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Followers of Jesus Christ, sharing the Love of God with all people.

MARCH 2010 WORSHIP SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SUNDAY
8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL AGES 3 THROUGH ADULTS
11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Nursery Available for those up to age 5

MARCH 7

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**MARCH 14

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MISSION SUNDAY

(Bring in items for Food Pantry and Capital Campaign Offerings)
**Daylight Saving Time Begins (Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour before arriving for worship.)

MARCH 21

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY

First Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Worship Service


WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 3	6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich	7 p.m. Worship (Trust)
March 10	6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich	7 p.m. Worship (Revelation)
March 17	6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich	7 p.m. Worship (Rebirth)
March 24	6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich	7 p.m. Worship (Re-creation)

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 6:30 a.m. HS Bible Study-Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	2 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Capital Campaign	3 9:30 Villa Bible Study 5:45 Cherub Choir 6:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Soup & Sand. 7:00 Lent Worship	4 10:00 Seniors Program 6:30 Weight Watchers	5 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	6	
7 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 1:30 Worship at Villa	8 6:30 a.m. HS Bible Study-Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	9 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Bible Study at Anthony's Noon Women's Bible Study 4:00 Finance Committee 6:00 All Committees	10 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home 5:45 Cherub Choir 6:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Soup & Sand. 7:00 Lent Worship	11 CAMA 6:30 Weight Watchers	12 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	13 Nisua Bakers Set clocks ahead one hour.	
14 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30 Mutual Ministry 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:30 First Holy Communion Class Daylight Saving Time Begins	15 Noon Salv. Army Bd. 6:30 a.m. HS Bible Study-Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	16 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meets	17 Echo Articles Due 5:45 Cherub Choir 6:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Soup & Sand. 7:00 Lent Worship	18 10:00 Seniors Program 6:30 Weight Watchers	19 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	20 F/H in Use Spring Begins	
21 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 12:30-2:00 Confirmation Students	22 6:30 a.m. HS Bible Study-Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	23 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	24 6:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Soup & Sand. 7:00 Lent Worship	25 6:30 Weight Watchers	26 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	27 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt	
28 HOLY COMMUNION Palm Sunday 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship First Holy Communion	29 6:30 a.m. HS Bible Study Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	30 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M Ministry"	31 1-6 Red Cross Bloodmobile 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Passion Showing	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> April 1—Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. April 2-- Good Friday Tenebrae at 7 p.m. April 4 --Easter Sunday </div>			
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Pastor's Corner March 2010



¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² **to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,** ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:10-13)

The dedication of the new wing was a wonderful spirit filled morning. The attendance for the dedication was about 170 people. It was great hearing the children as they entered the new rooms. There is a lot of excitement at Good Shepherd and I'm glad that we can share this ministry together.

Speaking of ministry... If you didn't pick up the 2009 annual report, please pick one up and look at the ministry going on in God's church at Good Shepherd. The ministry at Good Shepherd is growing and it seems that more of you are adding your gifts to the mission of Christ in the community.

What does the future look like for Good Shepherd?

I believe the future looks bright. The church is healthy and alive in the Holy Spirit. We continue to live and step out in faith. I can even go as far as saying, "Good Shepherd is living a counter cultural life". In the midst of worry and scarcity, we continue to grow in worship and in mission ministry. The vision of this community continues to lift up Jesus as Lord and Savior. We do this when we worship as well as when we serve in the various ministries at Good Shepherd.

I was reading "The Parish Paper" and the headline was "Should We Fine-Tune Our Church's Internal Culture? The question isn't a simple question when you look at most congregations today. A congregation can be a merger of several churches, it can build a new building, it can call a new pastor, or it can relocate to a better location. But if the people are not ready to change internally, the congregation will struggle and sometimes even end. As I read this article, I thought about Good Shepherd. The people of God have a willingness to embrace change. God's people have accepted as their own, the mission of Jesus "To Make Disciples".

In the "Parish Paper" there was also a chapter that had "The Bottom Line" in regards to the ministry and culture of a congregation. It had an old Chinese proverb that said, "When the wind changes direction, there are those who build walls and those who build windmills." The question asked by the editor is "What is our congregation building?" (Let me know what you think.)

