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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.

SEPTEMBER 2011

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SERVICE

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Beginning September 11—9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

SEPTEMBER 4

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Last Outdoor Contemporary Service

SEPTEMBER 11

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MISSION SUNDAY

Bring in items for Food Pantry and

Capital Campaign Offerings

RALLY DAY

Sunday School Resumes

SEPTEMBER 18

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BAPTISM and NEW MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 25

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER

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

8:30 A.M. ASSISTANTS 11:00 A.M.

Sept 4	Richard Tulino	Andy Chiodo
Sept 11	Betty Monday	Andy Chiodo
Sept 18	Rich Kantola	Greg Betteridge
Sept 25	Heidi Parkomaki	Greg Betteridge

8:30 A.M. GREETERS 11:00 A.M.

Sept 4	Bob & Jackie Miller	Janelle Cole
Sept 11	Pearl Ann Curtis	Peggy Harco
	Pam Deemer	Shirley Harco
Sept 18	Jim & Marilyn Salo	Irene Hopkins
		Susan Diamond
Sept 25	JoAnne Seavey	Lori Overy
	Marcus Rainey	

ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:30 a.m.

Sept 11	Richard Tulino
Sept 18	Nancy Guthrie
Sept 25	Richard Tulino

11:00 a.m.

Sept 11	Shirley Harco
Sept 18	Faye Lampela
Sept 25	Dianne Young

8:30 A.M. READERS 11:00 A.M.

Sept 4	Marti Lillie	Jerry Brookhouser
Sept 11	Sue Chapin	Jerry Brookhouser
Sept 18	Dolores Pelow	Greg Betteridge
Sept 25	John Chapin	Greg Betteridge

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

JANET MAENPAA

Pat Haas
Marne Gonzales
Janelle Cole
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8:30 A.M. USHERS 11:00 A.M.

Sept 4	Gary Anderson	Jack & April Sabo
	Rich Kantola	David Uthe, Dianne Young
Sept 11	Don & Sue Cummins	Andy & Kim Chiodo

Sept 18	Betty Monday	Janet Antila, Kristy Antila
	Katrina Pavolino	Kelsey Walters, Virginia Black
Sept 25	Bud & Janet Maenpaa	Jim Arcaro, Michelle Logan
		Mike & Suzanne Malys

ALTAR GUILD

Betty Monday
Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer
Michelle Logan

8:30 A.M. ACOLYTES 11:00 A.M.

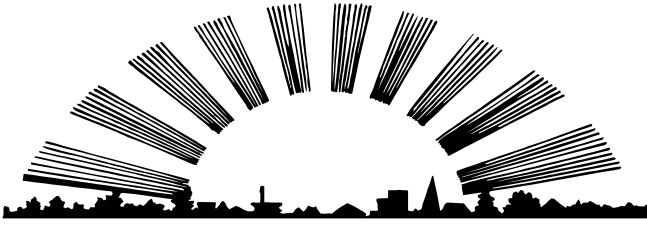
Sept 11	Jennifer Gallagher	Hannah Farr, Sierra Brink
Sept 18	Marcus Rainey	Tyler Pew, Jacob Kehoe
Sept 25	Leah Gallagher	Jaela Dragon, Morgan Owens

HOSPITALITY 8:30 a.m.

Sept 4	Laurie Bidwell
	Pauline Arbuckle
Sept 11	Marilyn Hathy
Sept 18	John & Sue Chapin
Sept 25	Amy Gallagher

HOSPITALITY 11 a.m.

Sept 4	Peggy & Shirley Harco
Sept 11	David & Martha Jayne Thompson
Sept 18	Stacie Brink
Sept 25	Wanda Gore



Pastor's Corner September 2011

How did you do on that easy bible quiz last month? Did you know right away that it was "Ruth"? It was nice to have conversations about the little quiz. I enjoyed the comments like, "That was too easy". Another person said, "The "R" gave it away". The yeah God moment in asking this question, was that we stimulate conversation around God's Holy Word.

I have no quiz this month but I do have a request. **Live by the Spirit, not by the flesh**...

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.
Galatians 5:22-23

What do I mean by this request? Paul tells the people of God that the flesh is weak and the Spirit will be opposed to what our flesh wants. It is easy to get discouraged when you've worked so hard during a busy month. We work to spread the Good News of Jesus in the community around the church. We work to call others to know of God's Love as we witness to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We serve God together through the work that he has given each of us to do. Yet, even in the joy of God's work, one can find oneself giving into the flesh.

