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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 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

MAY 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Eagle Scout Fundraiser – Mother’s Day Breakfast

9 am – 11 am - all the pancakes you can eat

Youth Bake Sale

MAY 17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Praise Band at both services led by Pastor Frank, Chris Gore,
Kelly Gore, Katie Gore and Noah Gore

11 am Worship is a **youth led service**.

Special recognition of Sunday School volunteers

Teachers will host hospitality

MAY 24

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Recognizing the importance of music in worship, the Bell Choir,
Chancel Choir and other musicians will serve as worship leaders.

Music Sunday is a day of celebrating our life with Christ in

music.

Special recognition of GSLC Chancel Choir Director.

MAY 31

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

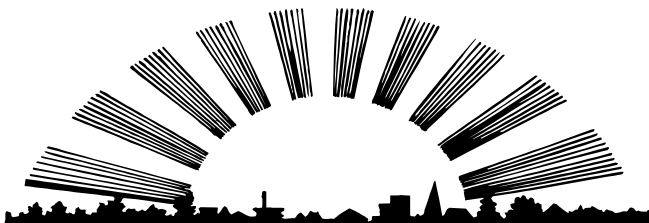
11 am - **Confirmation** of young adults.

Reception in Fellowship Hall for those confirmed.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	2
3 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 1:30 Worship at Villa	4 3:30 - 8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	5 NO Quilting Ministry 9:30 Finance Committee 5:30 Capital Campaign Property Committee ELECTION DAY	6 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	7 10:00 Senior Program NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	8 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9 8 am - Youth Downtown Cleanup Day
10 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY Youth Bake Sale 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:00 - 11:00 Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship MOTHER'S DAY	11 3:30 - 8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	12 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Anthony's 6:00 All Committees 7:00 Committee Potluck	13 2:30 Bingo at County Home 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	14	15 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Synod Assembly</div>
17 HOLY COMMUNION PRAISE BAND 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Youth Led Service	18 3:30 - 8 th Grade Confirmation 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	19 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meets Youth to Erie Sea Wolves Game	20 6:45 Genesis Bells ECHO Articles Due	21 10:00 Senior Program	22 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	23
24 HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	25 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY	26 9:00 Quilting Ministry (Last session for season)	27 1-6 Red Cross Blood Drive 6:00 Bells - Cleaning - All ringers expected!	28	29 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Baccalaureate at GSLC 6:30 Prelude 7:00 Service Reception	30 10 am MOTORCYCLE BLESSING at GSLC LAKE ERIE PERCH DINNER 4 PM - 7 PM
31 HOLY COMMUNION PENTECOST New Members & Baptisms 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Confirmation	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">May 31 Confirmands to arrive at 9:45 am Reception for Confirmands after 11 am Worship</div>					

2009



Pastor's Corner May 2009

Alleluia He Has Risen!!! He Has Risen Indeed, Alleluia!!!

On May 3rd, it will be the end of my 4th year at Good Shepherd and the beginning of another. There have been a lot of changes to GSLC in the past four years. We've experienced changes in worship, changes in people, changes in giving, changes in spiritual and member growth. Growth is important in the church community. I recently wrote a letter for our construction project about the changes and growth in the church over these past few years. I've placed a portion of the letter here for you to read and discern your commitment to Christ at GSLC.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has changed over the past four years. We've witnessed a growth in attendance, youth and age diversity. We have also witnessed an increase in commitment of service to the church as well as the community. Other areas of growth can be seen in the outreach and care for people in the community as well as the surrounding area of Conneaut.

Growth and health for a church are not always measured in the number of people the church has on Sunday morning. Growth and health of a congregation is also not measured by the number of people on the roster of the church. Growth and health are measured by the change of heart, the change of spirit, and the change of community. Good Shepherd has made huge changes in heart, spirit, and community. The diversity of the church is not a racial diversity that we see in the cities of larger communities but one of young and old, well off and poor, and men and women.

The roster of any church can be stacked and made to look good by not eliminating inactive members and holding them on the books as members. That shows a lack of integrity on the part of the minister and the congregation. We are a church, and therefore, we must live as a Christian body. Integrity and faith helps this church stay faithful to the Gospel. With that being said, if you look at the increased number of members over the past four years through baptism or new membership, the increase of baptized members was 132 members. GSLC had 302 baptized members listed in 2004 and at the end of 2008 we had listed 434 baptized members. As I stated before, I believe in living out the message of Christ through example. Therefore, while we added to our roles for church membership, we also removed 61 members through inactivity or death.

