

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.

NOVEMBER 2011

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SERVICE

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

NOVEMBER 6

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 13

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

SHOEBOX DEDICATION

MISSION SUNDAY

Bring in items for Food Pantry and
Capital Campaign Offerings

NOVEMBER 20

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Thanksgiving Dinner

Hanging of Greens

Confirmation - test

NOVEMBER 27

Wed., November 30

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ADVENT WORSHIP 6:30 pm Dessert 7:00 pm Worship

******REMEMBER******

Set your clocks back one hour
Sunday, November 6th
before coming to worship

ALL ARE INVITED!

Please join us on Sunday, November 20th immediately after the 11:00 service for a **Thanksgiving Dinner** followed by the annual **Hanging of the Greens**. We will be putting up trees and decorating the church for the upcoming Christmas season. Bring joyful hearts and willing hands to make short work of this yearly tradition.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

Reminder: If there is a conflict with any of the schedules, please find a replacement and notify the church secretary of changes. Thank you!

COMMUNION

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>ASSISTANTS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 6	Rich Kantola		Shirley Harco
Nov 13	Pam Deemer		Paul Mechling
Nov 20	Dick Pelow		Susan Lytle
Nov 27	Linda Hall		Al Gee

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 6	Jim & Betty Monday		Irene Hopkins Susan Diamond
Nov 13	Katrina Pavolino		Al & Ellen Gee
Nov 20	Dick & Diana Stoker		Joanne Mechling
Nov 27	Jim & Marilyn Salo		Kelsey Walters

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 6	Linda Hall		Duffy Guthrie
Nov 13	Sue Chapin		Paul Mechling Sierra Brink
Nov 20	Dolores Pelow		Jerry Brookhouser
Nov 27	Richard Tulino		Kim Chiodo

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 6	Don & Sue Cummins		Michelle Logan, Kelsey Walters Janet & Kristy Antila
Nov 13	John & Sue Chapin		Mike & Suzanne Malys Ruth Brown, Wanda Gore
Nov 20	Pearl Ann Curtis Pam Deemer		Jacob & Aaron Eddy, Ben Betteridge, Rebecca Parkomaki
Nov 27	Ron & Janet Maenpaa		Duffy & Nancy Guthrie Peggy & Shirley Harco

	<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Nov 6	Paige Houser		Jacob Kehoe, Hannah Farr
Nov 13	Marcus Rainey		Brielle Hathy, Sydney Carpenter
Nov 20	Leah Gallagher		Tyler Pew, Emily Pew
Nov 27	Aaron Reed		Courtney Coe, Jaela Dragon

ASSISTING MINISTERS

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	
Nov 6	Richard Tulino
Nov 13	Jim Arcaro
Nov 20	Richard Tulino
Nov 27	Richard Tulino

<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	
Nov 6	Al Gee
Nov 13	Andy Chiodo
Nov 20	Shirley Harco
Nov 27	Mike Malys

NURSERY

Nov 6	Jack & April Sabo
Nov 13	Rosemarie Uthe Stephanie Wood
Nov 20	Stephanie & Bryan Gildone
Nov 27	Mark & Susan Lytle

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA
Pat Haas
Ellen & Al Gee
Joanne Seavey

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Tan
Amanda Sanford
Mary Lou Moisiso
Tammy Kobernik

HOSPITALITY 8:30 a.m.

Nov 6	Heidi Parkomaki
Nov 13	Betty Monday
Nov 20	JoAnne Seavey
Nov 27	Dolores Pelow

HOSPITALITY 11 a.m.

Nov 6	Lori Overy
Nov 13	Stacie Brink
Nov 20	Family Dinner
Nov 27	Kelsey Walters

Pastor's Corner November 2011

"When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival." John 4:45

When Jesus left the wedding festival he traveled to Galilee. John writes to tell the readers that he was greeted with joy and love as he entered the city. They welcomed him and celebrated with him because of what they had witnessed.

As people of God, we find ourselves witnessing to Christ in many and various ways. One of the most important ways of witnessing is by welcoming others who are visiting the church. We welcome all people to come celebrate their life with God and build a relationship with his Son. We welcome Jesus in our lives not just on Sunday but every day. I encourage you to invite others to come to worship in this welcoming environment.

This month we celebrate our life together with a dinner after worship on Sunday the 20th of November. I hope that you can make the time to give thanks for what the Lord has done here at Good Shepherd. After the "Thanksgiving Feast" we will prepare the worship space for Christmas. We have a lot to be thankful for this year and I pray that you have been moved by the Spirit and find joy in our lives together serving Christ.