As we move from this busy month of August, let's rejoice in how God has been active in the life of his church. Let the fruit of the Spirit dwell with you and refresh you as we rejoice together as servants of our Lord. With your help, the church is being transformed. The fruits of the Spirit are building up the "Body of Christ" and together, with the Spirit, we're building a community of love, peace, patience, kindness generosity, faithfulness, and gentleness that has long passed from other congregations. We humbly rejoice and continue to give Glory to God for all he has done here at Good Shepherd.

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit"

"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



REPTAR

Children may bring up their coin offering and place it into the mouth of Reptar the dinosaur during the offertory time.

A total of **\$205.69** has been collected to date and

will be shared with Eligiver Kigembe to help her attend primary school and to help our Cub Scout troop buy scout shirts.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Social Ministry is continuing its efforts to help the children of our local area with school supplies. Watch for sales to take advantage of bargains. Please continue to bring in your donations of the following to help in this mission:

- pencils, erasers, crayons, blunt scissors
 - rulers, notebooks, colored paper, glue sticks
- *****

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Rally Day for Sunday School
will be on September 11
from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

Ages pre-school through adults

Nisua Lovers---

The Nisua bakers will make Finnish sweet bread on October 8. 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 November 12 and December 10. Mark your calendars!!!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
Aug 7	156
Aug 14	144
Aug 21	160

The Cover Girls will resume quilting on Tuesday, September 6th at 9 a.m. Please accept our invitation to join us for fellowship (which often times includes fun and laughter) as we work to make quilts and lap robes. We always end the work session with a tasty dessert!

The Mission Project for this fall is **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. We will be sharing God’s love with filled shoeboxes to be given to needy children in different countries.

The **American Red Cross** thanks Good Shepherd for sponsoring the blood drive on July 27. Twenty-five people were inspired to donate in response to the drive goal of 18. Of those 25 donors, 1 donated for the first time. “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 Rep.

The Evangelism Committee is looking for crafters and vendors for a fall Craft/Vendor Event to be held Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in GSLC Fellowship Hall. For more information or to reserve a table, please contact Deanna Brown at (440) 855-1550 or dbrown1354@gmail.com

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to the family of Marjorie Palo who passed away July 31, 2011, at her winter home in Placida, FL. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



“Hi, how are you?” “Fine.” This is not exactly an “in depth” discussion, but this brief interchange is normal as friends pass and briefly touch each other with a cliché or two. Actually, clichés are a way of life, often parts of sentences and paragraphs. But if this is the sum of our communicating with others, our relationships will all be superficial. Facts and opinions also fill our conversations. These words go deeper, but the true person still lies hidden beneath them. Only in reality, when honest feelings and emotions are shared can real people be known, loved, and helped.

Often, these patterns of superficial communication spill over into our talks with God. How easy it is for us to slide through well-worn lines of prayers we’ve recited for decades, or how easy we toss a cliché or two at God and call it prayer! We don’t have to worry though because God hears and understands these feeble attempts, but by limiting the depth of our communication, we become shallow in our relationship with Him. But God knows us, and He wants to have meaningful communication with us!

At the center of the Bible is the Book of Psalms. It is a great collection of songs and prayers expressing the heart and soul of humanity. In them we find a whole range of human experiences expressed. There are no clichés in this book. Instead David and other writers poured out their true feelings honestly, reflecting a dynamic, powerful and life-changing friendship with God. These writers of Psalms confess their sins, express their doubts and fears, and ask God for help in times of trouble, and praise and worship Him.

As you read the Book of Psalms, you will hear believers crying out to God from the depths of despair, and you will hear them singing to Him in joyful celebration. Whether these writers are despairing or rejoicing, you will always hear them sharing honest feelings with their God. Because of their honesty, men and women throughout history have come, again and again, to the book of Psalms for comfort during times of struggle and distress. Through the Psalms, they have risen from the depths of despair to new heights of joy and praise as they discovered the power of God’s love and forgiveness. Let that honesty guide you into a deep and genuine relationship with God.

We can see five major themes in the book of Psalms. **First is Praise:** By focusing our thoughts on God it moves us to praise Him. The more we know Him, the more we can appreciate what He has done for us.

