

# **THE ECHO**

## **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.*

### **JANUARY 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**

**JANUARY 4**

**EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 11**

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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

**BLANKET SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 18**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 25**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Please consider staying for a little while  
following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on  
Sunday, January 4, 2009  
to help take down Christmas decorations.**

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO Seniors Program	2 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	3
				Jan 2-4 LYO Gathering in Independence, OH		
4 <b>HOLY COMMUNION EPIPHANY</b> 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 1:30 Worship at Villa	5 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	6 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 9:30 Finance Committee 5:30 Capital Campaign Committee	7 10:00 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	8 CAMA at First UMC 6:00 Conneaut Quilters	9 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	10
11 <b>HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY</b> (Capital Campaign & Food Pantry Offerings) <b>BLANKET SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship	12 4:30 Worship & Music 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	13 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry Noon Women's Bible Study 6:00 All Committees	14 2:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells	15 10:00 GSLC Community Seniors Program	16 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	17
18 <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:30-2:00 Confirmation	19 Noon Salvation Army Board Meets 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Chancel Choir	20 9:00 Cover Girls Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	21 10:00 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Cherub/Youth Choirs 6:00 Puppet Ministry 6:45 Genesis Bells <b>ECHO ARTICLES DUE IN OFFICE</b>	22	23 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	24 <b>Chicken Biscuit Dinner 4-7 pm</b> to benefit GSLC Kitchen for purchase of a Commercial Stove
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Sunday, February 8, 2009  
Congregation Meeting to accept  
Annual Reports at Noon

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

**2009**



## Pastor's Corner January 2009

**Thank you** - a small word to express love to you (the congregation). Wanda and I have felt your love over the past couple of months and we Thank you for caring!

We needed your support in November and you gave it without question. The people of God ministered to their minister and his family as we tried to work through our loss and grief.

Then in November I got hurt and ended up on "limited duty" an old Navy term. That limited duty went on into December and then I had surgery. And again, the people of God supported and cared for Wanda and I.

I can't name all the people who picked up the cross during my absence. I can only say thanks for doing so. Jesus gives the people an illustration of caring for others in the Gospel of Matthew.

*<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'*

Wanda and I can only say thank you for allowing me to heal properly without worry. I'm not one that sits at home well but over this past month; I've listened to the doctor, the people of the church, and of course my loving wife. Thanks again for loving us and caring for us. There are no words to express how we feel about the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

One last item of thanks...

We would also like to say, "Thanks for your cards this Christmas as well as the wonderful gift that we received on December 21, 2008". You again showed your love through your generosity.

*"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 JANUARY

***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

January 4     Jim Arcaro  
January 11    Jim Arcaro  
January 18    Dick Pelow  
January 25    Becky Burr  
February 1    Pam Deemer

Greg Betteridge  
Greg Betteridge  
Dave Thompson  
Dave Thompson  
Bob Hybert

#### JANUARY FUNERAL COMMITTEE

**JANET MAENPAA**  
**Wanda Gore**  
Pat Haas  
Amy Sanford

#### GREETERS

January 4     Bud & Janet Maenpaa  
January 11    Dick & Dolores Pelow  
January 18    Jim & Marilyn Salo  
January 25    Rich & Julie Kantola

Art & Mildred Niinisto  
Ruth Brown  
Joanne Mechling  
Mary Lou Moisio

#### ALTAR GUILD

Wanda Gore  
Pat Haas  
Phyllis Waid

#### READERS

January 4     John Chapin  
January 11    Linda Hall  
January 18    Dolores Pelow  
January 25    Mike Malys  
February 1    Amy Gallagher

