wanda and I to become part of your life serving God here in Conneaut.

Yesterday (Wednesday April 23rd), Duffy and I attended a conference in Columbus titled "The Bonds of Mission and the Discovery of Christianity". During the visit to Columbus, I had an opportunity to visit with my dear friends John and Shirley Kirker. It was wonderful to share with them the experience of mission and ministry at GSLC. They receive our newsletter each month and I know right now they're reading about themselves. So let me just say... Hello, John and Shirley.

I bring them into this message because like any good Christian journey there has to be a past. Duffy and I heard this in the lecture at Trinity after we left John and Shirley. As followers of Jesus, we look to the future building his body for the next generation of Christians. And in the experience of building up the body of Christ, we honor our relationships with those who came before us who built up the body in which we live in today.

The mission of the church is not to look at what we have today. It is to build and call disciples for the future. We are a mission congregation. As we take ownership of the identifying nature of this congregation, we'll realize that it is to serve. Jesus Christ owns us and we as his servants pledge ourselves to the mission of the church; to go forth and make disciples, calling others to know Jesus as his Savior.

Mr. Kirker, all those front yard theological conversations with you were worth it. Thanks for being a friend, a neighbor and most of all... a faithful servant of our Savior Jesus Christ.

"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

Please remember the Marriage Encounter workshop May 3rd at GSLC

"Keeping Your Relationship a Priority"

Pot Luck at Noon

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN MAY

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

May 4 Amy Gallagher
May 11 Jim Arcaro
May 18 Julie Kantola
May 25 Julie Kantola

Al Gee
Duffy Guthrie
Faye Lampela

MAY FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Jan Uveges
Sue Dewey
Dolores Pelow
Betty Nyman

GREETERS

May 4 Ron & Janet Maenpaa
May 11 Jack Parkomaki
May 18 Martha Lillie
May 25 Marilyn Hathy

Shirley & Peg Harco
Ron & Dianne Young
Bud & Nancy Sackett
Bob & Ruth Cain

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer
Betty Monday

USHERS

May 4 **Volunteers Needed**
May 11 **Volunteers Needed**
May 18 **Volunteers Needed**

May 25 **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers Needed
Jim Arcaro
Kelly Gore, Dane Malys
Rebecca Parkomaki, Skip Sanford
Volunteers Needed

READERS

May 4 Amy Gallagher
Rebecca Parkomaki
May 11 Jim Arcaro
Rebecca Parkomaki
May 18 Sandra Horvath
May 25 Dolores Pelow

Jim McKiethan
Jacob Eddy
Kelly Anthony

Wanda Gore
Bob Hybert
Emilee Esposito

NURSERY

May 4 Melanie Olivarez

**VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED FOR THIS
IMPORTANT MINISTRY**

ACOLYTES

May 4 Rick Kantola

May 11 Analynn DiFilippo

May 18 Rebecca Parkomaki

May 25 Rick Kantola

Justin Olivarez
Aaron Eddy
Jacob Eddy
Michael Nelson
Shae Brink
Bryan Gildone
Emilee Esposito
Kelly Gore

HOSPITALITY

May 11 (Confirmation Sunday)
Reception Following 11 a.m. Worship

May 18 (Youth Sunday)
Refreshments Provided by
Sunday School

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Joshua Heinonen	13	Robert Dello Suzan Dewey
2	Marci Deemer Laura Gustafson Janet Maenpaa Zachary Rapose Susan Simon	14	Ernie Waid
4	Brianna Allds	17	Stephen Sheneman
5	Cassie Fedor Mary Herpy Michael Nelson	18	Kimberly Schwartz
6	Rich Kantola	20	Sandra Horvath Amanda Sturtevant Jennifer Sturtevant
7	Christy Ledlow	22	JoAnn Mechling Myann Nipper
8	George Adams Linda Hall	25	Jaela Dragon Kellie Giles
9	Benjamin Owens Anthony Todaro	26	Ruth Brown
11	Nancy Guthrie Lucas Malys David Uthe	27	Jim Arcaro Irene Hopkins
12	James Bryant	28	Virginia Plosila
		30	Gary Anderson Grace Patriarco Charles Woodworth

