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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.

APRIL 2011 WORSHIP SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SERVICE

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. PRAISE & WORSHIP

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL AGES 3 THROUGH ADULT

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

APRIL 3

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 10

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MISSION SUNDAY

Bring in items for Food Pantry and Capital Campaign Offerings

APRIL 17

PALM SUNDAY

First Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Worship Service

APRIL 21

Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. Potluck Supper

7 p.m. Worship- Drama – “The Last Supper”

April 22

Good Friday

7 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness

APRIL 24

EASTER (The Resurrection of our Lord)

** Easter Breakfast 9 to 10:30 a.m. – No Sunday School

The Evangelism Committee and Youth invite you to bring your family and enjoy a pancake breakfast with your church family Easter Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, juice, and coffee. Donations only.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN APRIL

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.

**ASSISTING
MINISTERS**

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 3	Dick Pelow	Paul Mechling
April 10	Heidi Parkomaki	Wanda Gore
April 17	Julie Curtis Sanford	Wanda Gore
April 21	Maundy Thursday	Phyllis Waid
April 24	Betty Monday	Al Gee
		Mark Lytle

ALTAR GUILD

Ruth Brown
Michelle Logan
Stephanie Wood
MaryLou Moisis
Kelsey Walters

8:30

April 3	Nancy Guthrie
April 10	Richard Tulino
April 17	Richard Tulino
April 24	Richard Tulino

11:00

April 3	Mike Malys
April 10	Shirley Harco
April 17	Nancy Guthrie
April 24	Nancy Guthrie

GREETERS

April 3	JoAnne Seavey	Kelsey Walters
	Marcus Rainey	
April 10	Ray Sillanpaa	Peggy & Shirley Harco
April 17	Heidi Parkomaki	Joanne Mechling
April 24	Jim & Marilyn Salo	Phyllis Waid

READERS

April 3	Dolores Pelow	Paul Mechling
		Sara Bowers
April 10	Amy Gallagher	Shirley Harco
		Justyn Olivarez
April 17	Marti Lillie	Phyllis Waid
April 21	Maundy Thursday	Wanda Gore
April 24	Sara Bowers	Quinn Rudler

HOSPITALITY

8:30 a.m.

April 3	Pearl Ann Curtis
April 10	Laurie Bidwell
	Pauline Arbuckle
April 17	Heidi Parkomaki
April 24	Easter Breakfast

11 a.m.

April 3	Michelle Logan
April 10	Martha Jayne & David Thompson
April 17	Confirmation Reception
April 24	Easter Breakfast 9-10:30 am

ACOLYTES

April 3	Marcus Rainey	Morgan Owens, Jaela Dragon
April 10	Rebecca Parkomaki	Sierra Brink, Sydney Carpenter
April 17	Leah Gallagher	Tyler Pew, Jake Kehoe
April 24	Marcus Rainey	Quinn Rudler, Courtney Coe

USHERS

April 3	Mike Bidwell	Michael Nelson, Emiliee Esposito
	Richard Kantola	Jacob Eddy, Rebecca Parkomaki
April 10	Pam Deemer	Janet Antila, Kristy Antila
	Katrino Pavolino	Dianne Young, Kelsey Walters
April 17	Ron Maenpaa	Ruth Brown, Wanda Gore
	Janet Maenpaa	Virginia Black, Michelle Logan
April 24	Dick Pelow	Jerry & Faye Lampela
	Dolores Pelow	Mike & Suzanne Malys