I stated before that growth in a church is not easy to measure but in the book of Acts, numbers are important to the community and to the early church. Why else would Luke write about the number being baptized and received into God's family? Over the years I've been at Good Shepherd, I've continually requested accurate counts for worship attendance. It is important to the mission of the church because this is really the only place we look at numbers besides paying the bills. If you look at the weekly worship attendance at Good Shepherd you will see an explosion of change. Please recognize that while other churches in our community are declining in worship attendance, mission, outreach, and giving, Good Shepherd is growing.

Worship attendance in the first three months of 2009 compared to 2004 is as follows:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>% of increase</u>
415	Jan 2004	707	Jan 2009	170.4% increase
532	Feb 2004	724	Feb 2009	147.4% increase
442	Mar 2004	1,029	Mar 2009	232.8% increase

I recognize that the future of GSLC is bright. When I arrived at Good Shepherd, more than 70% of the congregation was 60 or older. Today the diversity of the church reflects a young, vibrant, enthusiastic, church alive with God's Holy Spirit. The diversity of GSLC is changed and when we gather for worship our sanctuary is 50% under 50. The nursery isn't a place that collects dust. It is a room filled with young children.

My end of the year report doesn't look like the church is growing fast. But look at churches surrounding the community of Conneaut. They are not running out of room. They are closing and or combining because they are losing people not on paper but in worship, in giving, and in spirit. That is NOT Good Shepherd.

I would like to encourage the readers of this letter to continue their support to the mission of God's church at GSLC. The general giving sustains the mission and ministry of this congregation. The Capital Campaign Phase II giving sustains the future building expansion and mortgage. Without your full support, the church could not exist in the community. Please continue to give generously and sacrificially.

“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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

We have begun to receive newspaper articles and pictures that will help us put together an album (or more) depicting past happenings at Good Shepherd. To name a few, we have received pictures of the groundbreaking, news articles of the beginnings of Good Shepherd, pictures of Luther League at Camp Luther from the 1940's and 1950's and articles of that era, as well as news articles and pictures of the chancel and bell choirs.

Any pictures that you would like back will be returned after copies have been made. The committee would appreciate getting information soon as we will have a planning meeting in May.

Information may be sent or dropped off at the church office, 876 Grove Street, Conneaut, OH 44030. Questions? Call the office at (440) 599-8908.

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.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 3 Jim Arcaro
 May 10 Amy Gallagher
 May 17 Becky Burr
 May 24 Dick Pelow
 May 31 Betty Monday

GREETERS

May 3 Jim & Marilyn Salo
 May 10 Bud & Janet Maenpaa
 May 17
 May 24 Susanne Horvath
 May 31 Sandra Horvath

READERS

May 3 Jim Arcaro
 May 10 Linda Hall
 May 17 Amy Gallagher
 May 24 Dolores Pelow
 May 31 Sandra Horvath
 Analynn DiFilippo

USHERS

May 3 Phyllis Waid
 Janet Maenpaa
 May 10 Duffy Guthrie
 Heidi Parkomaki
 May 17 Rich & Rick Kantola
 May 24 Mike & Laurie Bidwell
 May 31 John & Sue Chapin

ACOLYTES

May 3 Analynn DiFilippo
 May 10 Rick Kantola
 May 17 Jennifer Gallagher
 May 24 Rick Kantola
 May 31 Jennifer Gallagher

11:00 A.M.

Dave Thompson
 Dave Thompson
 Mark Lytle
 Mark Lytle
 Manny Gonzales

Art & Mil Niinisto
 Joanne Mechling
 Ruth Brown
 Mary Lou Moisiso
 Dave & Martha Jayne Thompson

Jim McKeithan
 Kelly Anthony
 Wanda Gore
 Bob Hybert

High School Students

Jim & Candy Arcaro
 Ron & Diane Young
 Youth led Service
 Duffy Guthrie, David Uthe
 Faye Lampela, Cindy Nelson
 Michelle Logan, Ernie Waid
 Mike & Suzanne Malys

Tyler Pew, Tyler Moore
 Sierra Brink, Hannah Farr
 Michael Nelson, Jeneane LaRusch
 Cody Nagy, Emilee Esposito
 Quinn Rudler, Aaron Eddy

HOSPITALITY 8:30 a.m.

