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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 2009 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

FEBRUARY 1

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

NOON – CONGREGATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 15

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 22

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 25

ASH WEDNESDAY

Noon Worship/Distribution of Ashes

6 pm Soup Supper

7 pm Worship/Distribution of Ashes

Please plan to attend the congregation meeting at
noon on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

Vote to accept the Annual Report.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HOLY COMMUNION New Members Received 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Noon Softball Meeting 1:30 Worship at Villa	2 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	3 GSLC site for Special Election NO Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 9:30 Finance Committee 5:30 Capital Campaign Property Committee	4 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	5 10:00 GSLC Community Seniors Program	6 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	7
8 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY (Capital Campaign & Food Pantry Offerings) 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship NOON Congregation Meeting	9 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	10 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Anthony's	11 2:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	12 6:00 Conneaut Quilters	13 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	14
15 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:30-2:30 Confirmation	16 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	17 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry Noon Women's Bible Study 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meets	18 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells ECHO ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE	19 10:00 GSLC Community Seniors Program	20 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	21 COOKS FOR CHRIST SPAGHETTI DINNER 4 PM – 7 PM
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> First Holy Communion classes on Sundays February 1, 8 and 15 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> April 4, 2009 - Easter Egg Hunt 10 am </div>			

2009

Pastor's Corner February 2009

“Faith Active in Love”

The title on the page might make you think about Valentine's Day but it has nothing to do with it. The title on the page is about our life with Jesus. Are we really able to place the Love of Christ “first”?

I think it's a fair question to ask you. Here's why...

*Then Jesus said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me. (Luke 9:23)*

Here's where the rubber hits the road as we consider our faith. Jesus says, right there in Luke's Gospel, that if we want to be his followers we need to deny ourselves and pick up our cross **each and every day** and go where he goes.

Husband, bring your wife flowers or write her a poem more than once during Lent. That's a cross for many men that will lead to a marital resurrection. Wife, ask your husband out for a “date” unexpectedly more than once during Lent. Couples and Partners you can also resurrect your relationships through the same expression of Love. Youth, you may not like to do it, but volunteer to baby-sit for those going out on the date more than once over Lent. And remember to do it cheerfully.

Some of you will see the above expression of Love as a hardship and will just ignore the thought. Talk like this does not come as the best of news if we believe that life should be trouble free, devoid of hardship and sacrifice. Something in us wants faith to not be a daily cross but just the opposite, a daily spiritual relief, a security blanket, protection from anything that may harm us. We sometimes believe that faith shouldn't be anything that we have to work at.

On the contrary, to say, “yes” to the grace God freely gives us is to say “yes” to daily self-denial in order to love others better, and to do this with a certain joy.

Today, make a plan to show a caring love for someone you don't know very well. Pray for that person, and then give him or her a smile and a kind word. Like Jesus would.

Lent begins February 25, 2009. It is a time for us to reflect on what Jesus means when he says, *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me.*

I hope you can experience Faith Active In Love this Lent. Try it for 40 days and see if your life changes because you denied yourself and Loved Christ first. I hope all our families find the love that resurrects the relationships in the home and in the heart of the church... 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

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

February 1	Pam Deemer	Pat Haas
February 8	Betty Monday	Pat Haas
February 15	Rich Kantola	Jerry Brookhouser
February 22	Linda Hall	Jerry Brookhouser
February 25	Ash Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) Al Gee	

GREETERS

February 1	Marilyn Hathy	Duffy Guthrie
February 8	Ray Sillanpaa Robin Bryant	Wanda & Kelly Gore
February 15	John & Sue Chapin	Jerry & Shirley Brookhouser
February 22	Pearl Ann Curtis	Janet Antila

READERS

February 1	Amy Gallagher Rick Kantola	Candy Arcaro
February 8	Marti Lillie	Paul Mechling
February 15	Mike Malys Jennifer Gallagher	Mike Malys
February 22	Barbara Burton Analynn DiFilippo	Duffy Guthrie
February 25	Ash Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) Phyllis Waid	