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

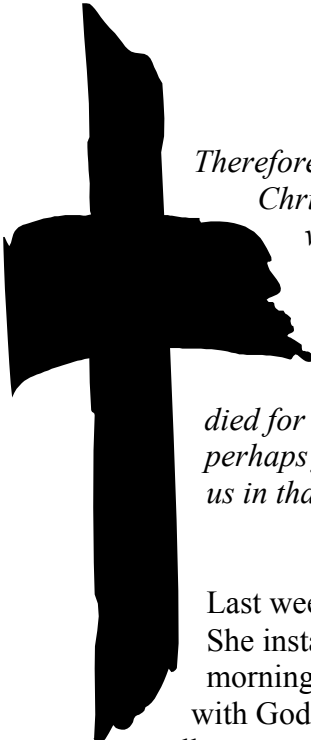
11:00 SERVICE

April 3	Kris Cameron
April 10	Alison Hathy
	Stephanie Patriarco
April 17	Tammy & Mark Owens
April 24	Aaron Bowers
	Shae Brink
	Ben Betteridge

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Janet Maenpaa
Pat Haas
Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer

Pastor's Corner April 2011



Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we¹ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have obtained access¹ to this grace in which we stand; and we² boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.³ And not only that, but we¹ also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person -- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:1-8)

Last week, Bishop Eaton was here to celebrate the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. She installed Nancy as Pastoral Assistant and worshipped at both services on Sunday morning. She expressed her joy for you and the church as we celebrated our relationship with God and each other. It was a joyful day! The message of the day was trusting in God's call to serve. Nancy answers a call to service God as Pastoral Assistant at Good Shepherd. I answered God's call to serve his church in Word and Sacrament. How are you answering God's call?

The scripture above reflects the knowledge of why we answer God's call... **faith**.

I encourage you this month to strengthen your faith through worship and fellowship at GSLC. Come to church and hear the Good News. Come to the dinners not just for good food, but for good fellowship. Celebrate the resurrection this year by experiencing the death of our Lord Jesus on Good Friday. There is always something going on in our life, so plan ahead; take part in your spiritual growth. I encourage you to plan and make Christ a part of your life during Holy Week April 17th – April 24th.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

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)

Wednesday	March 30 th	Mark Lytle
Sunday	April 3 rd	
Wednesday	April 6 th	Greg Betteridge
Sunday	April 10 th	
Wednesday	April 13 th	Nancy Guthrie, P.A.
<u>Sunday</u>	April 17 th	Palm Sunday / 1 st Holy Communion
<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	April 21 st	Pot Luck Dinner / Worship
<u>Good Friday</u>	April 22 nd	Service of Shadows (The Crucifixion)
<u>Sunday</u>	April 24 th	Easter Morning (The Resurrection)

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is selling tickets for a fundraiser raffle of a Scentsy Basket which will include a full size warmer, 3 or 4 packs of scents for the warmer, a scentsy circle (similar to a car freshener that hangs from the rear view mirror) and a scent pack, which is a small square pack that is scented—great for the car, closet, etc. Cost is \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for an arm's length of tickets. The drawing will be held at the Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 24th. Winner need not be present to win. We thank Deanna and Greg Brown for donating the basket.

YOUTH

The youth thank all who supported the sub sale. They also thank Jen at Anthony's for helping out at the last minute!

Our youth-led service will be May 22, 2011 at the 11 a.m. service. Students will be participating in all aspects of the worship service. Please plan to attend as this will be the final day of classes until fall.

Confirmation will be later than usual this year, taking place on June 12. Our young disciples will be renewing their baptismal vows at the 11 a.m. worship service. Plan to come and join in this celebration. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the service.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CATECHISM CLASS

will be held **April 3, 2011 from noon to 1:30 p.m.** We will make bread together for Holy Communion and learn about the Body of Christ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the 11 a.m. worship service. All are invited to attend a reception in the fellowship hall following worship.

The Women of Finnish Heritage

welcomes all women in the Conneaut area who are of Finnish heritage or who are connected to Finnish heritage. A Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at noon at Crazy Dave's, 518 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio. Members will order off the menu. Reservations are not needed. There will be a program, and annual dues of \$3 will be collected at the meeting. For more information contact Laura Gustafson 599-9235.

TURKEY BOX

The turkey box is out once again. If you have any spare change, please consider dropping it into the box located in the gathering space. We used the money collected last year to fund our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach both in the community and within our church family. A few coins each week can make a huge difference in someone's life!

