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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.

JULY 2009 WORSHIP SERVICES **HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SUNDAY**

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
(Outdoors)

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

JULY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Baptism

JULY 12

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

JULY 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26

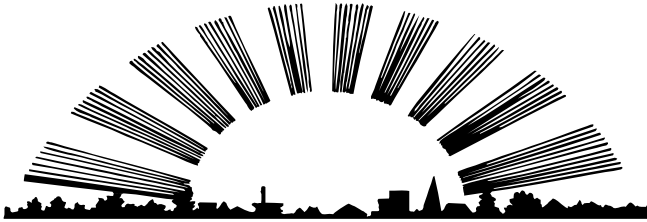
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Position open for
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Chancel Choir Director
Please apply through the church office.

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 Villa Bible Study	2 NO Senior Program	3 OFFICE CLOSED PASTOR'S DAY OFF Salvation Army Christmas in July- K Mart	4 4:00 Parade
5 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship Baptism 1:30 Worship at Villa Fellowship Hall in Use	6 8:35 Softball Team 18	7 9:30 Finance Comm. 5:30 Capital Campaign	8 2:30 Social Ministry at County Home 5:00 Ladies Get Acquainted Potluck	9 7:25 Softball Team 17	10 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	11 Fellowship Hall in Use
12 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	13	14	15	16 10:00 Senior Program Softball 6:15 Team 18 7:25 Team 17	17 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	18 Fellowship Hall in Use
Vacation Bible School Discovery Canyon July 13-17 9:00 am to Noon						
19 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship	20 Noon Salvation Army Board 6:15 Softball Team 17	21 5:30 Exec. Committee 6:30 Council Meets	22 ECHO Articles Due	23 Youth to Cedar Point 7:25 Softball Team 18	24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Wedding Rehearsal	25 Wedding
26 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Worship 10-2 Youth Car Wash 2 pm & 5 pm Circus	27	28 Softball 6:15 Team 18 8:35 Team 17	29 1-6 Blood Bank	30 9 am – 3 pm Rummage Sale	31 PASTOR'S DAY OFF 9 am – 3 pm Rummage Sale Wedding Rehearsal	August 1 Rummage Sale 9 am - Noon

2009



Pastor's Corner July 2009

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

Encouragement... We're encouraged through the gifts of the Spirit to unite the community around GSLC to this Christian Body. That means we need to continue to witness our faith in Jesus to others. The Body of Christ is strong at Good Shepherd. Therefore, as one heart we give glory to God for the gift of the Spirit. The building of a new education wing begins this month. I'm encouraged by the commitment of God's people to see it through and fill the classrooms.

Endurance... The endurance to go the distance will not come from you; it will come from God. For in God we can conquer all things. Over the course of the construction phase, your help will be needed. It will take more than six or seven people to accomplish the construction and finished product of this expansion. The endurance to manage all your family functions, your job, and your volunteer time at the church is a spiritual discipline, a gift from God. We're encouraged to welcome the gift of endurance so that we may serve.

Unity... We are functioning as one heart, one mouth, and one body as we glorify God. The unity of the Body is evident as we continue to apply our gifts in mission. The people of God's church at Good Shepherd are giving. Your commitment of support has kept GSLC out of the red and in the black for the first time in over five years. Your unity has allowed the church to grow and now expand. Your unity as one body for Christ has changed the church in the community and changes us spiritually.

Through God's Spirit, we are encouraged to continue our service for His church.
Through God's Spirit, we will endure all things and grow from the challenges we face.
Through God's Spirit, we are a United Body of Christ glorifying His name in the community.