Pastor Frank

"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)

I want to separate this section of my page to bring three items to your attention.

1. The ECHO for December 2011 and January 2012 is being combined this year due to the mailings coming from the office to your homes. You will receive the December and January newsletter before Thanksgiving. This combination will help the office staff as they prepare for Christmas Eve Services and the end of the year reports.
2. Christmas Eve Services will be 4:00 P.M. (Family Service) youth program and 7:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service. We will hold one Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.
3. I would like to decrease the amount of copies and paper used in the office. One of the areas you can help as stewards of God's creation is by e-mail. Are you willing to receive the ECHO through an e-mail announcement? If you are able to help decrease the copies of the ECHO please fill out the bottom of this page and drop it in the offering plate or mail it into the office. The church staff will notify you when the ECHO is available on our web page. www.gslcc.org

Name

E-mail address

Wednesday Evening Advent Services begin **November 30** and continue **December 7 and 14** with fellowship & dessert beginning at 6:30 pm and **worship at 7:00 pm.**

FOR YOUR ADVANCE PLANNING

There will be two services **Christmas Eve:**

4:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day will have one service at 10:00 am.

Nisua Lovers---

The Nisua bakers will make Finnish sweet bread on **November 12.** Orders can be placed with Phyllis Waid or Heidi Parkomaki. Cost is \$5.00 per loaf (1 lb. each) and must be paid for at the time of ordering.

They will also be making nisua on **December 10.** Mark your calendars!!!

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Good Shepherd received a **thank-you** note from Faith Lutheran Church in Ashtabula acknowledging with deepest gratitude GSLC's recent contribution of 235 pounds of food to their Food Pantry.

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We **thank** the following people who assisted in the cleaning of the kitchen: Pearl Ann Curtis, Sue Chapin, Shirley Harco, Julie Kantola, Michelle Logan, Steve Logan (to whom we give special thanks for his many hours spent cleaning the stove!) and Janet Maenpaa. **All your help was greatly appreciated!!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **CRAFT VENDOR EVENT** and helped make it very successful! Also thank you to everyone who came and shopped from our 23 vendors:

- GSLC Quilts
- Artwork, Paintings, Prints and Christmas ornaments
by Bill Dalton
- Photography by Dennis Steighner
- Wine Jelly
- Fancy Pants Bowtique
- Amish Baked Goods
- Purse Charms, Totes and Blankets by Bernie
Barnard and Debbie Hall
- Tea & Accessories from Willow Tea Shop
- Fantastic Bowtastic
- The Jewelry Box
- Gift Catalog Options
- Blingin Beehives Hair Accessories
- Mary Kay
- Lia Sophia
- Blessings Unlimited
- Miche Handbags
- Thirty-one Gifts
- Scentsy
- Pampered Chef
- Tupperware
- BeautiControl
- Creative Memories
- And thank you to the youth group for providing refreshments!

We look forward to doing it again next year!
God Bless, Deanna Brown

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND - BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

\$17,315

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
January	\$ 19,058	\$ 19,058	113.2%	\$ 18,842	\$ 18,842	111.9%
February	\$ 15,954	\$ 35,012	103.9%	\$ 19,350	\$ 38,192	113.4%
March	\$ 17,284	\$ 52,296	103.5%	\$ 18,854	\$ 57,046	112.9%
April	\$ 20,070	\$ 72,366	107.4%	\$ 18,780	\$ 75,826	112.6%
May	\$ 19,899	\$ 92,265	109.6%	\$ 18,410	\$ 94,236	111.9%
June	\$ 14,887	\$ 107,152	106.0%	\$ 16,132	\$ 110,368	109.2%
July	\$ 18,085	\$ 125,237	106.2%	\$ 13,620	\$ 123,988	105.2%
August	\$ 14,308	\$ 139,545	103.6%	\$ 16,962	\$ 140,950	104.6%
September	\$ 17,529	\$ 157,074	103.6%	\$ 19,137	\$ 160,088	105.6%

Need \$16,842 Each
Month = \$202,098 for



A Moment In Faith

By Richard P. Tulino, A Layman's Interpretation

How To Pray – Ten Simple Rules

1. Pray where you are; God is present everywhere and ready to listen.
2. Pray, when possible in a quiet place, where you can be alone. It is well to fix your mind deliberately on God away from distractions.
3. Pray to God, simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.
4. Pray remembering the good things that God has done for you. Think of all your blessings from time to time and give thanks for them.
5. Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things that you have done. God cherishes a humble and contrite heart.
6. Pray for things you need, especially those that will make your life finer and more Christ like.
7. Pray for others remembering the situations they may face and the help they need.
8. Pray for the world in its need asking God to bring better things and offering your help to all in need.
9. Pray above everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.
10. Pray and then let God use you in answering your prayers.