USHERS

February 1	Pam Deemer Pearl Ann Curtis	High School Students
February 8	Rich & Rick Kantola	David Uthe, Wanda Gore Ernie Waid, Michelle Logan
February 15	Duffy Guthrie Jim Arcaro	Ruth Brown, Faye Lampela Mike & Suzanne Malys
February 22	John & Sue Chapin	Marne & Manny Gonzales Peggy & Shirley Harco

ACOLYTES

February 1	Jennifer Gallagher	Shae Brink Cheryl Jewell
February 8	Rick Kantola	Cody Nagy Jacob Eddy
February 15	Jennifer Gallagher	Jaela Dragon Alyx Ruffo
February 22	Analynn DiFilippo Aaron Eddy	Justyn Olivarez

FEBRUARY FUNERAL COMMITTEE

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

ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Gore
 Pat Haas
 Molly Todaro
 Tammy Owens

NURSERY

Feb 1 Kristy Boyle
 Feb 15 Malys Family
 Feb 22 Marne & Manny
 Gonzales

HOSPITALITY

11:00 a.m.

Feb 1 Cindy Nelson
 Feb 8 Molly Todaro
 Feb 15 Diane Nipper
 Feb 22 Mildred Niinisto

HOSPITALITY

8:30 a.m.

Feb 1 Julie Kantola
 Feb 8 Amy Gallagher
 Feb 15 Susanne Horvath
 Feb 22 Jan Uveges

YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27 30-Hour Famine Lock-In and Service Project

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 4, 2009

10 AM

Plan to bring your kids to the Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt! Everyone is invited! Bring your kids and grandkids! The kids will be decorating wooden crosses this year and (here's comes the warning label: using this product may cause your child to get messy!) they will have the option of painting them. You may want to bring something they can wear over their clothes in case they choose to paint.

Please bring something for your kids to collect their eggs in such as an Easter basket or whatever works for you.

If you would like to donate candy for this fun family event, please look for candy that is individually wrapped. We cannot accept bags of jelly beans or those adorable marshmallow peeps. Last year I snatched up some great bargains on individually wrapped chocolate hearts the day after Valentines Day! If you have ideas to make this event more fun, please share them with me.

God Bless,
Tammy Owens

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Vacation Bible School
will be held July 13-17, 2009.
The theme is Adventure Canyon.

Thanks!
Amy Gallagher

SOFTBALL TEAM

Anyone interested in playing on the 2009 church softball team is invited to a **meeting** on **Sunday, February 1, following the 11 a.m. worship service**. For more information, contact Deanna or Greg Brown at 593-1354 or dbrown@suite224.net.

GSLC T-SHIRTS

Available for \$10 each!
Check with the church office

LIBRARY

We would like to invite you to meet Paul and Kate Hanlon. Kate is the minister's wife who solves mysteries. Obviously, the books are called the *Minister's Wife Mystery Series*. These books are from Guideposts and contain really delightful stories.

We have also collected a large selection of Christian fiction in the larger print. What a wonderful addition to our growing library!

A new book just added to our library is about pro football player and coach, Tony Dungy. It tells the story about his life in sports from the Christian perspective. This book is really well worth your time.

Family DVDs and videos are plentiful. These cold winter days, curl up with a good movie or book and you won't even have to leave the house!

If you don't find what you want on the cart in the gathering space, check the shelves in the lounge. We would really like to see the cart and shelves with a lot of empty spots. Then we would know everyone is enjoying the library as much as we are.

If you need any help, ask us. Laura is usually at the 8:30 a.m. service, and Nancy is usually at the 11 a.m. service Sunday mornings.

Enjoy reading!!!!!!

Laura Gustafson
Nancy Sackett

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Maggie Boyle	16	Candy Arcaro Sierra Brink
3	Claire Monday	17	Madison Nipper
4	Steve Kehoe Dianne Young	18	Jim Monday Cynthia Nelson
6	Sonny Heinonen	19	Samantha Dolin
8	Esther Bly Nelma Snyder	20	Shirley Brookhouser
10	Emma Van Norman	21	Heidi Parkomaki
13	Urpo Mononen	25	Ruth Cain Linda Laine
14	Lydia Jerina	27	Morgan Owens
15	Danielle Davey Elizabeth Eddy		

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14	Christopher ♥ Samantha Lampela
16	Jim ♥ Betty Monday
18	Bob ♥ Ruth Cain
21	Jim ♥ Robin Bryant
23	Ed ♥ Judy Barch
28	Sonny ♥ Linda Heinonen

WELCOME!