May 3 Amy Gallagher
 May 10 No Hospitality
 (Breakfast between services.)
 May 17 Julie Kantola
 May 24 Sandra & Susanne
 Horvath
 May 31 Heidi Parkomaki

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Harco
 Peggy Harco
 Ruth Brown
 Heidi Parkomaki

HOSPITALITY 11:00 a.m.

May 3 Michelle Logan
 May 10 No Hospitality
 (Breakfast between services.)
 May 17 Sunday School Teachers
 May 24 Diane Nipper
 May 31 No Hospitality
 (Confirmation)

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Jan Uveges
 Sue Dewey
 Dolores Pelow
 Betty Nyman

NURSERY

May 3 Stephanie Wood and Alison & Brielle Hathy
May 10 Shannon & Alyx Ruffo

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4	Mike ♥ Laurie Bidwell	20	Steve ♥ Karen Kehoe
8	Jim ♥ Marilyn Salo	22	Steve ♥ Theresa Salo
12	Micah ♥ Tracy Bidwell Ty ♥ Kathy Paden	25	Ron ♥ Janet Maenpaa Ken ♥ Sandra Piper
19	Jake ♥ June Kesatie	27	Mark ♥ Tammy Owens

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**Monday Mornings
6:40 a.m.
to 7:00 .m.** **Free to High School Students
Bible Study & Coffee House
at Crazy Dave's**

High school youth are invited to join other youth to hear the Word in a casual and inviting atmosphere.

May 10 **Mother's Day Bake Sale**
Youths are expected to bring in a contribution!

May 19 Erie Sea Wolves Baseball Game

June 20 Alive Concert

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Meet Mondays May 4
3:30-4:30 p.m. May 11
 May 18

**You are reminded to arrive by 9:45 a.m. on
Sunday, May 31, 2009 for Confirmation.**

SEEKING SOFTBALL PLAYERS

If you are interested in playing softball, you are invited to attend a **mandatory meeting Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. There is also a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, you may contact Deanna or Greg Brown at 593-1354 or dbrown@suite224.net.

4th of JULY PARADE

We may be enjoying the sweet smells of May flowers, but we have already begun plans for the 4th of July Parade. As we look back at the numerous things Good Shepherd did last summer to "make a difference" and leave an impression, our congregation's presence in the parade was one piece of a very large puzzle. And, what a great puzzle piece it was! We entered three great floats! Our young children, teens, and adults walked and handed out information. Members rode floats, waved, and tossed candy. Good Shepherd made a "very well done" impression. **So, let's do it again!!** Momentum is difficult to achieve, but Good Shepherd certainly achieved that in 2008. Let's not lose our momentum. Plan to participate in "**Team Jesus**" during the 4th of July Parade. Date and time information will be included in the June ECHO.

Candy for the Parade: Individually wrapped candies such as Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Rolls, caramels, gum, and Dum-Dum suckers are all appropriate candy for parades because they do not readily melt when they hit the pavement. As much as we all love it, chocolate is not the best ingredient for parade candy. A box will be in the gathering space during May and June for your candy donations

The **Easter Egg Hunt** was a great success. Every child went home with a pile of candy, a painted wooden cross, and a very big smile. Thanks to all who donated candy and plastic eggs. Thank you to the teenagers who filled the eggs. Thank you to Wanda, Kelsey, the teenagers, Mark, Morgan, Madeline and everyone who helped out the day of the event. I must say that washable kids paint is a great invention!

God bless,
Tammy Owens

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Please continue to drop off your Campbell's soup labels and box tops for Education in the green box provided in the gathering space.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church received a **Thank You** card from Ashtabula, Ohio's Faith Lutheran Church Food Pantry. They expressed deep gratitude for the 20 bags of groceries donated during the first quarter of 2009.

THANK YOU to the many faithful who willingly provided the soups, sandwiches, and desserts for the Wednesday evening Lent dinners!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church received a **Thank You** from the **Andover Village Retirement Center** for the 60 hymnals personally delivered to them by Nancy Guthrie. Thank you, Nancy, for representing our congregation!