I have mentioned the Book of Psalms before and would like to ask you to look at them as a great source of prayers. You can go to them for comfort from times of struggles and distress. By reading the Psalms, you can rise from the low points in your life to new heights of joy and praise and then discover the power of God's everlasting love and forgiveness. You will be guided into a deeper and more genuine relationship with God.

There are 150 Psalms to choose from. This time I would like to point out Psalm 103. In it you will see God's great love for us and what God does for us tells us what he's really like. In 103 we see how David was focusing on the good things God was doing for him. It is easy to complain about life, but David's list gives us plenty for which to praise God. He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems us from death, crowns us with love and compassion, and satisfies our desires and gives righteousness and justice. We receive all of these things without deserving any of them. No matter how difficult your life's journey, you can always count your blessings, past, present, and future. When you feel as though you have no reason to praise God, read David's list.

Verse 12 shows us a symbolic portrait of God's forgiveness. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. What this means is that the east and west can never meet. When he forgives our sins, he separates them from us and doesn't remember them. No need to wallow in the past because God forgives and forgets. He wipes our record clean. If we are to follow God, we must model his forgiveness. If we forgive someone for a wrong doing, we must forget the wrong doing; otherwise we have not truly forgiven.

We also hear in verse 13 how God is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate. Too often today, because of abusive and dysfunction of today's families, many children are robbed of a loving father. If that situation is in your life or someone you know; by praying to God, you will see how God offers himself to be the Father you or someone you know never had or felt you needed. Even though you can't be with him physically to do things, you can receive his love in your heart by means of His Holy Spirit.

In the final three verses we learn how everything everywhere is to praise the Lord and all his angels and all His works. Praising God means remembering all that he has done for us fearing him and obeying his commands and doing his will. The next time you are praying ask this question, "How in your life do you praise the Lord?"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE

Remember the **Turkey Box**. This year we will be remembering some of our seniors and homebound members with a Thanksgiving dinner. We will also provide canned goods and turkeys for the Food Pantry. Both of these missions will be accomplished via the donations provided through the Turkey Box (we will not be collecting canned goods, but will rely only on funds from the Turkey Box.) Please help us to bring joy to our Christian family and friends at this bountiful time of the year.

We are still accepting items for the **school supplies** box. Please continue to bring in items until Thanksgiving. These will be shared with our local students.

Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at the County Home on the second Wednesday of each month for approximately one hour beginning at 1:30 p.m. If you are available to help, please contact Shirley Harco or a member of Social Ministry.

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GSLC WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is selling **GSLC T-shirts** for \$10.00 and **sweatshirts** for \$15.00. Larger sizes 1x, 2x, 3x will be \$2.00 more. Colors available are lt. blue, navy blue or pink. Your order must be prepaid and can be ordered from Sue Chapin after the 8:30 service or Pat Haas after the 11:00 service. **Deadline for ordering is November 27.** These would make a perfect Christmas gift.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE

It is Red Kettle time again. Get out your calendars and find time to ring the bell at Conneaut's K-Mart. We begin Friday, November 18 from 1-7 p.m. and continue each Friday and Saturday until noon December 24th.

Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space.

Have you started shopping for your **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** shoe boxes? Dedication Sunday will be on Sunday, November 13th. By packing a shoe box gift you can share the love of God with lonely boys and girls in the far corners of the world. Your shoe box gift may be the only Christmas gift a child will receive.

Cash donations and checks made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church can be deposited in the big red and green shoe box in the gathering space. At the end of the project one check, including the total of cash and individual checks, will be sent to **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**.

LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION

The Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA), an independent Lutheran organization in partnership with Valparaiso University, prepares and supports people for ministries of service, enabling them to express their Christian vocation in the church and society.

Word has been received from Christi Thieme, Director of Development and Public Relations at Valparaiso University, that the Lutheran Deaconess Association (adjoining the university) will admit men into diaconal formation for the first time this spring. The LDA has prepared women for service ministries in the church and society since 1919 but understands that every Christian is called to a life of diaconal service. In making this announcement, Executive Director Deaconess Lisa Polito said, "A free-standing organization, the LDA can respond to changing needs of the church and world, allowing the shape of its diaconal ministry to change as necessary. The LDA builds and nurtures a diaconate recognized within the church as a prophetic voice and is now broadening its vision by preparing men for diaconal ministry."