We welcome Cheyanne Riley Cottrell who was received into membership through Holy Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, January 11, 2009.

**“Our Family Within”
...A new ministry opportunity...**

We have changed the name of this new ministry, but the concept of helping our fellow members of Good Shepherd is still the same. I feel we can no longer focus merely on the elderly and the families with newborn babies within our congregation. As we have seen with our own Pastor, medical situations can arise at any age.

Thank you to those of you who have approached me. I will be in touch.

This new ministry seeks to help our fellow members when they are in need. To a family with a newborn baby, it may involve the delivery of a hot meal or offering to help with the new baby or older siblings. We can offer to assist our older members around the house with things they can no longer do for themselves, prepare a hot meal, or share some companionship over a cup of coffee.

Please contact me...if you are anticipating someone in your family having a baby, facing surgery, or if you feel you know of a member who may need some assistance.

Morgan, Madeline, Ben, and I usually attend Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. worship service and I would be available to talk to you, or you are welcome to call me at home (814) 922-3638. You may also speak with Nancy Guthrie in person if you attend the 8:30 a.m. service.

God bless,
Tammy Owens

If anyone would like to join the Mutual Ministry team for the 11 a.m. service, please contact Michelle Logan at 599-8383 or Faye Lampela at 593-1273

***You are Cordially Invited
to Attend
A Service of Prayer and Praise***
to dedicate Rejoice! Lutheran Church's
new building to the Glory of God.

Sunday February 1, 2009
4:00 p.m.
at

Rejoice! Lutheran Church
7855 Stow Road
Hudson, OH

Rev. Michael C. Conklin, Presiding Minister
Rev. Ronald R. Zoesch, Guest Preacher

Open House from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
A reception will follow worship.

**GSLC COOKS FOR CHRIST
BENEFIT
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**February 21, 2009
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Donation

**Profits are to benefit the purchase of
kitchen equipment for
the GSLC kitchen.**

There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk where you may indicate your willingness to provide either soup or sandwiches for any of the six Wednesday night suppers during Lent beginning March 4, 2009. Council will take care of Ash Wednesday Supper on February 25, 2009.

Mutual Ministry

♥ **THANK YOU, MR. BEHLING!** ♥

Thank you to **Frank Behling** for building the wonderful and useful shelving in the Sacristy. We appreciate all your good works!

Love,
The Altar Guild

I want to thank all of my “church family” and the many other groups and people who were praying for me during my recent “time out.” I truly do believe that you are all God’s angels, and you gave me the hope and courage that I needed to become healthy again. I will never be able to express the wonderful feeling I had knowing you were all there and continually reinforcing me. Thanks again to you all and to Pastor Frank, Wanda and Nancy for their gentle words when I was faltering.

Pearl Ann Curtis

Mutual Ministry would like to thank all the church family for the support of the jelly sales. We raised \$226 for the church picnic.

The blanket drive was a big success with **25 blankets** being collected! The Cover Girls also donated 10 quilts. Thanks to **Marne and Manny Gonzales** for delivering the items to First Methodist Church in Conneaut. They will be distributed to those in need.

Please remember to continue saving your Box Tops and Campbell soup labels. These will be given to Conneaut Schools to earn money for the school.

Social Ministry

THANK YOU
from
OUR YOUTH

“Dear Congregation,

Thanks for helping and supporting us to go to Independence. We had a great time at the Winter Retreat. We learned many things about God. It was a great feeling to meet new people, and we enjoyed doing stuff at the workshops. Thanks for praying for us to have a safe and fun weekend.

God bless,
Jacob & Aaron Eddy”

“I would like to thank the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for helping to pay for the Youth Group’s trip to Independence on a retreat. I can assure you that your money is not going to waste. We (Youth Group) all had a wonderful time. There were such activities as prayer beads, origami and other crafts. Every morning and night we listened to the speaker, Pastor Jay. He shared with us about his experiences growing up. I went last year as well, but this year was far more fun. But not only was it fun, it was a good faith building experience. I really got a lot out of what the speaker was saying. So, I conclude by saying thank you for allowing me to go.