MOTHER'S DAY **May 10, 2009**

Mutual Ministry will be raffling off three baskets after the 11 am worship service. Tickets may be purchased on Sundays in the gathering space. Price for one ticket is \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the church picnic.

Many opportunities still exist in 2009 for you to sponsor weekly bulletins (at a cost of \$15 per Sunday) or flowers (at a cost of \$35 per Sunday). You may check dates available and sign up on the charts posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

We share our prayers and extend sincere sympathy to **KARL, ERIK and STEPHANIE MISCHKA** and family and friends of Misako Mischka who passed away April 12, 2009.

WE WELCOME **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Devin Paul Gauvin (March 29, 2009)
Emilie Brook Gauvin (March 29, 2009)
.Reana Jean Howland (April 12, 2009)
James Michael Jerina (April 12, 2009)
Jasmine Marie Steighner (April 12, 2009)

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS **received April 12, 2009**

Charles Richard Anthony
Brian Edward Cavanaugh
Reneè Colleen Cavanaugh
Heidi Gabriele Cowey
Paul Henry Gauvin, Jr.
Reana Jean Howland
James Michael Jerina
Stephen Krenisky
Jasmine Marie Steighner
Richard Joseph Vidmar

WE CONGRATULATE

Sydney Robin Carpenter
Leah Christine Gallagher
Emilie Brook Gauvin
Devin Paul Gauvin
Brielle Olivia Hathy
Christopher Michael Jewell
Emily Ina Pew
Lilliann D. Swartzfager

who celebrated First Holy Communion during worship service on Sunday, April 5, 2009.

Oliver Kestin Walvoord was born March 26, 2009 to Kerri Ann and Justin Walvoord. Oliver is the grandson of **MARNE & MANNY GONZALES**, nephew of **MAYLENE** and great-grandson of **HELEN C. SMITH**.

HELP WANTED!

The Cover Girls are in need of someone to sew together the cloth bags for school kit items that are shipped in the fall. Frank Behling has cut the material for the bags and prepared the kits that are readily available for willing sewers. Completed bags are not needed until September, so sewing may be done at one's own pace. Please stop in to see the quilters on Tuesday morning, or contact Pat Haas or Shirley Harco.

Church Cleaning If you are able to help with cleaning the church, please contact Bob Haas at 593-1502 or Duffy Guthrie at 599-9090.

Lawn Care If you are willing to help mow the church lawn for a few weeks or more this summer, sign up for the week of your choice on the kiosk. Special training will be offered on our beautiful **new** mower for all who volunteer.

Mutual Ministry seeks volunteers for the 11 a.m. worship service. Please consider being part of the team. Contact Faye Lampela (599-1273) or Michelle Logan (599-8383.)

Good Shepherd will host the **High School Baccalaureate** on Friday, May 29th. Preludes begin at 6:30 pm. If you can help by providing refreshments, please sign up on the kiosk.

SUPPORT THE PLAYGROUND!

Ben Betteridge's Eagle Scout project is a playground on GSLC property.

There will be a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 10th from 9 am to 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include pancakes (all you can eat), sausage/ham, fruit, juice and coffee.

The suggested donation for Adults is \$5.00; children 3 years to 10 years, \$3.00 and children 2 years and younger, free.

NISUA SALE

Orders for nisua will be taken until next Sunday, May 3rd. Cost is \$5.00 a loaf. Orders are to be prepaid with nisua ready on Sunday, May 10th. This sale will benefit the Kitchen Food supplies.

TURKEY BOX

The Turkey Box has returned to roost in the gathering space. Any loose change is appreciated to provide for our 2009 Thanksgiving and Christmas families. By starting early, everyone has the opportunity to give a little at a time.

GSLC COMMUNITY SENIOR PROGRAM

Join this group of Seniors (ages 55 and over) every first and third Thursday of the month for devotions, exercise, blood pressure monitoring, fellowship and a program. A light lunch is available for \$2.00. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

May 7 – Kathy Vaux-Paden will lead devotions. Program to be announced.

May 21 Come celebrate the GSLC Community Senior Program's 2nd year anniversary. Devotions will be led by Pastor Gore. Margaret Schiavone will present a variety of piano music.