"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 JULY

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

July 5 Mike Malys
July 12 Julie Lowery
July 19 Julie Kantola
July 26 Linda Hall

Manny Gonzales
Manny Gonzales
Al Gee
Al Gee

ALTAR GUILD

Ellen Gee
Janelle Cole
Tammy Kobernik
Ruth Brown

GREETERS

July 5 Bob & Jackie Miller
July 12 John & Sue Chapin
July 19 Waino & Betty Nyman
July 26 Dick & Dolores Pelow

Bud & Nancy Sackett
Millie Hennessey
Bob & E. Jay Hybert
Ron & Diane Young

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Dianne Young
Janelle Cole
Amy Gallagher
Suzanne Malys

READERS

July 5 Sandra Horvath
July 12 Dave Nolan
July 19 Mary Ann Pollock
July 26 Amy Gallagher

Manny Gonzales
Al Gee
Mark Lytle
Clarence Baugher

USHERS

July 5 Bud & Janet Maenpaa
July 12 Shirley & Peggy Harco
July 19 Bob & Jackie Miller

July 26 Duffy Guthrie
David Uthe

Jim & Candy Arcaro
Ron & Dianne Young
Ruth Brown
Wanda Gore
Michelle Logan
Kelsey Walters

8:30 a.m. HOSPITALITY

July 5 Nancy Guthrie
Jackie Miller
July 12 Julie Lowery
July 19 Peggy Harco
Shirley Harco
July 26 Volunteer Needed

SUMMER OUTDOOR CHAIR STEWARDS

July 5 Mike Malys
July 12 Ruth Brown
July 19 Mark Lytle
July 26 Michelle Logan

11a.m. HOSPITALITY

July 5 Diane Nipper
July 12 Molly Todaro
July 19 Cindy Nelson
July 26 Martha Jayne & Dave Thompson

June 8, 2009

Dear Fellow Members of Good Shepherd,

In less than a month we will be celebrating our nation's 233rd anniversary of freedom. One of our nation's most cherished liberties, freedom of religion, is granted to us in the first article of the Bill of Rights. In part, that first amendment simply states, "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*"

This year we, of Good Shepherd, have a greater reason to celebrate that freedom because we are growing as a church body and are adding to our building to accommodate our growth. We are boldly expanding our ministry to Jesus and inviting all in the Conneaut area to hear the Good News.

Many of the news stories about religion in America are focused on the shrinking numbers of people who identify with some form of a Christian religion. In 1948, the percentage of Christians was 91 percent. Today it is approximately three-fourths. By my count that is an overwhelming majority. If a presidential candidate won an election with three-fourths of the vote it would be called an enormous landslide of epic proportions!

As members of Good Shepherd we should be proud that we are an exception to the trend. And when the Fourth of July rolls around and you are celebrating our country's heritage, give thanks, not only to our founding fathers, but to our Father in heaven that he has blessed us with this freedom. When you see the ground being broken for the expansion and the walls going up, give thanks for his providence.

In closing I quote President Abraham Lincoln who wrote this in March, 1863, during the darkest days of the Civil War.

"It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, and to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in Holy Scripture, and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

In Service to our Lord,

Mark Lytle

"...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24: 15

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Jerry Brookhouser Adam Lytle Amelia Sanford	15	Julie Kantola
3	Kenneth Woodring	17	Virginia Black Tammy Kobernik
5	Mary Lou Moisio	18	Cheryl Jewell
6	Shae Brink Mildred Niinisto	21	Ben Betteridge David Swartzfager
8	Carl Heinonen, Sr.	22	Ryan Picard Benjamin Wood
9	Michael Malys, Jr. Marilyn Salo	27	Justin Lytle
10	Devin Ledlow Susan Wallace	28	Emilee Esposito Betsy Johnston
11	Rueben Schwartz	29	Aaron Eddy, Jr. Audrey Vasti
12	Dane Malys Kelsey Walters	30	Janet Antila Madison Moore Brandon Vidmar
13	Stephanie Gildone	31	Aiden Vidmar
14	Stacie Brink		

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jim ♥ Tammy Monday, Jr.	25	Robert ♥ E. Jay Hybert
7	Steven ♥ Rachelle Martin	26	David ♥ Rosemarie Uthe
9	Greg ♥ Deanna Brown Todd ♥ Julia Pew	28	Brian ♥ Renee Cavanaugh
11	Rueben ♥ Kim Schwartz	30	Jason ♥ Karen Picard Anthony ♥ Molly Todaro
15	Jim ♥ Rose McKiethan	31	Clarence ♥ Irene Baugher Steve ♥ Michelle Logan
21	Steven ♥ Sharon Schoneman		