Greg Betteridge  
Molly Todaro  
Kelly Anthony  
Jim McKiethan  
Candace Arcaro

#### NURSERY

Jan 4    Shannon & Alex Ruffo

#### USHERS

January 4     Duffy Guthrie  
                  Rich Kantola  
  
January 11    Phyllis Waid  
                  Janet Maenpaa  
  
January 18    Mike & Laurie Bidwell  
  
January 25    John & Sue Chapin

High School Students  
  
Greg & Glenda Betteridge  
Cynthia Nelson, David Uthe  
  
Jim & Candy Arcaro  
Ernie Waid, Michelle Logan  
  
Wanda Gore, Faye Lampela  
Manny & Marne Gonzales

#### HOSPITALITY 8:30 a.m.

Jan 4            Jim & Betty Monday  
Jan 11          Dick & Dolores Pelow  
Jan 18          Pam Deemer  
Jan 25          Laurie Bidwell

#### HOSPITALITY 11:00 a.m.

Jan 4            Molly Todaro  
Jan 11          Peggy & Shirley Harco  
Jan 18          Michelle Logan  
Jan 25          Art & Mildred Niinisto

December 27, 2008

To: The Members and Faithful at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
876 Grove Street  
Conneaut, Ohio 44030

Subject: Notification of Approved Budget for 2009

At the December 2008 meeting the members in attendance voted approval for the 2009 adjusted budget recommendation. That budget eliminated all funding for Christian Education, Evangelism, Mutual Ministry, Social Ministry and most of Stewardship.

Each of the committees will hold fundraisers to support the specific ministries in their classification. It is **NOT** what we wanted to see. But based on the history of giving from this congregation we cannot continue to end each year with negative giving for ministry support.

The **Positive** news is that our pledge campaign this year is the best you've ever had. We are grateful to those who took the time to pledge. By pledging you help secure a large portion of the budget.

Listed below is the breakdown of pledges for 2009:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2009 budget	\$203,000
94 families pledged	<u>\$149,660</u>
Leaving a difference of	\$ 53,340

106 families did not pledge

**Taking the difference needed divide by 106 families** \$ 503.21 per family or \$9.68 per week per family.  
(Some will be able to do more some will do less)

The numbers above are the reality of our need for God's church at Good Shepherd. We hope that you will continue to pray about your commitment to the ministry of God's church. If you haven't pledged for 2009 and want to do so, please pick up a pledge card in the office and return to Chris Murtha, Financial Secretary.

*GSLC Stewardship Committee*

## **THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

A playground at Good Shepherd? For the community as well as our GSLC family? **YES!**

Ben Betteridge has a vision ... a vision of building a safe play space for our kids, in the lawn area just south of our kitchen. If approved by the Boy Scouts, Ben will make this his Eagle Scout project. If not, he's building it anyway!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans<sup>©</sup> is funding the fencing to surround the playground, and Head Start is providing shade for part of the area. But Ben still needs about \$1,600 more to do the job.

Might you help? Perhaps you would be willing to fund this project entirely, as your special outreach gift to our community. Or you might consider donating half of the needed funds ... or any part of the total needed. Every donation will help.

To participate in Ben's vision for ministry to our young disciples, please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Playground" and put it into the offering plate next Sunday. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and include the word "Playground" on the memo line. Thank you for considering this!

## ***CALLING ALL COMPUTER USERS!***

Earn a penny for Good Shepherd each time you search the internet by using [GOODSEARCH.COM](http://GOODSEARCH.COM). Other organizations in our community are already gaining hundreds of dollars each year by using this free search engine. We can earn money for the ministry at GSLC, too, if many of us participate.

Here's how you do it:

- Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com>
- In the center of the page you see "Who do you GoodSearch for?"
- Type in: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Conneaut (Conneaut, OH)  
Click VERIFY.
- You will see it repeat our name. Then search away!
- You can check "Amount raised" at any time and see how it is creeping up.
  
- For help in downloading a plug-in or toolbar for your browser to automatically use GoodSearch, powered by Yahoo, instead of another search engine, please call Nancy Guthrie at 599-9090. She'll walk you through it in a flash!

