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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.*

### **OCTOBER 2008 WORSHIP SERVICES**

**HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SUNDAY**

**8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL AGES 3 THROUGH ADULT**

**11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**Nursery Available for those up to age 5**

**OCTOBER 5 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 12 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**MISSION SUNDAY** (Bring in items for  
Food Pantry and Capital Campaign Offerings)

**\*\*\* 9:40-10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting**

**OCTOBER 19 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 26 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Reformation Sunday**

**Please Note:** that the Congregational Meeting will be held from **9:40 am to 10:45 am on October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Your presence is important. The Nominating Committee has nominated Kelly Anthony to be considered for the Evangelism Chair position on Church Council. This will be voted on at the meeting. Pastor Gore will present a financial report regarding GSLC.

# October

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                 | Saturday                             |
|---|--|--|--|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   |  |  | 1<br>10:00 Bible Study at Villa<br>6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs<br>6:00 Puppet Ministry<br>6:45 Genesis Bells                        | 2t<br>9:30 – Noon<br>GSLC Community<br>Seniors Program<br>6:00 Conneaut Quilters<br>Guild | 3<br>PASTOR'S DAY OFF  | 4<br>9 am – Men's Breakfast          |
| 5<br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br>Operation Christmas Child<br>Temple Talks<br>8:30 Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>Pack School Kits<br>11:00 Traditional Worship<br>1:30 Villa Worship   | 6<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Chancel Choir  | 7<br>9:00 Cover Girls Ministry<br>Noon Capital Campaign<br>Committee Meets<br>6:00 Girl Scouts   | 8<br>2:30 Social Ministry at County<br>Home<br>6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs<br>6:00 Puppet Ministry<br>6:45 Genesis Bells            | 9<br>Noon CAMA Meeting at<br>Kremer Home  | 10<br>PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 11<br>Liturgy Meaning in Brecksville |
| 12<br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><b>MISSION SUNDAY</b><br><b>(Capital Campaign &amp; Food Pantry Offerings)</b><br><br>8:30 Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>9:40 Congregation Meeting<br>11:00 Traditional Worship<br><b>Bible Sunday</b><br>Noon Pulled Pork Lunch | 13<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Chancel Choir                                       | 14<br>9:00 Window Washing<br>9:00 Cover Girls Ministry<br>9:00 "3M" Ministry<br>Noon Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 All Committees Meet<br>6:00 Girl Scouts | 15<br>10:00 Bible Study at Villa<br>6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs<br>6:00 Puppet Ministry<br>6:45 Genesis Bells                       | 16<br>9:30 – Noon<br>GSLC Community<br>Seniors Program                                    | 17<br>PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 18                                   |
| 19<br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><br>8:30 Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Traditional Worship<br>12:30 – 2:00 Confirmation Class<br>3:00 Organ Recital  | 20<br>Noon Salvation Army<br>Board Meets<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Chancel Choir | 21<br>9:00 Cover Girls Ministry<br>5:30 Executive Committee<br>6:30 Council Meets<br>6:00 Girl Scouts  | 22<br>6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs<br>6:00 Puppet Ministry<br>6:45 Genesis Bells<br><br><b>ECHO ARTICLES</b><br><b>DUE IN OFFICE</b> | 23<br>Bishop's Gathering in<br>Canfield at 5:30 pm  | 24<br>PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 25                                   |
| 26<br><b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br><b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b><br>8:30 Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Traditional Worship<br>Noon Fall Fun Fest  | 27<br>6:00 Bell Choir<br>6:00 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Chancel Choir                                       | 28<br>9:00 Cover Girls Ministry<br>9:00 "3M" Ministry<br>6:00 Girl Scouts<br>6:00 Thrivent Lite Supper<br>and Presentation                               | 29<br>10:00 Bible Study at Villa<br>6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs<br>6:00 Puppet Ministry<br>6:45 Genesis Bells                       | 30  | 31<br>PASTOR'S DAY OFF |                                      |

# 2008

## Pastor's Corner October 2008

### *"Stewardship"*

Before you stop reading because of the heading... Look to the left side of this page.

What do you see?

That's right... you see the cross.

As Christians, the cross should always be the focus of our lives together in Jesus Christ. We're called disciples because we follow Jesus and his teachings. We're called disciples because we've been baptized into the Body of Christ the Church. We're called disciples because we recognize Jesus as Lord of our lives.