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- July 13-17** Vacation Bible School
All youth to work in various capacities as a mission activity.
- Thursday July 23** Cedar Point Trip
Meet at Good Shepherd parking lot 7:30 a.m. Park opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m.
Bring drinks and bagged lunch.
- Sunday July 26** Worship together at 8:30 a.m. service; then go to Starlite Video for event.
Car Wash (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
All youth expected unless valid excuse is provided.
- Friday July 31** Bake sale during Rummage Sale. Bring a donation of brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc., Thursday afternoon or Friday morning by 8 a.m.
- Saturday August 8** Car and Bike Show at Evergreen Park. Youth to collect money at gate and sell beverages.
- Sunday August 16** U2 for Christ Picnic and Beach Event. Dinner at Pastor's house followed by a beach bonfire.
Parents to pick youth up at Pastor's house around 10:30 p.m.
- Saturday August 22** D Day at the Lake parking lot.
Arrive at church by 12:30.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 7	164
June 14	175
June 21	193
June 28	163

SCHOOL KITS

Paper grocery bags will be placed in the gathering space in July to facilitate our collection of Lutheran World Relief school kit items. The items needed to complete the kits will be indicated on the bag. A complete list of items needed will also appear in the August ECHO.

We wish to thank **Edeltraud Bowen** who sewed and delivered 50 cloth bags that will be used to ship collected items. Edeltraud took additional bag material home to continue her sewing. We thank **Frank Behling** for his help in cutting the school bag material to size. May god bless both of these individuals for their dedication!

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

The Cover Girls ended the quilting season June 9th at which time a surprise luncheon was held to honor Millie Hennessey's 90th birthday. Millie has always been seen with scissors in hand at the cutting table and has been a faithful servant for many years.

Our group was also saddened at the death of our dear friend, Ruth Perkins. Ruth was one of the charter members of the Cover Girls and had done many of the jobs. Even though she was not able to come regularly the last few years, she and her daughter, Janelle, still worked on quilt tops at home We will surely miss her; and our sympathies and love are extended to Janelle Cole and her family.

We are also pleased to have completed 193 quilts during the season. These quilts will be shipped to Lodi, Ohio, in the fall. Several will be kept here for local use.

We thank the many faithful servants who came each Tuesday and those who helped us with their at-home service!!

COMING EVENTS

July

- 3** **Salvation Army Red Kettle
Drive at Kmart**
- 13-17** **Vacation Bible School**
- 26** **Kelly/Miller Circus**
- 30 & 31** **Rummage Sale**

August

- 1** **Rummage Sale**
- 8** **Car & Bike Show**
- 16** **Christian Concert at
Conneaut Community
Center**
- 30** **Church Picnic**

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIOR PROGRAM

Programs for the GSLC Community Senior Program are held on the first and third Thursday of each month for those ages 55 and older. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Devotions begin at 10 a.m. with exercise, blood pressure monitoring, fellowship and a program following. A light lunch is available for \$2.00.

July 2 **There will be no program.
Enjoy the July 4th Holiday.**

July 16 Nancy Hutchens, R.N. from University Hospitals Conneaut Medical Center, will have a power point presentation on strokes.

GSLC SOFTBALL

Additional information is available at www.conneautsoftball.com or www.gslcc.org (click on "Youth Activities").

Monday July 6	8:35 p.m.	Team 18
Thursday July 9	7:25 p.m.	Team 17
Thursday July 16	6:15 p.m. 7:25 p.m.	Team 18 Team 17
Monday July 20	6:15 p.m.	Team 17
Thursday July 23	7:25 p.m.	Team 18
Tuesday July 28	6:15 p.m. 8:35 p.m.	Team 18 Team 17
Monday August 3	8:35 p.m.	Team 18
Tuesday August 4	7:25 p.m.	Team 17

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME

to a
Get Acquainted Potluck

5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009
in GSLC Fellowship Hall**

**Bring a dish to share
and your own place setting.**

See you there!!