The Nisua bakers will be back in the kitchen on April 9.

You may place an order for this yummy sweet bread 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.

GSLC Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship applications

are available in the foyer near the office. If you are attending or planning to attend an accredited technical school, community college, junior college or a four-year school, you are eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted by May 25, 2011.



A Moment In Faith
By Richard P. Tulino, A Layman's Interpretation

Since the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is coming later this month, I thought I'd discuss some of the references in the Bible pertaining to it. From the Old Testament in Psalm 17:15 it is written: "*Because I am righteous, I will see you face to face and will be satisfied.*" David is praying to the Lord while he is being persecuted by Saul. Psalm 17 has a theme that was a plea for justice by David, after he was being falsely accused and persecuted. He wanted us to realize that the true goal of life is "To Know God" and the true reward of life is "To See God" one day! In verse 15, the word "*awake*" shows us that David believed in life after death. Belief in the Resurrection wasn't widespread in the Old Testament times but several verses show it was partially understood.

The Disciples didn't understand the purpose of Jesus' Resurrection. In Matthew 17:22-23, Jesus told them; "*The son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.*" Upon hearing this, the disciples, were filled with grief. Once again Jesus predicted His death but more important, He told of His Resurrection. All the disciples had heard was the first part of Jesus' words and they became discouraged. They couldn't understand why Jesus wanted to go back to Jerusalem where He knew He would walk right into trouble. They didn't comprehend the purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection until Pentecost. They didn't realize that the death and resurrection would make Jesus' Kingdom possible.

Like the disciples, we too shouldn't get upset at ourselves for being unable to understand everything about Jesus. They spent three years with him, saw his miracles, and heard his words and still they had difficulty understanding, but however they believed. We ourselves should do no less.

How did Jesus prove the reality of the resurrection? In Matthew 22: 31-32, Jesus says, "*But now as to whether there will be a resurrection of the dead haven't you ever read about this in the Scriptures?*" Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, Jesus said, "*I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob*" So He is the God of the living, not the dead. Because the Sadducees accepted the Pentateuch as the only source of God's divine word, Jesus answered them from the book of Exodus (3:6) there was no way God would have said, "*I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*" if God thought of them as dead. From God's perspective, they are alive! Jesus' use of the present tense pointed to the resurrection and eternal life that all believers will have.

How could Jesus' Resurrection affect our daily lives? In 1st Corinthians 15:58, Paul says, "*So, my brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.*" Sometimes we lack the emotion or interest in what we are doing for the Lord, because we don't see any results, but that doesn't mean our work is useless! Don't let discouragement over an apparent lack of results keep you from doing the work of the Lord enthusiastically!

Jesus' resurrection is the key to the Christian faith. Why?

1. Just as He promised, Jesus rose from the dead. Because of this we can be confident that He will accomplish all that He has promised!
2. Jesus' bodily resurrection shows us that the Living Christ is ruler of God's eternal Kingdom, not a false prophet!
3. Since Jesus was resurrected, we can be certain of our resurrection. Death is not the end. There is a future life!
4. If we believe the power that raised Jesus back to life, then we know that same power is available to bring our spiritually dead selves back to life!
5. The Resurrection is the basis for the Churches witness to the word. Jesus is more than a human leader. He is the Son of God!

He Is Risen, Alleluia!
Happy Easter!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Renee Cavanaugh Karen Picard	16	Cherrie Houser Melissa Howland Stephanie Mischka
2	Herb Hopkins	17	Skip Sanford Richard Tulino
4	Pat Haas	18	Luke Patriarco
5	Makayla Coe Al Gee	19	Deanna Brown Sally Sillanpaa
6	Kelsey Kehoe	22	Gary Anderson Becky Burr Christopher Jewell
7	Jacob Kehoe Dick Pelow Richard Vidmar	23	Timothy Montagano
8	Lee Murtha	24	Bob Hybert
9	Greg Betteridge Karen Simons	25	Nancy Litz
10	Irene Baugher	28	Michael Malys III Julia Pew
11	Hannah Farr	29	Marti Lillie Ethan Van Norman
12	Dagmar Bozard	30	Courtney Coe Kevin Esposito Amanda Sanford
14	Tyler Pew Jim Salo Ryan Thompson		