The cross is more than a symbol to you as a Christian. The cross is where God's Son died for your sins. God sacrificed his Son for the sake of all humanity that includes you. The cross is central to our understanding of God's faithfulness and grace. The cross and the empty tomb give followers of Jesus hope and the promise of eternal life. We gather as a Body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God for his act of mercy for us.

Yet, sometimes I think that the followers of Jesus give seconds not first fruits when it comes to offerings. What are we saying to God as a church, when we give without care or sacrifice? The faithful followers of Jesus should know that giving isn't a matter of money; it is a matter of faith. Does your giving reflect your faith?

Please know that this is not a thought restricted to GSLC, it is a thought that goes beyond just one church and extends into the human fear of scarcity. This statement may offend some of the readers and some of the readers may be nodding their heads in agreement.

The Apostle Paul called the people to recognize their need to support the Church. Like Paul, I am called to preach and teach the Gospel. Sometimes it will be hard to hear but what kind of a pastor would I be if I turned my back and walked away from preaching and teaching God's people. I am not ashamed of the Gospel even when I know the message of the Gospel will be hard for the people to hear.

GSLC has come a long way in mission support and general giving since my arrival. I celebrate that growth with you while recognizing the need to keep GSLC out of the red. I will be presenting a financial assessment and show where we've grown at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. I hope you will be there to hear and learn. I will be sending out a letter with a pledge card for each family this month. Based on the survey results on the back of my letter, there will not be a four-week educational program. I am asking that everyone take the time to pray and pledge when they receive their letter.

If you would like to know what the Bible says about empty offerings read the book of Malachi

*"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*

# Your Survey Results

December 17, 2007

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The stewardship committee and I would like to thank you for your opinion regarding annual stewardship pledge drives. **Most of the forms turned in on December 9, 2007 were forms from inside the church (florescent), which in itself tells a story of home mailings from GSLC.** If you recall, the one sent to our homes was white and we were asked to bring them in on December 9, 2007 placing them in a box marked for surveys. Because we did the survey in both services, there was a good response to the survey. The response from the congregation is listed below.

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- 45** I took the time to do the suggested readings and realize how giving is a sacrifice not a need, a privilege not to be taken for granted.
- 23** I enjoyed this year's campaign and would encourage such programs in the future.
- 15** I didn't read the education material, so it was a waste of paper and time to send it.
- 55** In the future, I would like to just receive my pledge card without the 4-week campaign.
- 1** (no name) I would like to make a difference at GSLC through participation on stewardship. Please sign me up for the committee.

## Written responses were:

- Too much to read
- I'm a life long giver and know about and realize it is a sacrifice and not to be given or taken lightly.
- It was too much to read and there were too many mailings of all kinds going to our people. Too overwhelming for most families. I don't know what the answer is, but I feel too much is not being read – just thrown out, a waste of paper and postage.
- So much repetition is not needed
- Too many mailings
- I didn't need the pledge campaign to convince me to give
- I believe a four-week campaign is much too long and many people have agreed with me. It was over-kill and two letters would be plenty

**Thank you for giving some feedback to the stewardship campaign. The importance of your input is the future stewardship programs. It is important that we continue to learn about whole-life stewardship. Yet I believe we can be more effective in our teaching and learning through communications like this survey.**

**Thanks for the time and comments.**

**Pastor Frank**

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

**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

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| October 5  | Waino Nyman  |
| October 12 | Rich Kantola |
| October 19 | Dick Pelow   |
| October 26 | Pam Deemer   |

|            |
|------------|
| Bob Hybert |
| Bob Hybert |
| Mark Lytle |
| Mark Lytle |

**OCTOBER FUNERAL COMMITTEE**  
**JANET MAENPAA**  
**Ruth Brown**  
 Irene Baugher  
 Clarence Baugher  
 Joanne Mechling

#### GREETERS

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| October 5  | Rich & Julie Kantola         |
| October 12 | Jack Parkomaki               |
| October 19 | Pauline Arbuckle             |
| October 26 | Heidi Parkomaki &<br>Rebecca |

|                      |
|----------------------|
| Frank & Mary Behling |
| Kelly Anthony        |
| Shirley & Peg Harco  |
| Esther Bly           |