THANK YOU!

Jennie Crites sends a Thank You for all the cards and prayers extended at the time of her surgery. She is doing very well but misses her friends at Good Shepherd.

LOCAL VBS Information

The Conneaut Area Ministerial Association has provided the following information for Vacation Bible Schools available locally:

July 27-31 **First Baptist Church**
370 State Street

Open to children 4 years old through 4th grade. Begins at 5:30 p.m. Ends at 8:30 p.m. Theme is "Son Rock Kids Camp." Call 593-5120.

August 1 **Church of Christ**
448 W. Main Road

An all-day Family Festival will be held at Highland Apartments. Call 599-7401.

Your GSLC Library volunteers are busy cataloging all of the books, videos, and DVDs. In the process of doing this, it has been noted some of these items have been checked out for two or more weeks. Please check your shelves to see if you have a book, video, or DVD that belongs at church and return the item to the shelf in the lounge. Always feel free to borrow an item of your choice. Just sign the card attached to the item. Happy reading and viewing!

THE CHILDREN SERVICES SUMMER FOODS PROGRAM

Free summer meals are available for all children ages 1 through 18 Monday through Friday until August 14, 2009. The local site is the Conneaut Human Resource Center, 327 Mill Street, Conneaut. Breakfast is served 9:00-9:30 a.m. Lunch is served 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Please call Children Services at (440) 998-1811 for more information.

GSLC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade

Come join us
for a week of fun and discovery!

Discovery Canyon

July 13-17, 2009

9:00 a.m. to Noon Daily

Preschoolers and children in grades K-3 will be based at the church for crafts, games, singing, and science experiments. Grades 4-6 will be involved in mission work in the community as well as taking part in activities at the church.

On Friday, July 17, everyone will join together for a closing celebration and lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

A registration form is available in this publication. You may stop in at the church office for additional forms. Invite a friend!

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

...How many did you greet?

Megan Sheneman Aikman
Gloria Badgley
Jacob Burgess
Paul Cole
Deborah Cowan, Seneca, SC
Donald Cowey
Gina, Matt & Sarah DeNunzio
Nick DeNunzio
David DiFilippo
Nancy DiGigovanni, Parma, OH
Jackie Eaton
Ron Emerson
Rev. Harry & Pam Fox
Alex French
Frank C. Giganti
Kian Hardy
Josh Heinonen
Justin Heinonen
Linda Heinonen
Steve & Jackie Hopkins
Steve Horvath
Monika, Celine & Jorden Hosken
Laina Iarocci
Dewey & Cheryl Johnston
Dick Johnston
Dolly Krenisky, Seneca, SC
Ron, Gabi, Jeneane LaRusch
Eugene Lowery
Fred & Diane McCall
Linda Minken
Alex Mobley
Donovan Mobley
Amy Nagy
Mark Nelson
David & Bernadette Nolan
Jacob & April Nolan, Gallipolis, OH
Hannah Pipes
Mary E. Polchosky
Judy Pugh
Marcus Rainey
Debbie & Carey Santiana, N. Kingsville, OH
JoAnne Seavey
Karen Simons
Tom & Courtney Spencer
Dick & Diana Stoker
Richard & Beth Tulino, Ashtabula, OH
Corrine Turkovich

Lori Vig
Lee & Lorraine Weaver
Breanna Womble
Marilee Zappitelli

CONGRATULATIONS **CONFIRMANDS!**

Those who completed the congregation's program of confirmation ministry and made public profession of their faith at worship service May 31, 2009 included

Analynn Davianah DiFilippo
Michael Andrew Nelson.

CONGRATULATIONS **COLLEGE GRADUATE**

Lee Adam Murtha

Lee graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dartmouth College majoring in economics and minoring in education on June 14, 2009.