**ALL NEW RACEWAY 7
All Faiths Night at Raceway 7**

Friday, May 22, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

**Special Ticket Prices
for Groups of 10 or More
\$7.00 Adults \$4.00 Kids**

Here's what makes your outing special -

- ❖ Your group will get to sit together in a special reserved seating area. Ask about our family section seating.
- ❖ Bring a vehicle and choose someone to represent your church in the pre race lap.
- ❖ Ask about the opportunity for your church choir to do the national anthem.
- ❖ Ask about the chance to do the pre-race prayer.
- ❖ **Ask about the chance to put your clergy in a car for the faster pastor race! (Top 3 finishers will receive a percent of their ticket sales donated back to their church)**

If you would like to attend individually, bring a church bulletin to the ticket window to receive \$2.00 off the \$10.00 race price (limit 4 tickets) valid on May 22nd only.

Call (216) 695-3484 and mention "All Faiths Night" to order your tickets for the May 22nd show.

LAKE ERIE PERCH DINNER

at

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009**

4 PM TO 7 PM

**PERCH, POTATO SALAD, GREEN BEANS,
FRENCH BREAD, DESSERT, & BEVERAGE**

Donation

Adults \$10.00

Children 10 and under \$5.00

BENEFIT FOR COOKS FOR CHRIST

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

...How many did you greet?

Amanda Angelo
Dave & Erin Arcaro
Beth Armeni, Lakewood, OH
Gloria Badgley
Rochelle Biernesderfer, Centerburg, OH
Barbara Bisbee
Bonnie Blood
Liisa Blood
Michelle Blood
Nick Blood
Brian L. Boles
Sarah Burress
Ron & Pam Butts
Kay Cameron
Troy, Amy, Joe & Reagan Costello, VA
Donald Cowey
Jacob, Cathy, David Crislip, Ashtabula, OH
Dan & Jennet Curtin
Lance & Debbie Drew
Lami Drew
Jackie Eaton
Ralph & Maryalice Eller
Kevin Esposito
Steve & Ruth Farr
Tom & Ruth Farr
Tom & Susan Ferritt
Rev. Harry & Pam Fox
John & Tracy French
Bobby Fuller
Florence Gable
Deb Gallagher, Portsmouth, VA
Luke Gallagher
Debra, Tommy & Jason Gallison, Warren, OH
Marilyn Gauvin
Jay & Danielle Georgia
Tom Gildone
Veronica Green
Ed, Mary, Hayley & Marla Griswold
Beth Grocott
Ryan P. Harco
Pat Hathy
Carl & Cheryl Heinonen
Linda, Erik, Brett, Jillian, Sarah Heinonen
Monika, Celine & Jordan Hosken
Jim Houseknecht, Erie, PA
Alex Howland
Nick & Lisa Iarocci
Jerry Janco
Jeff Janis
Dick Johnston
Marjorie Kantola
Dave & Joan Karotka
Terry Laine, Williamsburg, VA
Dan Lantiz
Ronald, Gabriele & Jeneane LaRusch
Jason, Stephanie, C.J. & Eliisa Lawton
George Lindgren
Mitchell Lower
Eugene Lowery
Steven Lowery, Cleveland, OH
Ruth Lytle
Erik Maenpaa
Kevin Markielowski
Susan McCarron
Morgan McLaughlin
Kathy Mills
Lynda Minken
Lily Monda
Brennen, Tina & Logan Mueller
Cody Nagy
Addison, April & Jacob Nolan, Gallipolis, OH
David & Bernadette Nolan
James Poff
Mackenzie Powell
Jeff & Joanne Pritchard
Mike Pugh & Debi Hybert
James E. & Dottie Sackett
Justin Sanford
Daniel Schoneman
Kate Schoneman
Pearl Sharp
Dave Smith
Cindy Spink
Maribeth Tan-Sorrell, Baltimore, MD
Tom Spencer
Nancy Steighner
Carol Stewart
Dick & Diana Stoker
James B. Stringer, Jr.
Al & Peggy Swartzfager
Alison C. Tan

Laura Taylor
Lisa & Martha Tappan

VISITORS (continued)