**ALTAR GUILD**  
  
 Peggy Harco  
 Shirley Harco  
 Tammy Owens

#### READERS

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 5  | Sandra Horvath<br>Analynn DiFillipo |
| October 12 | Linda Hall<br>Cheryl Jewell         |
| October 19 | Dolores Pelow                       |
| October 26 | Mike Malys<br>Cheryl Jewell         |

|                 |
|-----------------|
| Kelly Anthony   |
| Justyn Olivarez |
| Mike Malys      |
| Shae Brink      |
| Candy Arcaro    |
| Shae Brink      |
| Al Gee          |

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**  
  
**Oct. 5** Stephanie Gildone,  
 Suzanne Malys

#### USHERS

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| October 5 | High School Students |
|-----------|----------------------|

**USHERS:** We still are in need of ushers for both worship services. High School students will usher the first Sunday of each month at the 11 a.m. service.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the lists posted in the entranceway if you are able to help on the other Sundays of the month.

God's peace,  
 Mutual Ministry

**HOSPITALITY**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>                                  | <b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>    |
| <b>Oct 5.</b> Betty Nyman<br>Jan Uveges<br>Janet Maenpaa | Molly Todaro<br>Cheryl Poff |
| <b>Oct. 19</b>   | Mil & Art Niinisto          |

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| September 7  | 192 |
| September 14 | 171 |
| September 21 | 206 |
| September 28 | 178 |

**OFFERINGS**

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

Offerings Received for the General Fund  
 as of September 28, 2008  
 under budget - \$ 14,464.51

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 9 New Members Received
- 9 Organ Recital by Paul Shellhammer
- 16 Dedication of Operation Christmas  
Child Shoeboxes
- 16 Thanksgiving Dinner at Church
- 23 Hanging of the Greens
- 30 First Sunday of Advent

### FOR RENT

#### TWIN PLEX at 450 SANDUSKY ST

Living room, dining room, kitchen on 1st floor

3 bedrooms and bath on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

full basement, washer & dryer hookup

\$600 PER MONTH PLUS UTILITIES

CALL GSLC 599-8908

### Dedication Service DVDs

Orders for a DVD of the Sanctuary Dedication Service can be ordered until October 5, 2008 through the church office. Cost is \$10 for each DVD.

### MUTUAL MINISTRY

Mutual Ministry will hold a jelly sale during the month of October and November. Jelly will be delivered in time for the holidays. Proceeds will benefit next year's Church Picnic/Rally Day and to purchase tents to be used for the picnic.

### TURKEY BOX

With fall activities in full swing, please continue to remember to drop your loose change into the box located in the gathering space. The holidays are approaching quickly. Donations will be used to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas families.

### COVER GIRLS MINISTRY

Cover Girls have resumed after a summer break. We are pleased to welcome Judy Barch and know she will be a wonderful asset to our group. Our shelves are stocked with material as the material supply has been replenished with several generous donations.

We have had 18 workers each week, but now another situation has occurred. We have faithful workers ready to perform their functions in processing the quilts, but we **need people to sew quilt tops** so that we have enough quilts to keep willing hands busy and to provide for those in need. We have **truly appreciated** all the time and efforts of our sewers throughout the years. Now, however, we find some of those faithful sewers can no longer help in this area. We have squares all ready assembled into kits. All one needs to do is sew the squares together. **If you can help in any way, please call Shirley Harco at (440) 594-3873.**

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Social Ministry is sponsoring a collection box for General Mills Box Tops For Education and Campbell's soup labels. Watch food boxes for the special box top coupons, and save your Campbell's cans labels. This is a wonderful ministry that will help the children of Conneaut's Lakeshore Primary School. We thank **Mandy Sanford** for setting up a box in the gathering space for our use in depositing our collection of these items. Thanks, Mandy, for getting us started on this project!

### Help Wanted!!!

Social Ministry is in need of helpers during Thanksgiving and Christmas times to help with our many outreach projects. If you can give an hour or two, your rewards will be unending! Please see Ron Young or Shirley Harco if you have any questions or wish to volunteer your time.

**THANKS! TEEN SERVE**

“Thank you Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for all your hard work. All the effort you put in my house looks great and God Bless.”

Kathy A. Davis

**THANK YOU!!**

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to **Nancy Guthrie** for all her hard work and for her faithful service through the Evangelism Committee. We pray she continues to work with us as God wills. Words are not enough. Thank you, Nancy!

Marne Gonzales

Mutual Ministry would like to thank all those who helped with the picnic. Thanks to your efforts, all had fun.