He will be leaving for the Marshall Islands July 28 to join a teaching program for the 2009-2010 school year under the direction of Dartmouth Professor Andrew Garrod.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice in welcoming the following received as new members during worship service May 31, 2009:

Cody Allan Nagy*
Courtney McCall Polchosky*
Joseph Eric Polchosky
Millicent Ann Polchosky
Barbara Jean Wiser
Connie Jean Woodring*
Kenneth L. Woodring

***Baptized also this date.**

BAPTISM

Welcome **Bradley Dennis Gauvin** who was received through Baptism at the 8:30 a.m. worship service June 14, 2009.

CHURCH COOKBOOK PROJECT
RESUMED!

The Evangelism Committee has picked up the cookbook project begun by a former member and is asking you to share your favorite recipes. There is no need to resubmit those recipes previously provided; but if you have discovered additional favorites, we are looking to collect recipes for all the yummy dishes we can find! Please submit them to any Evangelism Committee member (Kelly Anthony, Glenda Betteridge, Deanna Brown, Nancy Guthrie, or Susanne Horvath) or place them in the Evangelism Committee mailbox located in the church office.



Mutual Ministry congratulates the following winners of the Mothers' May baskets: **Amy Gallagher, Mildred Niinisto, and Nyla Wells.**

Thank you to all who bought tickets!



Sympathies and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Martha J. Gephart who passed away June 8, 2009. Mrs. Gephart is survived by four sisters, one of whom is **E. Jay Hybert.**



Mary Jean Sheneman of Kingsville, Ohio, passed away June 15, 2009. Sympathies and prayers are extended to her children, Joseph and Holly Sheneman and her grandchildren, Stephen, Daniel & Jennifer Sheneman.



4th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thurs., July 30, Fri., July 31 from 9 am to 3 pm
Sat., Aug. 1 from 9 am to Noon

Donations will be accepted after the conclusion of VBS on July 17th.

Also, we are seeking volunteers. If you wish to help or have any questions, please contact Suzanne Malys at 440-599-8308.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

If you would like to walk the July 4th parade (taking place at 4 p.m. July 4th) route or ride on the church float, please plan to come to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. on July 4th. It would help the committee maintain a count of expected participants if you would contact either Michelle Logan (599-8383) or Faye Lampela (593-1273) to indicate your participation. We hope you will join us!!



Good Shepherd will be hosting a **Bike and Car Show** August 8, 2009. Proceeds from the event will benefit the family center.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down for this event at Evergreen Campgrounds. If you are willing to assist in these efforts, please indicate so on the sign up sheet available.

There is also a **need** for donations of **hot dogs, hot dog buns, bottled water, and canned pop** which will be sold at the show. Please mark your donations for "Bike & Car Show" and bring to the church. Hot dogs may be put the church freezer prior to the event.

A Chinese Auction will also be part of this activity. If you would like to donate something for the auction, please contact Phyllis Waid.



Mark your calendars now so you can plan to attend the **church picnic August 30th** following the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be games for everyone (bingo will be included) and a puppet production. The puppet show will include a pirate ship and promises to have lots of interaction with the audience.



Cookies are needed for Hospitality. If you would like to help, please mark your donations for "hospitality" and leave them in the church kitchen.

Thank you!
Michelle Logan

... LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...

HERE COMES THE CIRCUS!

Tickets to sell for the July 26 Kelly Miller Circus will be available in the gathering space after services this month. Please take as many as you think you might be able to sell. This is an easy fund-raiser in which we can all take part. Please encourage all neighbors, friends and relatives to buy tickets from you now for this positive and fun community event. Additional tickets are available on weekdays from our church office or from Nancy Guthrie (599-9090).

Please purchase your Kelly Miller Circus tickets BEFORE the circus date, July 26, in order to benefit your congregation. We receive 40% of sales if purchased now (after the first 200 tickets at 20%), and only 10% if purchased at the box office on circus day.

We encourage everyone to participate in this fundraiser benefiting the mission work of Good Shepherd. All money collected, as well as unsold tickets must be returned to GSLC prior to July 26.

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