Thank you for sharing the mission and ministry of Jesus with Wanda and me as we serve our Lord.

"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 MARCH

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

March 7	Amy Gallagher	Pat Haas
March 14	Linda Hall	Pat Haas
March 21	Dick Pelow	Shirley Harco
March 28	Betty Monday Wanda Gore	Shirley Harco

ASSISTING MINISTERS

11:00 a.m. Worship

March 7	Richard Tulino
March 14	Mike Malys
March 21	Duffy Guthrie
March 28	Nancy Guthrie

GREETERS

March 7	Heidi & Rebecca Parkomaki	Janet Antila
March 14	Jim & Betty Monday	Frank Behling
March 21	Amy, Jennifer & Leah Gallagher	Phyllis Waid
March 28	Jack Parkomaki	David & Martha Jayne Thompson

ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:30 a.m. Worship

March 28	Richard Tulino
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READERS

March 7	Susan Chapin	Dianne Young & Alyx Ruffo
March 14	Marti Lillie	Bob Hybert & Justyn Olivarez
March 21	Dolores Pelow	Emilee Esposito & Quinn Rudler
March 28	Jim Arcaro	Al Gee & Justyn Olivarez

ACOLYTES

March 7	Marcus Rainey	Bryan Gildone
March 14	Leah Gallagher	Shae Brink
March 21	Marcus Rainey	Sierra Brink
March 28	Rebecca Parkomaki Ricky Kantola	Hannah Farr
		Cheryl Jewell
		Sara Bowers
		Jaela Dragon
		Quinn Rudler

ALTAR GUILD

Phyllis Waid
Robin Bryant
Cheryl Poff
Molly Todaro

FUNERAL COMMITTEE JANET MAENPAA

Pat Haas
Sue Chapin
Pearl Ann Curtis

USHERS

March 7	Duffy Guthrie Rich Kantola	High School Youth
March 14	Ron & Janet Maenpaa	Greg & Glenda Betteridge
March 21	Mike & Laurie Bidwell	Cynthia Nelson, David Uthe
March 28	John & Sue Chapin	Jim & Candy Arcaro
		Ernie Waid, Michelle Logan
		Wanda Gore, Faye Lampela
		Manny & Marne Gonzales

HOSPITALITY

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

March 7	Bernadette Nolan	Millie Hennessey, Peggy & Shirley Harco
March 14	Betty Nyman, Jan Uveges	Wanda Gore
March 21	Marilyn Hathy	David & Martha Jayne Thompson
March 28	Jim & Betty Monday	Faye Lampela

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! **Designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES, the next one is** March 12-14 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbus. **(The next is April 23-25 in Hudson).** \$45.00 reserves your place, with a confidential contribution at the close. **If you sign up and then find that you are unable to attend that date, your registration is transferable to any later Weekend, so don't delay, sign up TODAY!** Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

VOLUNTEERS and FAMILIES

Mark Your Calendars Now!

**Vacation Bible School
Baobab Blast
God's Great Get Together**

**will be held July 19-23, 2010
at Good Shepherd**

LOOKING AHEAD

WOMEN'S GROUP

Ladies and Guests—Mark your calendars now for May 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

We will travel to Holden's Arboretum to visit their magnificent rhododendron display.

Our Thrivent Representative, Jeff Shinaberry, will be our guide.

There will be a small fee. Arrangements will be made for those who may have difficulty walking.

More information will follow. You may contact Shirley Harco (440) 594-3873.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Karen Eddy Squeek Helfinstine	22	Heidi Cowey Ellen Gee Marge Houy
3	Michelle Jewell	23	Connie Farr Nickolas Mason Nancy Sackett
4	Donald Cummins	24	Donna DeMarco Lee Heinonen
5	Colton Cameron Jessica Howard	25	Willard Hall Chris Lampela Tammy Monday
6	Ray Sillanpaa	26	Penny Armeni Becky Betteridge Noah Mechling
9	Jerry Lampela	27	Micah Bidwell E. Jay Hybert Shannon Ruffo
10	Jacob Kesatie	28	Shawn Sackett
11	Leah Gallagher	31	Bruce Britton Suzanne Malys Todd Pew
13	Margo Kaihlanen		
14	Cheyenne Cottrell		
15	Connie Fedor Holly Swartzfager		
16	Dinah Grimes		
17	Brian Bidwell		
19	Theresa Salo		
20	Amy Gallagher Manny Gonzales RuthAnn Lloyd		

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 10** Charles ♥ Janiece Woodworth
- 15** Gaylord ♥ Dagmar Bozard
- 19** Chuck ♥ RuthAnn Lloyd, Sr.