The following persons have worked to cut the grass and maintain the churchyard during this past summer:

- Malys Family
- Ernie Waid
- Bob Haas

We give thanks for their continued service to GSLC.

The Family of Ray Laine wishes to thank our Good Shepherd Church Friends, our Family, for the kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement, for Pastor Gore’s comforting words at the funeral service, hospital and at home, Phyllis and Nancy for their beautiful music. We appreciated it so much. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,  
Linda Laine  
Terry, Tom, Jim

Thank you.

**Please Join Us  
for a  
BBQ Pulled Pork Lunch  
to be held  
at Good Shepherd on  
Sunday, October 12, 2008  
Noon until 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch will include a delicious BBQ pork sandwich, homemade coleslaw, chips, desert and beverage.

Donation is \$7.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for Children Age 10 & Under

Take out will be available, but will not include a beverage.

Proceeds will benefit the Book of Faith Commitment and the Quilting Ministries.

Please purchase your tickets in advance. They will be on sale in the gathering space following worship or you may obtain them through the church office.

Opportunities exist during the months of October, November and December for you to sponsor Sunday worship bulletins. Cost is \$15 per Sunday. Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board located across from the church office. Cash or checks made payable to Good Shepherd may be put in a special envelope marked with your name. Your contribution may be put in the offering plate or forwarded to the church office.



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## **Charitable giving workshop spotlights smart ways to share**

We all have time, talents and treasures that can be a powerful gift to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the community we care about. A free educational workshop, *Charitable Giving: How to Make a Difference by Giving Back*, will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 6:00 pm. This workshop will cover a variety of ways you can share with others and make an impact.

In this workshop developed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you'll learn about everything from volunteer opportunities to financial tools that may actually increase your giving capabilities. You'll also find out how you can leave a charitable legacy that will continue to provide help far into the future.

The workshop will be presented by Jeffrey W. Shinabery, CFP, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF, Financial Associate, Ohio Region, Northeast Ohio Group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**When:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

**Where:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 876 Grove Street, Conneaut, Ohio

**Sign up today** on the registration form in the church office **or call to RSVP at 599-8908, or e-mail to [goodshepherd@suite224.net](mailto:goodshepherd@suite224.net). You may also contact Jeffrey Shinabery at 440-354-5611, toll free 877-354-5611, or e-mail [jeff.shinabery@thrivent.com](mailto:jeff.shinabery@thrivent.com), by October 19, 2008 to reserve your spot.**

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## *... NEWS FLASH ...*

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR!***  
*You won't want to miss this  
inspirational program!*

On November 9 organist extraordinaire Paul Shellhammer will be demonstrating the many capabilities of our pipe organ during a recital at 3:00 p.m. in the GSLC Sanctuary. Donations received at this recital will go toward the future GSLC Family Center.

Look for more information in the next "Echo," but in the meantime, you'll want to save the date and time on your schedule!

**Upcoming Events at**  
**Conneaut Community Center for the Arts**  
**1025 Buffalo Street**  
**Conneaut, OH**

**Tuesday**  
**October 14, 2008**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Learn the art of Chinese cooking. Madeline Distelrath will cook Imperial Chicken over rice. This is a first in a series of classes offered by Madeline.

**Tap Dance Classes**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Open to children ages 5-6. Introduces tap dance and coordination skills.

**Tap Dance Classes**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30-7:15 p.m.**

Adult class open to those age 18 and older. Have fun, and get a great workout at the same time!

For further information, contact the Center by calling

(440) 502-5888

### **GSLC COMMUNITY SENIOR PROGRAM**

**October 2** – Kathy Vaux-Paden will have interesting information on programs available for dealing with your gas and electric bills.

**October 16** – Debbie Zingaro, Conneaut Head Librarian, will have a presentation on apples. There will be a tasting of various types of apples and ideas on wonderful uses of this fall fruit in bountiful supply at this time of the year.