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3	Antero ♥ Susan Tan	19	Jake ♥ June Kesatie
4	Mike ♥ Laurie Bidwell	20	Steve ♥ Karen Kehoe
8	Jim ♥ Marilyn Salo	25	Ron ♥ Janet Maenpaa
11	Brian ♥ Carol Allds	27	Steve ♥ Sandra Horvath Mark ♥ Tammy Owens
12	Micah ♥ Tracy Bidwell Ty ♥ Kathy Paden	31	Mark ♥ Kris Cameron

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR SUMMER PLANNING

JUNE

- 1 Open House for
Becky Betteridge
- 10 **NO** Committees will
meet
- 14 Church Reserved
- 17 TeenServe
Leadership arrives
– Dinner at GSLC
for Leaders

Executive
Committee meets

Council meets
- 20 Youth attend
ALIVE! Concert in
Canal Fulton
- 22 TeenServe Work
Campers arrive
beginning at noon.
- 23 TeenServe Work
Campers begin
working on homes
- 28 Work Campers
leave Conneaut
- 29 GSLC sponsors
Music Night at
Conneaut
Community Center
with Katie Nelson
and Scott Troyer

JULY

- 4 Office Closed
- 8 **NO** Committees will
meet
- 10 Youth will go to
Cedar Point for the
day
- 14 Vacation Bible
School begins –
Monday through
Friday from 9 am
until noon.
- 15 Executive
Committee meets at
5:30 pm
- Council meets at
6:30 pm
- 18 Last day of VBS
- 24 Red Cross
Bloodmobile at
GSLC
- 25 & 26 Salvation
Army Red Kettle
Drive “Christmas in
July” at Kmart

AUGUST

- 11 All Committees
Meet at 6 pm
Committee Potluck
- 16 GSLC will sponsor
a Bike Rally and Car
Show
- 19 Executive
Committee meets at
5:30 pm

Council meets at
6:30 pm
- 23 D-Day
Re-enactment at
Township Park
- 24 Church Picnic/Rally
Day

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Sunday School
begins for school
year
- 9 All Committees
Meet
- 17 Executive
Committee and
Council meet
- 25 Red Cross
Bloodmobile at
GSLC

WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY

8:30 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion each week

11:00 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

We give thanks to those who participated in the Lenten Discipline of giving up something during Lent and filling a Lenten Folder with dollars.

This past Easter \$1,195.00 was contributed through the Lenten Folders. The net income of \$904.20 has been shared between Christian Education, the Church Picnic/Rally Day and GSLC Church Mission.

The expenses included the cost of folders and envelopes and the bulk mailing.

Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd through your contributions to the Lenten Folders.

THANK YOU!

Social Ministry and Mutual Ministry would like to thank the members of the congregation who donated funds through the Lenten folders. A portion of these funds will go toward the Church Picnic/Rally Day to be held August 24, 2008. Our picnic was a huge success last year, and we expect a bigger, better Picnic/Rally Day this year. Thank you all for your continued support. God's blessing to all.

Faye Lampela, Mutual Ministry Chairperson
Ron Young, Social Ministry Chairperson

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lenten journey has brought us to the wonderful realization that "Christ is Alive" and is working in each one of us! Your love and generosity shown through your Lenten folders offerings is apparent, and we want to thank all of you for sharing that with us.

GSLC Christian Education Department

Thank you Pastor Gore and church members for all your prayers and cards. It is nice to know people care. Thank you and God bless.

Alex Uveges

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church received a letter dated April 1, 2008, from Renea Roach at the Conneaut Human Resources Center thanking the congregation for its recent donation of 11 quilts designated for fire victims. Thanks to all who made this donation possible!

THANK YOU!

Thank you and God bless everyone that supported the perch dinner held April 19, 2008. Thank you to all who worked so hard to put this dinner on and to the ones that donated the wonderful desserts. And thanks to the youth that served the dinner. All of you made the dinner a success.