Sincerely,
Bryan Gildone”

“I would like to take the time to thank you for letting me have the opportunity to go on the Youth Group trip to Independence, Ohio, from January 2-4 this year.

God bless all,
Jeneane LaRusch

BIBLES

Church members who have not yet received their Bible may check with the secretaries during regular office hours.

Monday & Wednesday – 8 am – 4 pm
Tuesday – 8 am – 2 pm
Friday – 8 am – 1 pm

**A Message from the
Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship Committee believes that the money you give to the general fund should be used not only for staff salaries and utilities. Your donations should also be used to support all of the other programs of the church, including but not limited to, outreach into the community, the “Cover Girls” Quilting Ministry, Christian Education and the Evangelism team. But these programs and others will NOT be supported if we do not reach BEYOND our budget this year.

Is that the intent of this congregation?

The budget that was approved at the last congregation meeting includes **NO** dollars for these and other programs of the church.

Is God’s mission at the forefront of YOUR life?

**RECENT VISITORS
TO GOOD SHEPHERD**
...How many did you greet?

- Chuck Anthony
- Bob Beagle
- Tina Bowers, Aaron, Sara and Stephanie
- Sandra Buckel
- Matt Bunnell
- Cheyenne Cottrell
- Don Cowey
- Donnie Drew
- Kevin Esposito
- Ron Gaines
- Bethany and Kian Hardy, Arlington, VA
- Brian Heinonen
- Linda, Jillian and Erik Heinonen
- Anthony Howard
- Melissa & ReAna Howland
- Nick & Lisa Iarocci, Laina and Mari
- James Jerina
- Glenn Kobernik III
- Steve Krenesky
- Ron & Gabriele LaRusch and Jeneane
- Cody Nagy
- Alexis Nelson
- Sis Pataky
- Kenneth Piper, Geneva, OH
- Sandra Piper, Geneva, OH
- Tanner Poff
- Steve & Theresa Salo
- Steve & Sharon Schoneman
- Karen B. Simons
- Robbie Smith
- Mary Steighner & Jasmine
- Carol Stewart, Kingsville, OH
- Alison C. Tan, Miami, FL
- Lexi Zappitello
- Heidi Zlamal

OFFERINGS

Amount Needed Each Week \$3900.00

Offerings Received for the General Fund
as of January 25, 2009
under budget - \$131.78

**2009 OFFERING
ENVELOPES**

If you do not have your offering envelopes for 2009 they may be picked up from the office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

January 4	38
January 11	46
January 18	46

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 4	157
January 11	175
January 18	167
January 25	248

ENHANCE YOUR RELATIONSHIP OF SIX MONTHS OR SIXTY YEARS!

The Dr. Gary Chapman “A Growing Marriage” videoconference is coming to GSLC on Saturday, February 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The conference includes five segments – “Communication 101,” “Understanding and Expressing Love,” “Making Sex a Mutual Joy,” “Initiating Positive Change” and “How to Share Things That Bug You”. Author of the best seller The Five Love Languages, Dr. Chapman is a nationally known marriage and family expert. His manner is humorous, down to earth and engaging.

This one-day workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the final session will conclude before 3:00 p.m. It is beneficial for couples married six months or sixty years and is also appropriate for couples that are engaged. Stephen and Sue Rufe, from Parma, OH, will facilitate the day. The Rufes are Lutheran Marriage Encounter lay leaders for the eastern third of North America and have presented this workshop in several other Lutheran churches in northeast Ohio.

PRE-REGISTRATION is required for this videoconference. Deadline is February 9th. To register or get further information, call Duffy & Nancy Guthrie at 599-9090.

Mark your calendars NOW for this Valentine’s Day event at GSLC. What better way to love your spouse than to give them this gift on Valentine’s Day!

GSLC Community Senior Program

10 am

Feb. 5 – Devotions will be led by Rev. Bob Tarasiak from Family Fellowship Church. A musical program will be given by Jim Fuller.

Feb. 19 – Rev. Paula Marbury of East Conneaut UMC will have devotions and Nancy Hutchens will present a program about Heart Disease.

Devotions, exercise, blood pressure monitoring and fellowship.

A light lunch is available for \$2.00.

COME JOIN US!

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