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Melanie ♥ Frank Olivarez	17	Richard ♥ Beth Tulino
2	Budd ♥ Shirley Brookhouser, Jr.	19	Andy ♥ Kim Chiodo
3	Ron ♥ Dianne Young	20	Bob ♥ Pat Haas
14	Charles ♥ Kelly Anthony Greg ♥ Glenda Betteridge	24	Richard ♥ Julie Kantola
		29	Waino ♥ Betty Nyman

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

How many did you greet?

Megan Aikman
Nancy L. Altman
Chris Angerman
Kristy Antila
Roger & Ann Arkelin
Don, Shae, Carla, Malachia, Creek, Vincent,
Zach & Jada Ballard
Earl Baugher
Sue Chiodo
John & Barbara Coe
Paul Cole
JoAnn Cox
Ed & Lynda Dana
Kim Esposito
Luke Gallagher
Tom Gildone
Caryl & Jody Guinn
Tim & Janice Guthrie, Mykael Crews,
Ashtabula, OH
Joni Arcaro Hettmansperger
Michael Hettmansperger
Mary Holdson
Pam Hunt
Kathy Ilardi
Dick Johnston
Amber Kissman

Tom & Darlene Kozesky
Debi Latva
Avis Marshall
Amber McDermott
Lynda Minken
Ted H. Nelson II
Jill Nottingham
Taylor Peel
Hannah Pipers
Mick Poff
Payton, Tanner & Makenna Poff
David Rozalski
Amy & Vina Sanford
Justin Sanford
Paul Shellhammer II
Paul Shellhammer III
Joe & Holly Sheneman
Hailey Slocum
Pete Stevenson
Laura Taylor
Jordan & Kai Tran
Kevin Tyson
Mary Young
Marilee Zappitelli

TOTAL WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 27	212
March 6	183
March 13	195
March 20	238

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

March 6	70
March 13	60
March 20	57

SPECIAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Ash Wed. March 9	130
Lent March 16	54
Lent March 23	57

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

“ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA”

Journey “down under” through the April 7 meeting of our GSLC Community S.E.N.I.O.R.S. ministry. Broaden your horizons by coming to GSLC at 10:00 on the first and third Thursdays this month. Join others with 50 or more years of life experience for fun, food, fellowship and adventure!



Come experience the “**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**” on April 21.
If you are able, please bring six hard-boiled eggs.



Come and support **your GSLC Community S.E.N.I.O.R.S.** Health checks begin at 9:45, with other activities from 10:00 until noon. A tasty and nutritious lunch concludes each event. Bring a friend!

Easter Plant Order Form

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you, Sunday, March 20, was a memorable day in my life—the occasion of my “instatement” by Bishop Eaton as Pastoral Assistant/Visiting Minister for Good Shepherd. I was thrilled to see the love in your smiling faces as you promised your support of this ministry with a resounding, “We will, and we ask God to help us.”

I thank you also for your many words of encouragement and cards, and for those working behind the scenes to make this day special. A special thank you to the executive team of our church council for the framed certificate and the ringed oil stock vessel, as well as to the video Sunday School class for the gorgeous cross and chain that will adorn my alb.

God blessed me richly by bringing me to the congregation of GSLC way back in 1975, and He continues to bless me with His call to serve beside you all today.

Love in Christ,
Nancy Guthrie, P.A.

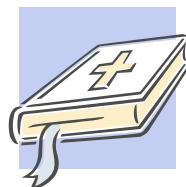
Thank you to all who sent cards, paid visits, and offered thoughts and prayers during the time of my recent surgery and recuperation. All were sincerely appreciated. God bless all of you.