ATTENTION BAKERS—

The community **SOCK HOP** is scheduled for **March 12 and 13, 2010**; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will hold a bake sale at the event. We are in need of baked goods for both nights. Pies, cookies, brownies, and fudge sold well last year.

If you are willing to share your baked treats for this event, please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space.

Bake sale profits will be split between Evangelism Outreach and the Social Ministry Kitchen Fund.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

You will have opportunity to provide soup, sandwiches, and dessert for the Wednesday evening dinners prior to worship service. Sign-up lists will be available on Sundays.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, March 27, 2010, at 10 a.m. We will make a craft, have story time, and then hunt for eggs. Everyone is invited! Bring your kids and grandkids to the Fellowship Hall. A box decorated with an Easter bunny on it will be available at church for you to donate **INDIVIDUALLY** wrapped candy. As an example, we cannot accept a 1-pound bag of M&Ms, but we can accept M&Ms in those cute little individually wrapped packages!

God bless,
Tammy Owens

Exciting changes to the **Church Office**

Beginning this month the office will change hours to:

Mon.- Fri. from 9 am to 1 pm.

A volunteer staff member will greet you and help with your needs.

The office is now located in the new addition and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office.

If an appointment is necessary call 599-8908.

COVER GIRLS QUILTING MINISTRY

HELP Needed!

The Cover Girls Quilting Ministry is almost out of sewn tops. We have some new large-patterned kits that only require sewing 12 squares together. The kits are pre-assembled and ready to sew. If you can help (even by sewing one or two kits), please contact Pat Haas or Shirley Harco.

Ooops! The Quilters apologize for inadvertently excluding JoAnne Seavey's name as a new member of the group in the Annual Report.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Did you know that we have ministry opportunities listed on the bulletin board as you enter the gathering space? Please take a look and volunteer to help in any way that interests you. One way to share is through sponsorship of our weekly bulletin. It is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a special day. If you would like to sponsor a week, please sign up on the board. **Cost is \$20.00 for one week.** Payment envelopes are provided for you to drop into the offering plate.

Boy, how time flies! If you forgot to complete your time and talent card for the year and you would like to be added to the Hospitality list or Usher list, please drop a note in the office and we will gladly add your name to the list.

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee will be collecting new or used CDs or DVDs for a future craft fundraiser. A box will be available in the gathering space to collect them. We will be collecting these items all year. Thank you!

THANK YOU

A Thank You note has been written to Rose McKiethan and Ashtabula Area Thrivent for their generous donations to the Tree of Warmth.

Thank you for supporting the Youth Group’s sub sale for Super Bowl Sunday. The monies raised will go into the Youth Fund for future projects. Since the youth were actually at the retreat in Columbus that weekend, we also would like to thank the parents of the youth who put the subs together.

The following letter of appreciation has been received from the American Red Cross:

“Thank you for sponsoring your blood drive on January 27, 2010.

Your efforts made it possible for the Red Cross to make available 24 pints of blood for needed patient care. You inspired 26 people to donate blood in response to your drive goal of 20. Of those 26 presenting donors, one donated for the first time.

A considerable amount of work goes into every blood drive, and precious lives have been saved or sustained as a direct result of your dedicated support.

On behalf of the patients whose lives you have touched, as well as their loved ones, we offer heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,
Denise DiDonato
Donor Recruitment Representative”

THANK YOU

It is March and we are coming to the end of a very successful Capital Campaign. Thanks to all of you for your monetary support as well as your time and talent. The roof phase II is also moving along as well. As we measure our success with these two campaigns, let us also remember our general fund giving (the one that pays the bills). We are very thankful for your continued support that keeps our church functioning.

Stewardship Committee

The words “Thank You” do not seem to be enough to cover all the hard work that went into the new addition to our church, but the “WOWs” and the smiles on people’s faces seemed to say it all! May God continue to bless us all as we continue to do His work.