### **FALL'S HERE!**

#### **“FALL” IN LOVE WITH YOUR SPOUSE OVER AND OVER AGAIN!**

Lutheran Marriage encounter sponsors a unique retreat weekend to restore communication, rekindle romance, and renew commitment of couples who know that a strong marriage takes constant attention. Focus on each other in a quiet, safe environment. The next available date for a weekend is November 7-9 in Port Clinton. For more information, contact John and Robin Legan at 330 425-2176, [robin.legan@gmail.com](mailto:robin.legan@gmail.com) or register at [www.ilmeone.org](http://www.ilmeone.org). To register, \$45 holds your reservation!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Bryan Gildone  
Lynda Worley
- 6 Glenda Betteridge  
Justyn Olivarez
- 7 Selene Bean  
Helen Smith
- 8 Clarissa Murtha
- 9 Brielle Hathy  
Paul Hirsimaki  
David Shank, Jr.
- 13 Betty Nyman
- 14 James Dombroski
- 16 Susan Chapin
- 19 Michelle Logan
- 20 Shawn Brink  
Karen Kehoe  
Jonathan Litz
- 21 Daniel Poff
- 22 Donald Parkomaki
- 25 Stephanie Patriarco
- 27 Heather Farr  
Paul Mechling  
Elijah Vazquez
- 28 Duffy Guthrie
- 29 Janelle Cole
- 30 Lily Bogar-Vargo
- 31 Kristin Gore  
Norman Hill  
Jason McQueeney  
Marsha Taylor

## OCTOBER WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mark ♥ Cynthia Nelson
- 3 Don ♥ Susanne Cummins
- 15 Michael ♥ Amanda Sanford
- 16 Shawn ♥ Stacie Brink
- 24 Alex ♥ Janice Uveges
- 25 Zachery ♥ Alison Hathy

## We Welcome Into Membership

**Aiden Kyle Vidmar** was received through the rite of Holy Baptism during Good Shepherd's Sanctuary Dedication service August 31, 2008.

New members **Don and Susanne Cummins, Sandra Piper, Mary Ann Pollock, Gary Gansel, and Donnie Mitchel Drew** (baptism) were received during the 8:30 a.m. worship service September 21, 2008.

New members **Sally Crawford, Luke Oscar Loveland** (baptism) and **Drew David Rudler** (baptism) were received during the 11 a.m. worship service September 21, 2008.

Donate your old bicycles  
to the Conneaut Optimist Club.  
They will be repaired and donated  
at Christmas time.  
Call Dennis Steighner at 593-3788.

**2008 Fall Bishop's Gatherings**  
**"Sunday mornings**  
**should be excellent"**

**Sunday morning Excellence!**  
**What Does this Mean?**  
**Come experience it!**

**Worship**

**Refreshment/Reflection**

**Three concurrent workshops:**

**Property Hospitality**

**People Hospitality**

**Worship Hospitality**

- Worship leaders and worship support leaders
- Property Chair
- Hospitality and evangelism leaders

Please plan to attend

**Thursday, October 23 at**  
**Lord of Life, 550 N. Broad St,**  
**Canfield, OH**

Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.  
Add your name!

Sunday School will be holding a  
"Fall Fun Fest" at Good Shepherd at  
noon on October 26, 2008.

Lunch will be served. There will be  
story telling, pumpkin painting and a  
piñata!

If you can help, contact Suzanne  
Malys at 599-8308

**Lutheran Adult Education**  
**for the Laity**

Friday, October 10, 2008  
from 7 pm to 9pm and  
Saturday, October 11, 2008  
from 9 am to 4 pm

How does the liturgy convey the Word of God? How can ancient texts and practices speak to 21<sup>st</sup> century people? Why do we do what we do when we worship?

This study will cover the development of Western liturgy from the first century to the ELW.

**Instructor** – Elizabeth Eaton, bishop of the ELCA-Northeastern Ohio Synod since February 1, 2007 is a graduate of the College of Wooster and Harvard Divinity School. She was ordained in 1981 and served All Saints, Worthington; Good Hope, Youngstown and Messiah, Ashtabula prior to her call as bishop.

**Spiritual Leader** – Ed Jesse, recipient of the Trinity Lay Academy Certificate, member of Shepherd of the Valley, Sandyville.

The Trinity Academy for Congregational Leadership is a program of courses that work together to provide a fuller understanding of theology and its meaning for Christians in today's world.

The Academy is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Seminary and endorsed by the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA. Everyone is welcome.