We hope that not only will you use GoodSearch as your main search engine from here on out, but you will also pass this message on to your friends and family. The more people who use this, the more pennies will add up for God's ministry here.

## **YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 2-4 Winter Retreat in  
Independence, OH
- Jan 30 Winter Jam at the  
Wolstein Center,  
Cleveland, OH
- Feb 27 30-Hour Famine Lock-  
In and Service Project

## **SIGN UP!**

New charts are posted on the bulletin board across from the office to give you an opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to show honor to someone or thanksgiving for a special occasion.

### **ALTAR FLOWER CHART**

Cost is \$35 a week

### **BULLETIN SPONSORS**

Cost is \$15 a week

### **MEMORIAL CANDLES**

Cost is \$5 a week. Sign up for a whole month  
(4 weeks in a month = \$20 OR  
5 weeks in a month = \$25)

**Make payment to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place in envelope marking it for the appropriate area of sponsorship. Place envelope in the offering or mail to the church office. Please include your name and your year 2009 envelope number.**

## **BLANKET SUNDAY**

**January 11, 2009**

Please bring in new or gently used blankets or quilts. All of these items are donated to the area needy.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE NOW!**

If you are the head of a committee, it is time to have your annual report in to the office. Please e-mail the report to [goodshepherd@suite224.net](mailto:goodshepherd@suite224.net)

If you have questions, call the office at 599-8908.

## **2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for 2009 are available in the gathering space for you to pick up. Please help us maintain accurate giving records by using your new envelopes. Thank you!

## **OFFERINGS**

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

Offerings Received for the General Fund  
as of December 28, 2008  
under budget - \$ 20,092.68

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>2</b>	Lisa Hennessey Jennifer Sheneman	<b>23</b>	Stephanie Narhi
<b>3</b>	Waino Nyman Gunnar Schwartz Moses Schwartz	<b>24</b>	Kaelin Moore Emily Pew Deb Sturtevant
<b>10</b>	Kevin Manniko	<b>25</b>	Sydney Carpenter Jennie Crites
<b>11</b>	Mark Owens	<b>26</b>	Heatherlie McQueeney
<b>14</b>	Marilyn Hathy	<b>27</b>	Jennifer Betts Chase Carpenter Marne Gonzales Alison Hathy Steve Martin
<b>15</b>	John Montagano	<b>29</b>	Kris Cameron David Rudler
<b>18</b>	Julia Kesatie RaeAnn Wright	<b>30</b>	Hunter Olivarez
<b>20</b>	Pastor Gore Collin Young		

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

3	Gene ♥ Janice Boyle
4	John ♥ Susan Chapin
10	Terry ♥ Lisa Hennessey

## WELCOME!

We extend a welcome to the following new members:

**Charles David Lloyd, Sr.** and **Ruth Ann Lloyd** were received at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on December 7, 2008.

**Wallace (Sonny) Heinonen** was received at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on December 14, 2008.

**Kelsey Benson Walters** was received at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on December 14, 2008.

## SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Jan Uveges** and her family. **Alex** passed away December 11, 2008. Pastor Gore officiated at the funeral service that was held December 16, 2008 at Good Shepherd.

I want to say good-bye to all my friends.

I will be living with my son Richard in Virginia. God's peace to each of you at Good Shepherd. I will miss each of you. Forty-five years of memories!

**Jennie Crites**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who were able to donate to the benefit dinner that was held December 6, 2008, for Anna Mae's medical expenses. Thank you to all who prepared for the dinner, served, and cleaned up. Thank you, Shirley Harco, for donating some of the proceeds of the Monroe Sirens cookie sales to the benefit too. All of your support for our family is a blessing. Thank you!

Kris and Mark Cameron and Family

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**Thank you for offering Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to our school students and staff as a safe area if the need for evacuation should arise at Lakeshore Primary School. We will inform our parents that you have allowed us to come there if needed. We appreciate your kind offer and will include your church in our crisis and safety plan for the school."**

**Ruth I. Farr, Principal  
Lakeshore Primary School**

## THANK YOU

I am so overwhelmed by all the wonderful people in our church and their caring and compassion for Alex and me during his illness and after his passing; so many kind words, comforting hugs, prayers, cards and offers to help.