Pat Haas

BICYCLE RECYCLING

You can help bring smiles to children's faces through your donation of old bikes to the Conneaut Optimist Club. Each year the club members repair and restore used bikes that are then given to local children at Christmas time. This is a great way to put an unused bike back into action. Thank you for bringing in your old bike. If you have any questions about this program, you may contact Dennis Steighner at (440) 593-3788.

LUNCHEON FOR THOSE OVER 90

The Optimist Club is sponsoring an "Over 90 Luncheon" to be held May 17, 2008, at the Villa at the Lake, 48 Parrish Road.

Conneaut City residents age 90 and older and one guest are eligible to attend. **Please call Bill Cox at (440) 593-4561 to register by May 7, 2008.**

Get well cards for Rev. Ted Pelikan may be sent to the Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., West Lake, OH 44145-3154.

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED or ENGAGED COUPLES!

You have JUST enough time to register for the Keeping Your Relationship a Priority workshop to be held in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 3. Potluck lunch begins at noon, with the workshop following from 1:00-3:00. If attending the potluck, please bring a dish to share.

Keeping Your Relationship a Priority will be facilitated by Fred and Julie Schamber, a dynamic presenting duo from the Pittsburgh area. The focus of their workshop will be "Conflict and Resolution." The Schambers bring a wonderful blend of humor, thoughtfulness and hope to their message. We are blessed to have them come to GSLC.

Take this opportunity to experience ways to make your relationship the top priority for more than just this informative afternoon.

Register **TODAY** by contacting Duffy & Nancy Guthrie at 599-9090 (nguthrie@suite224.net) or Stephen & Sue Rufe at 440-888-1242 (srufe@juno.com). **Registration deadline is May 1!**

The Conneaut Community Center for the Arts will present a comedy production "Foibles and Folly", under the direction of Tom Udell. It all takes place at "Distinctive Manor", an apartment building and home of several eccentric people who are set apart by their own "distinctive manner". An odd group of characters make you laugh and learn the true meaning of life, sort of! This is a light-hearted comedy for an evening of enjoyment. Theater only is on Friday, May 16th at 7 pm; door donation \$10.00/\$9.00.

There will be a Sunday matinee on May 18th at 2 pm, door donation \$8.00.

Join us for a Dessert and Theater evening on Saturday, May 17th at 6:30 pm, \$15.00/\$13.50. Reservations are required for the Dessert/Theater by calling 440-593-5888. Call today for tickets!

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

The Cover Girls have been working hard for the last several weeks. We recently delivered 11 quilts to the Conneaut Human Resource Center to be distributed to three families who lost their homes to fires in the past few weeks.

As the yard sale season begins, please watch for bargains on cotton material and new or gently used sheets. These items can be dropped off at the church during office hours.

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to bring in your food items on May 11 and help to fill the shopping cart to overflowing! There are many in need of food and paper products.

TURKEY BOX

The turkey box will be out in the gathering space on Sundays for both worship services. Please drop in your loose change so that turkeys may be purchased for Thanksgiving dinners to feed those who are less fortunate. Encourage our younger members to drop in their pennies too.

QUILT RAFFLE

You will see the beautiful hand stitched quilt on display in the Gathering Space each Sunday morning. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This handmade quilt was donated by MaryAnn Boyce and will be given away on **August 24, 2008** at the end of the church picnic. The profits from this raffle will go toward buying material and supplies for the Cover Girls Quilting Ministry.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	
April 6	182
April 13	197
April 20	203
April 27	204

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES
YOUTH WILL LEAD WORSHIP
MAY 18

May 18, 2008 will be our annual Youth Service where all students are needed to participate. We will be holding practices during the Sunday School hour. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Malys at (440) 599-8308.

Both youth choirs are scheduled to sing and the Sunday School teachers will be recognized.

Kristina Kehoe will deliver the message and Emilee Esposito, a freshman at Conneaut High School, will serve as special assistant to Pastor.

May 18, 2008 is the last meeting of Sunday School until fall.

YOUTH!