We pray God's blessing upon all who serve.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Pamela Anderson Sabrina Lane Benjamin Moxley	18	Paul Brown
		19	Russell Vig
3	Francisco Olivarez	22	James Monday, Jr.
4	Pearl Ann Curtis Aiden Hathy Susan Tan	23	Tracy Bidwell Cody Ledlow Emily McQueeney
6	Karl Mischka	24	Elma Wilson
7	Ralph Humalainen	25	Ronald Young
8	Carol Allds Cheryl Poff	26	AnnaMae Cameron Pamela Deemer Brittany Jackson
9	Diane Nipper	27	Kristina Kehoe
13	Shelly Carpenter	28	Dan Patriarco
17	Kathe Hawn Patricia Laughlin Jacob Sabo Kyle Vidmar	30	Robert Miller

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Fritz ♥ Marge Houy	21	Adam ♥ Jackie Lytle
5	James ♥ Cheryl Poff	22	Jason ♥ Melanie Coe
8	Mark ♥ Jennifer Betts William ♥ Betsy Johnston	27	Michael ♥ Squeek Helfinstine Art ♥ Mil Niinisto
17	Jason ♥ Heatherlie McQueeney		

God's blessings to our young disciples who received Bibles at worship service on Bible Sunday, October 9, 2011:

**Elizabeth Eddy
Heather Farr
Hannah Moxley
Madeline Owens**

**Grace Patriarco
Jacob Sabo
Jasmine Steighner**

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

How many did you greet?

Chris & Debbie Case,
Streetsboro, OH
Paul Cole
Richard Cornuet
Betty Craib
Kim Esposito
Ruth Farr
Jim & Ginger Fishel
Nancy Garwood
Stephen, Jackie, Eric, Chad
Hopkins
Pam Hunt
Kathy Ilardi
Don Johnson, Pittsburgh,
PA
Dick Johnston

Ed Kellogg
Lynda Minken
David & Bernadette Nolan
Taylor Peel
Kayden, Tanner, Payton &
Sophia Poff
James & Meredith Rainey
James & Dorothy Sackett
Logen Sanders
Amy & Vina Sanford
Roselee Smithers
Maribeth & Olivia Sorrell
Carol Stewart
Tim & Manny Tan
Jenna Thompson
Tom Yourchak

	ATTENDANCE	
	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Oct 2	185	67
Oct 9	197	63
Oct 16	197	70
Oct 23	197	53



There are two opportunities
for fun this month at
your
GSLC Community
S.E.N.I.O.R.S. program.



November 3 is “Old Fashioned Game Day.”

Come ready to play!

Don't worry; there won't be anything too physically strenuous.

The theme for **November 17** is **“Eat, Drink and Be Thankful.”**

Come and find out who is smarter – Pilgrims or Indians!

The program will include information regarding changes to
Medicare for 2012 and what your options are.

You'll begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with a great lunch.

Remember, this ministry is for those at least 50 years old.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 "3M" Ministry	2 9:30 Villa Bible Study	3 10:00 SENIOR Program 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 REMINDER Set your clocks back one hour
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir 1:30 Worship at Villa	7 9:00 Quilting Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	8 ELECTION DAY 9:00 Men's Breakfast 4:00 Finance Meeting 5:00 Mutual Ministry 6:00 All Committees Meet	9 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home	10 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 Nisua Bakers
13 MISSION SUNDAY SHOEBOX DEDICATION 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir Fellowship Hall in use	14 9:00 Quilting Ministry Noon Women's Bible Study 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	15 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meeting	16 ECHO ARTICLES DUE	17 10:00 SENIOR Program 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	18 OFFICE CLOSED Church in use 1-7 Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive begins	19 Church in use 10-7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K-Mart
20 CHRIST THE KING 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir 12:30 – 3:00 Confirmation Thanksgiving Dinner Hanging of Greens	21 9:00 Quilting Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	22 9:00 "3M" Ministry	23 9:00 Pack Thanksgiving Baskets Red Cross Blood drive 1-6 pm	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 OFFICE CLOSED 1-7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K-Mart	26 10-7 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K-Mart
27 1st Sunday in Advent 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	28 9:00 Quilting Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	29 9:00 "3M" Ministry	30 <u>ADVENT WORSHIP</u> 6:30 pm Dessert 7:00 pm Worship	<u>WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP</u> 6:30 pm Dessert 7:00 pm Worship December 7 & 14		

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