There are no words to express my gratitude for it all. Thanks to all of you! Special thanks to Pastor Frank for being there even though he himself was in constant pain. Also, Wanda, Nancy, and Duffy. Thank you, Bud Sackett, for helping to get Alex to church for the last time. You were all true Christians. I am blessed to be a member of this church. Thank you all, and God's blessings on each and everyone.

Jan Uveges & Family

A **BIG Thank You** to all who helped with the "Hanging of the Greens" on November 24, 2008. Our church looked festive in anticipation of Christmas Day. We especially thank the young people who manned the ladders!

Please mark your calendars for January 4, 2009 when we take down decorations and pack them away for next year. Just as much help will be needed for that task.

With appreciation,  
Dave and Martha Jayne Thompson  
Al and Ellen Gee

A big **Thank You** to everyone who rang the Salvation Army bell for the 2008 season:

Kelly Anthony  
Penny Armeni  
The Betteridge Family  
The Bidwell/Jewell Family  
Shae Brink  
Jerry & Shirley Brookhouser  
Deanna Brown  
Becky Burr  
Barb Burton  
John & Sue Chapin  
Pearl Ann Curtis  
Aaron Eddy  
Jacob Eddy  
The Gallagher Family  
Tracie Getchell  
Marne Gonzales  
Duffy & Nancy Guthrie  
Pat Haas  
Peggy Harco  
Shirley Harco  
Norm Hill  
Susanne Horvath & Anallynn DiFilippo  
Rich & Julie Kantola  
Samantha Lampela  
Michelle Logan & Nick Mason  
Mark & Susan Lytle  
Janet Maenpaa  
Jim & Rose McKiethan  
Lynda Minken  
Jim & Betty Monday  
Chris Murtha & Tyler Moore  
Cody Nagy  
Michael Nelson  
Dixie Onion  
The Owens Family  
Jim & Marilyn Salo  
Mary Steighner  
Dick & Diana Stoker  
Deb, Amanda & Jennifer Sturtevant  
Dave & Martha Jayne Thompson  
Ron and Dianne Young

## **THANK YOU**

My family and I want to thank everyone who donated everything to us this holiday season. To go to the door and be handed box after box and bag after bag creates such an unbelievable feeling of gratefulness!

We are so blessed to belong to such a loving and caring church. We also want to thank everyone who donated their time to wrap, pack, and deliver everything. My children got to witness for themselves that when we do nice things for others, others do nice things in return. I will pray that we all continue to serve God by helping others. Thank you all so much!

Family #2

Dear Good Shepherd,

*"Let us be glad and rejoice".*

Revelations 19:7

Thank you for helping our family this Holiday Season. The gifts put a big smile on a little girl's face. May God continue to bless you all.

God's Love  
Family #4

The Tree of Warmth was once again overflowing with many items. Through the generosity of our members we were able to provide the following:

### **Christmas Families**

5 sets of hats, gloves and scarves

5 sets of hats and gloves

1 hat and 11 pairs of gloves

### **Conneaut Schools**

22 hats, 1 headband

4 hats and gloves

1 hat & scarf set

4 scarves and 27 pairs of gloves

## RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

*...How many did you greet?*

Rick Bell	Linda, Jillian & Erik	Steve & Sharon Schoneman
Mary Bemme	Heinonen	Paul & Tina Sedmak
Barbara Bisbee	Stephen Horvath	Holly Sheneman
Kelly Bowers	Celine Hosken	Karen Simons
Kelsey Bowers	Jorden Hosken	Robbie Smith
Kristen Bowers	Monika Hosken	Hayley Spencer
Sandra Buckel	Laina Iarocci	Tom Spencer
Chuck Bunnell	Kathy Ilardi	Mary & Jasmine Steighner
Matt Bunnell	James Jerina	Carol Stewart
Jeanna, Emilie & Michael	Paul Jewell	Collin Stewart
Burr	Dick Johnston	Alison Tan
Carl Buteson	Walter Kaczoroski	Gina Tan
Sarah Campbell	Karen Keskinen,	Timothy Tan & Emmanuel
Scott Carpenter	Hempstead, NY	Maribeth Tan-Sorrell
JoAnn Cerveny & Elizabeth	Steve Krenisky	Laura Taylor
Cheyenne Cottrell	Ron, Gabriele & Jeneane	Megan Tessmer
Scott & Betty Craib	LaRusch	Justin Thompson
David, Cathy, Jacob Crislip	Debi Latva	Kalyn Thompson
Jennine Curtin	George Lindgren	Kyle Thompson
Kelly Curtin Dan Curtis	Steve Logan	Tammy Thompson
Cecilia Deeters	Eugene Lowery	Anthony Todaro
Jackie Eaton	Erik Maenpaa	Elizabeth Toman
Kevin Esposito	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Malys, Sr.	Linda Towne
Tom & Ruth Farr	Robyne J. Malys	Richard Vidmar
Donna Fisher	Katie Markielowski	Rob Wallace
Bobby Fuller	Kevin Markielowski	Katrina Walters
Deb Gallagher,	Jennifer McConnell	James Wilcox
Portsmouth, VA	Prudence McNutt	Gloria Williams
Luke Gallagher	Lee & Sue Miller,	Ken & Connie Woodring
Evelyn Gallardo,	Phoenix, AZ	Adam Wright
Toronto, Canada	Lynda Minken	Tom & Kathy Wright
Paul Gauvin	Tina & Brennen Mueller	John & Judy Yesso
Rev. Brad & Becky Gee	Amy Nagy and Cody	Marilee Zappitelli
Farmington, MI	Jack Narhi	Lexi Zappitello
Kevin & Jenny Gee	Brandon & Stephanie	
Tom Gildone	Novosad	
Jeff Gill	John Nyman	
Kayden Gordon	Francisco Olivarez	
Bill & Sabrina Graham,	Dave Orrenmaa	
Ebensburg, PA	April Osborne	
Derek, Kimberly &	Brittany Pape	
Katelynn Gustafson	Sis Pataky	
Chris & Paula Hamric,	Tanner Poff	
Chicago, IL	James & Dorothy Sackett	
Ryan Harco	Justin Sanford	

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
ATTENDANCE**

Dec 7	146
Dec 14	181
Dec 21	192
Dec. 28	161

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

Dec 3	Advent Worship	46
Dec 7	Lessons & Carols	71
Dec 10	Advent Worship	34
Dec 17	Advent Worship	37

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

<b>4 PM</b>	131
<b>7 PM</b>	171
<b>11 PM</b>	45

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE**

Dec 7	43
Dec 14	51
Dec 21	43

**The Cracked Pot**

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole that she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them." For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.

Each of us has own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

## ***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. It’s not too early to register right now! Deadline is February 9 at the latest. To register or to get further information, please 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!

### **LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Did you make a New Year’s Resolution to get fitter? Wonderful! Now plan to do something to get your marriage in better shape, because that takes daily exercise as well. Find out more about Lutheran Marriage Encounter and the weekends for couples it sponsors. Check your 2009 calendar now and plan for one of the following weekend encounters:

March 27-29 at SpringHill Suites  
Marriott, Solon, OH

October 9-11 (location to be  
determined)

November 6-8 (location to be  
determined)

Reserve your place for \$45. A freewill offering will be taken. For further information, contact John & Robin Legan at (330) 425-2176 or [robinlegan@windstream.net](mailto:robinlegan@windstream.net) or register online at [www.ilmeone.org](http://www.ilmeone.org).

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