**Courses will meet at**  
**Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church,**  
**9201 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville.**  
**Cost is \$50**

**For information or to register contact**  
**Good Shepherd at 599-8908**

## RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

*...How many did you greet?*

Chuck Anthony  
Dorothy Arcaro  
Rev. David Blood  
Howard and Pat Campbell  
David Coe  
Cheyanne Cottrell  
Linda Crawford and Fred, Ashtabula, OH  
Art, Hillary, Jack, Jackson, Sam Distelrath  
Dennis and Rachel Drew  
Dave Elonen  
Kevin Esposito  
David and Jean Fell  
Becky and Jessica Fisher, Canal Winchester, OH  
Sarah and Roman Fisher, Columbus, OH  
Debra Fleming  
Rev. Harry and Pam Fox  
Alex French  
Bobby Fuller  
Florence Gable  
Emilie Gauvin  
Jerry and Pat Gee  
Tracie Getchell  
Kayden Gordon  
Bill and Charlene Gore  
Pastor Trudy Hazen and Jeffrey  
Sonny and Linda Heinonen  
Jim Houseknech  
Colton and Raenel Hutton  
Nick, Lisa and Laina Iarocci  
Jim and Debbie Illencik, Warren  
Don Johnson, Pittsburgh, PA  
Dewey and Cheryl Johnston and Robbie  
Dick Johnston  
Bethany Juncker  
Marianne Kangas, Wild River, OR  
Dave and Rosemary Keskinen  
Ruth Ann Kinney  
Tom, Darlene, Jennifer and Jon Kozesky  
Stephen Krenisky  
Mark A. Lines  
Steven Logan  
Doris Loveland, Andover, OH  
Larry and Carol Loveland, Andover, OH  
Robyne Malys  
Yollie Malys  
Bill Manniko, Quincy, IL  
Susan McCarron  
Rev. Clyde and Peggy McGee  
Alexia Meaney  
Anne Mechling, Thornville  
Mark and Nancy Mechling

Paul Mechling  
Debbie Mercer, E Morton, UK  
Sr. Barbara Morscher  
Cody Nagy  
Jennifer and Susie Nagy  
Deborah and Maggie Nanny  
Clare Ogram, Andover, OH  
Paul Palo, Venice, CA  
Laurine Pataky  
Fran Peaspanen  
Joel Peel  
Taylor Peel  
Kenneth Piper  
Laura Plosila  
Tanner Poff  
Gary and Doris Rudler  
Amy Sanford  
Ernest L. Scott  
Conrad and Susannah Selnick  
Gail Sharkey  
Jeff and Tammy Shinabery, Concord, OH  
Chris Smith  
Robbie Smith  
Kenneth Southworth, Wild River, OR  
Kristin Sparks  
Sierra Stadalsky  
Mary and Jasmine Streighner  
Brittainy Stiles  
Curtis and Brittainy Stiles  
Dick and Diana Stoker  
Gina Tan, Toronto, Canada  
Laura Taylor  
Megan Tessmer  
Rev. Karen Tews, Emily & Grace  
Glenn and Kaye Thomas  
Rev. Raymond Thomas  
Liza Toman  
Corin Turkovich  
Irene and Nancy Vidmar, Solon, OH  
Rich and Mary Vidmar  
Rick Vidmar  
Chris Williamson  
Breanna Womalk  
Bill and Linda Woodford, Champion, OH  
Marilee Zappitelli  
Lexi Zappitello

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd,

A 14 year old girl in Paraguay wrote a note expressing how OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD had touched her life. "I am very grateful for the beautiful gifts that I received, but the most wonderful thing was to meet Jesus through the Bible lessons". "Now I keep talking to others about Jesus, telling them how much God loves them. Some of my friends have already trusted Jesus as Savior." This scene will be repeated in some 100 countries as millions of girls and boys receive gift-filled shoe boxes this year. What starts out as a simple gift-a shoe box containing toys, school supplies, and toiletries is used by God to transform the hearts and souls of millions of children and their family members.

Good Shepherd is giving you an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a needy child by using a simple shoe box gift. This is the sixth year we have participated in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. You will find an OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD brochure stapled to the bottom of this letter. This gives all the instructions about filling a shoe box with gifts. Do you need a shoe box? There will be some empty shoe boxes just waiting to be filled in the gathering space.

If possible, please include a check for \$7.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Checks should be made payable to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. While OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD would like to have a check included in every shoe box gift they will accept gifts without a check. The most important part of this program is the shoe box gifts that will transform the lives of His precious children.

Our goal this year at Good Shepherd is to pack 100 shoe box gifts. Will you help us reach this goal? Shoe box Dedication Sunday will be on Sunday, November 16th. This will be the last day for accepting shoe box gifts. May God bless you as you share the good news of Jesus Christ with the precious children around the world.

God's Peace,

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