You, too, can participate in the Turkey Box Donations. Your pocket change will help defer the cost of turkeys for the Holidays. A box is in the Gathering Space to accept your donations.

In God's Love
Christian Education

YOU ARE INVITED

**to attend a
Graduation Celebration
to honor**

Becky Betteridge

Date: June 1, 2008

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
GSLC FELLOWSHIP HALL

DONATION - ADULTS \$5.00
CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER \$2.50

To Benefit
Youth Activities and Senior Program

Menu includes breakfast casserole, hash browns, toast, fruit cocktail, juice and coffee.

YOUTH EVENTS

May 11 – Mother's Day Breakfast
High school class needed to work

June 16-21 – TeenServe Prep Week

June 20 – Alive! Concert in Canal Fulton

June 22-28 – TeenServe Mission Work

July 10 – Cedar Point Trip

Contact Kris and Mark Cameron for further information.

**TEENSERVE TIME
IS ALMOST HERE!**

In just eight short weeks TeenServe work campers will arrive in Conneaut and preparations are in high gear. The GSLC local co-sponsor team (working with the TeenServe staff) still needs ladders for the work camp week, June 22-28. If you have one to loan, please call volunteer coordinator Nancy Guthrie at 599-9090.

In order to prepare some of the home sites, GSLC is supporting a "prep week" June 16-21. The upper sections of some homes will be painted plus some smaller jobs will be done. Our teens are signed up for this project, but many more adults are needed as well. Are you available to help? God is calling you! Answer the call by dialing 599-9090.

**RECENT VISITORS TO
GOOD SHEPHERD**

...How many did you greet?

Brianna Anderson
Chuck Anthony
Cheyanne Cottrell
Paul Crilley
Don & Sue Cummins
John Dewey
Travis Erickson
Kevin Esposito
Ruth Farr
Janet & Jessica Ferguson
Paul, Devin & Emilie Gauvin
Tracie Getchell
Linda, Sarah, & Jillian Heinonen
Pam Hunt
Nick, Lisa & Mari Iarocci
Stephen Krenisky
Max & Don Lavin
Tina Mueller
Cody Nagy
Jeff Pataky
Laurine Pataky
Paul & Tina Sedmak
Joyce Shellhammer
Holly Sheneman
Cindy Spink
Carol Stewart, Kingsville, OH
Dick & Diana Stoker
Laura Taylor
Danielle Tuuri
Rick Vidmar
Phyllis Willis

**GSLC COMMUNITY SENIORS
PROGRAM**

Those ages 55 and older are invited to attend the GSLC Community Seniors Program on the first and third Thursday of each month. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and various activities follow until noon. Lunch is available for a \$1.50 donation.

Please join us on:

Thursday, May 1, 2008

**Nancy Hutchens, RN from
University Hospital Conneaut
Medical Center will present a
program on Arthritis.**

Thursday, May 15, 2008

**First Anniversary Celebration of
the Seniors Program. Special
guests and lots of fun surprises!**

OFFERINGS

Amount needed each week - \$3,884.00

Offerings received for the General Fund as of April 27, 2008 – under budget - \$8,537.43

DID YOU KNOW??

Good Shepherd has a Coed Softball Team (ages 15 and up). Games are Tuesday or Thursday at Malek Park. Players are still needed!

Contact
Greg or Deanna Brown at 593-1354
or dbrown@suite224.net

Support the Christian Concert sponsored by Good Shepherd to be held at the Conneaut Community Center on June 29 at 6:30 pm. Music by Katie Nelson and Scott Troyer will be enjoyed by all ages!

**DESSERTS NEEDED FOR
TEEN SERVE WORK CAMPERS**

There will be 375 meals served each evening and desserts are needed. Are you willing to help provide a dessert for any of the following days?

Sunday, June 22	cake
Tuesday, June 24	brownies
Thursday, June 26	cake, cookies or brownies

Several ladies have volunteered to bake one or two items but more help would be welcomed!

Contact Irene Hopkins at 599-8934 before May 15 for questions or to volunteer.

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