Bob Thayer
Mark Thayer, Powell, OH
Tammy Thompson
Brian, Celia, Ella, Ethan, Tricia Timbers
Cierra Towler, Baltimore, MD
Willard & Melanie Tustin, Ashtabula, OH
Jeff Vasti
Katrina Walters
Kelly Wamsley
Sue Wamsley
Angel Wassie
Lee & Lorraine Weaver, E. Springfield, PA
Marjorie Williams
Jim Winslow
Barbara Wiser
John M. Wojtowicz
Kenneth & Connie Woodring, Ashtabula, OH
Adam Wright
Betty Zappitelli
Marilee Zappitelli

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, April 1	72
Sunday, April 5	241
Maundy Thursday, April 9	138
Good Friday, April 10	87
Easter, April 12	405
Sunday, April 19	180
Sunday, April 26	199

OFFERING

Amount Needed Each Week \$3900.00

Offerings Received for the General Fund
as of April 26, 2009

Behind Budget - \$2,564.38

COMING EVENTS

May

7	GSLC Senior Program
10	Mother's Day Breakfast
17	Youth Led Worship Service
19	Erie Sea Wolves Baseball Game
21	GSLC Senior Program
22	All Faiths Night at Raceway 7
24	Music Sunday
25	Memorial Day--Office Closed
27	Red Cross Bloodmobile
29	Baccalaureate
30	Motorcycle Blessing
30	Lake Erie Perch Dinner
31	Confirmation

June

4	GSLC Senior Program
7	8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Begins
18	GSLC Senior Program
20	Youth Alive Concert
26 & 27	Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Kmart
28	Youth Car Wash

July

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

August

1	Rummage Sale
8	Car & Bike Show
30	Church Picnic

2 KITCHEN STOVES AVAILABLE FOR BID

Bids are to be in a sealed envelope marked "Stove Bid". With the amount of your bid include your name, address and telephone number. Mail or turn in to the office. **All bids must be received by May 15, 2009.** The property committee will open the bids at that time.

Young couples, old couples, newly married couples and “veterans,”
LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS FOR YOU because:

- **IT PREPARES** you for a great marriage; don't settle for just a “good” one.
- It shows that **LISTENING SKILLS** can be learned – learn them soon, before too many hurts happen.
- It reminds us that **LOVE is a verb**, not just an emotion.
- **PREPARATION** is better than **REPARATION!** Don't get caught up in your issues and arguments.
- **Learn how to express your needs** in a healthy way.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS:

- ***private** (you may listen to presentations as a group, but what you discuss happens in private!)*
- ***personal** (you are unique and will draw from the modeled communication skills what fits your needs best)*
- ***practical** (you practice the skills immediately, after each presentation – this is not just theoretical)*
- ***pleasing to God** (God created marriage and has a plan for you –make your relationship something that honors Him)*

Find out more about any of the Weekends sponsored by Lutheran Marriage Encounter this year by contacting the Ohio registration couple, John & Robin Legan, at 330/425-2176 or register at www.GodLovesMarriage.org

May 22-24, Loyola of the Lakes Retreat Center, Green, Ohio
October 9-11, Spring Hill Suites, Solon, Ohio
November 6-8, Commodore Perry Inn, Port Clinton, Ohio

LUTHERAN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
A wedding is a day... A Marriage is a Life time!”

JUNE 19-21, 2009 – COMFORT INN, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

Engagement and preparations for a wedding can be an exciting but stressful time in any relationship. Lutheran Engaged Encounter provides an opportunity for couples (whether engaged or seriously dating) to openly and honestly share hopes, dreams and desires for the marriage relationship that may lie ahead. \$50 registration and \$275/couple for 2 nights' lodging, all meals, materials, etc. for the weekend away.

The experience is designed to give couples the opportunity to talk honestly and intensively in a face-to-face way about their future life together, their strengths and weakness, desires, ambitions, goals, and their roles in the Church and society. The event is led by a Lutheran clergy and two lay couples who are dedicated to their own marriages and forms a great companion piece to pastoral counseling.

PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT NOW to couples in your congregation. No one should try to embark on marriage without such an opportunity to explore key issues and practice communication skills taught on this weekend!

Please contact Doug and Lori Burchard
576 W. Ohio Avenue, Sebring, OH 44672

330-938-2723 or lburchar@kent.edu

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