Ron Young

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Ohio is April 29-May 1, 2011 at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott in Solon. Registrations must be received two weeks prior. For more information, please call Duffy and Nancy Guthrie (440) 599-9090 or go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

All engaged and seriously dating couples are encouraged to attend the **Lutheran Engaged Encounter** taking place April 8-10, 2011 in Columbus. Information for this event may be found at www.engagedencounterintl.org or contact Lori and Doug Burchard at lburchar@kent.edu or (330) 938-2723.



LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE

If you are interested in ordering the new Lutheran Study Bible, return this form either by mail or to the church office by **April 17, 2011**. The cost is dependent on the number of orders but will be approximately \$28.00.

This bible is in paperback form and very reader-friendly. The Lutheran Study Bible features the NRSV translation.

Name

Telephone number

No. of Bibles

REPTAR



CHILDREN'S OFFERING & MISSION

Reptar the dinosaur is available during offertory time at worship service so that your children can deposit their coin offerings. The contributions will be split with half going to Eligiver Kigembe to help her attend primary school. And the other half is going to help our Cub Scout troop buy scout shirts.

GSLC Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship applications are available in the foyer near the office. If you are attending or planning to attend an accredited technical school, community college, junior college or a four-year school, you are eligible to apply. **Applications must be submitted by May 25, 2011.**

EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone is invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.**

The children will make a craft, have story time, and then hunt for eggs. Everyone is welcome to bring their children and grandchildren to the Fellowship Hall. It is also a perfect opportunity to invite your neighbor to this fun family event. Each child will need to bring something to collect their eggs in (bag, box, or basket). We will try to have the egg hunt outside if the weather permits.

A decorated box is available in the gathering space for you to drop in your donated **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** candy. (For example, we cannot accept a 1-pound bag of M&Ms, but we can accept M&Ms in little individually wrapped packages!)

God Bless,
Tammy Owens

CONGRATULATIONS

Heidi Parkomaki

for winning the award for heart healthy soup at the University Hospitals/CAMA-sponsored women's luncheon at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. The local churches submitted their favorite soup and Heidi's butternut squash took first place!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DATES

APRIL 5, 2011

COMMITTEES WILL MEET

APRIL 12, 2011

**EXECUTIVE MEETING
COUNCIL MEETING**

These changes are taking place so that meetings do not interfere with Holy Week.

APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter Plant orders are due by April 10.		May 15 Music Sunday May 22 Youth Service May 29 Graduates' Recognition			1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 5 pm Praise & Worship Service
3 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon 1 st Communion Class Noon Jr/Sr Students/Parents Youth Gathering New Orleans Trip 1:30 Worship at Villa	4 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	5 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:00 Property 6:00 All Committees Meet 8:00 Endowment Meeting	6 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Soup & Sandwiches 7:00 Lent Worship	7 10:00 SENIOR Program 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:30 Genesis Bells 6:30 Weight Watchers	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 Nisua Baking 5 pm Praise & Worship Service
10 HOLY COMMUNION MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 12:30 Confirmation Fellowship hall in use 1-4	11 6:35 a.m. High School Bible Study at Crazy Dave's 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	12 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast Noon Women's Bible Study 4:00 Finance Committee 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meeting	13 ECHO ARTICLES DUE 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 Lent Worship	14 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:30 Genesis Bells 6:30 Weight Watchers	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 5 pm Praise & Worship Service
17 HOLY COMMUNION PALM SUNDAY 1st HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	18 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	19 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	20	21 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 SENIOR Program Last Supper Portrayal 6:00 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Worship Service 6:30 Weight Watchers	22 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Service of Darkness	23 5 pm Praise & Worship Service
24 HOLY COMMUNION EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:00-10:30 Breakfast 11:00 Traditional Service	25 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	26 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	27	28 6:30 Genesis Bells 6:30 Weight Watchers	29	30

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