Love,
Christian Education Staff

SYMPATHY

We share our sympathy and prayers with the family and friends of Julia Kesatie who passed from earthy life Friday, January 29, 2010, at Inn-Conneaut Health Center. Plans for a Memorial Service are pending and will be announced later in spring.

NISUA

Sorry nisua could not be made in February as the ovens were not operational at that time. The Finnish sweet bread will be baked on March 13th. If you did not get to order in February, you will have opportunity to place your order until March 7th. Contact Heidi Parkomaki or Phyllis Waid to purchase a one-pound loaf for \$5.00

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

...How many did you greet?

Chris Angerman
LuAnn Champlin
Andy & Kimberly Chiodo
Donald Cowey
Nancy L. Griswold
Celene Hosken
Monika & Jordan Hosken
Lisa Howe
Pam Hunt
Kathy Ilardi
Dick Johnston
Ed Kellogg
Amber Kissman
Dot Kovacs
Nicole Lambert
Ron & Jeneane LaRusch
Eugene Lowery
Jack G. Marttila
Judy Mathay
Lynda Minken

John & Julie Mirabell, Katie & Jacob
Keith & Pauline Mueller
Katrina Pavolino
Taylor Peel
Hannah Pipers
Bill & Judy Pugh
Alice Rose
Chuck Sabo
Caroline Scott
Paul Shellhammer II
Paul Shellhammer III
Karen Simons
Gena & Hailey Thompson
Norm & Maryann Yost
Marilee Zappitelli

WE WELCOME

the following new members
who were received into membership
during worship services
February 14, 2010:

Kevin Patrick Esposito
Eugene Erwin Lowery, Jr.
Jacob Richard Sabo
Alivia Lauryn Sabo
Jack Russell Sabo
Joshua Russell Sabo
April LuAnn Sabo
James Norman Winslow

ATTENDANCE

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>
Feb 7	169	59
Feb 14	242	35
Building Dedication		169
Feb 21	208	62

EASTER PLANTS

This year we will have tulip and lily plants available at a cost of \$7.50 for each plant. Please place this form and your check or cash in an envelope marked Easter Plants and place in the church offering or mail it to:

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
876 GROVE ST, CONNEAUT, OH 44030

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 21.

We would ask that one name or one couple be honored or memorialized for each plant ordered. Thank you!

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Donor's Name _____ Envelope No. _____

No. of Plants Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Tulip _____ Lily _____

Will pick up plant after 11:00 a.m. Easter Service _____ yes _____ no.

Here's what's happening for the

GSLC Community S.E.N.I.O.R.S. Program

for the month of March:

March 4 is the "RAGtime Day", featuring ragtime music, fabric occupations, and a silent movie. Bring or wear something ready for the rag bag!

The theme for March 18 is the "End of the Rainbow", featuring rainbow colors, leprechauns, and a pot of gold.

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

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

6:30 p.m.

Lent Theme: Journey through Salvation History

- March 4, 2010** **At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**
Choir: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Choir
Preacher: Rev. Carson Robson, Church of God
Topic: Faith of Abraham
- March 11, 2010** **At Assembly of God**
Choir: Assembly of God Worship Team
Preacher: Rev. Scott Walsh, New Leaf United Methodist
Topic: Deliverance of Israel from Egypt
- March 18, 2010** **At New Leaf United Methodist Church**
Choir: New Leaf Worship Team
Preacher: Rev. George Fink, Assembly of God
Topic: Come to the Water
- March 25, 2010** **At United Church of Christ**
Choir: UCC Music Team
Preacher: Rev. Elaine Turner, Amboy United Methodist
Topic: A New Heart

HOLY WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- MARCH 28, 2010** **Palm Sunday Service**
“First Holy Communion” 11:00 a.m.
- APRIL 1, 2010** **Maundy Thursday Service**
“Celebration” Rev. Gore and Lay Leader Greg Betteridge
6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion
- APRIL 2, 2010** **Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.**
“Service of Darkness”
- APRIL 4, 2010** **East Morning Services**
“Resurrection of our Lord”
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
“Healing” Rev. Gore

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