Second is **God’s power:** When we feel powerless, God can help us. His strength can overcome the despair of any pain or trial. We can always pray that He will deliver, protect, and sustain us.

Third is **Forgiveness:** Because God forgives us, we can pray to Him honestly and directly. When we receive his forgiveness, we move from alienation to intimacy, from guilt to love.

Fourth is **Thankfulness:** When we realize how we benefit from knowing God, we can fully express our thanks to Him. By thanking Him often, we will develop spontaneity in our prayer life.

Fifth is **Trust:** People can be unfair and friends may desert us, but we can trust God, knowing God intimately drives away doubt, fear, and loneliness. Remember, when we put our trust in God, He will quiet our hearts! Read the Book of Psalms and enjoy this great collection of songs and prayers.

Don’t tell God how big the mountain is. Tell the mountain how big God is!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Steve Salo	17	Bill Graham Rick Kantola
2	Tammy Owens		
3	Greg Brown	20	Sara Bowers Vi Chandler Rose McKiethan Olivia Sorrell Lori Vig
4	Bill Johnston		
6	Susan Lytle Joshua Sabo	21	Ruth Speer
7	Kelly Anthony Stephanie Bowers Aaron Reed Bob Reed	22	Tyler Moore
8	Julie Curtis-Sanford	23	Sandra Dombroski
10	Aaron Bowers Austin Brown Madeline Owens	25	Martha Catrow Dick Stoker
11	Martha Jayne Thompson	26	Diana Stoker
15	Roland Griffey	27	Dysin Jerina
16	Gary Van Norman	28	Ryan Harco
		29	Cohen Bidwell John Murtha Melanie Olivarez

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Willard ♥ Linda Hall	14	David ♥ Martha Jayne Thompson
3	Dick ♥ Dolores Pelow	16	Lou ♥ Chris Murtha
5	Al ♥ Ellen Gee James ♥ Kristy Jerina	19	Anthony ♥ Jessica Howard
7	Mike ♥ Suzanne Malys, Jr.	20	Dick ♥ Diana Stoker
10	Pastor ♥ Wanda Gore	25	Aaron ♥ Karen Eddy, Jr Justin ♥ Amanda Jones

Music Kick-off Picnic

Come join all church music lovers for the Music Kick-off Picnic at GSLC on Wednesday, September 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is for GSLC disciples with little or no church music experience as well as those who have participated in the past. Come for an evening of musical fun and information! Questions? Contact P.A. Nancy Guthrie at the church (599-8908) or at home (599-9090). See you there!



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If you enjoy music, our choirs are for you!

- Chancel Choir: sings at the 11:00 service 3 Sundays per month.
Requirement: desire to praise the Lord in song!
First rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.
- Handbell Choir: plays at the 11:00 service 1 Sunday per month.
Requirement: some music reading experience – we'll teach you the technical stuff!
First rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Genesis Bells: play at alternating services 1 Sunday per month.
Requirement: At least 4th grade age and not over 100 years old. NO music reading experience is required. We'll teach you everything you need to know, right from scratch!
First rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Special Thank You

Many of you have thanked me for the flowers that adorn our church property. I very much appreciate your words of thanks and I want you to know that I could not have done it alone. First and foremost **I give thanks to God** for providing such beautiful plants in such an amazing array of shapes and stunning colors. It is God who created these flowers and nourishes them with fertile soil, warm sunshine, and quenching rains; all we do is arrange them and give them a little care. Next **I thank Janelle Cole** for her hours of working with me preparing the ground, planting, and mulching as well as the time she worked on her own keeping the flower beds tidy. Her gardening skills and tender care have helped make the gardens so beautiful. Thank you, Janelle! When I was shopping for the plants I went to see **JoAnne Seavey** at her greenhouse on Middle Road. I selected several flats of flowers and fully expected to pay for them but JoAnne said, "No, I am donating these to the glory of God. Take what you need and come back for more when you need it. God has been very good to me and my family and I offer these in His name." **Thank you, JoAnne!** I also **thank Suzanne and Michael Malys** for their faithful watering of the hanging baskets and potted flowers. If it wasn't for their frequent visits with the garden hose these plants would wilt and die. Thank you Suzanne and Mike! The beauty of the gardens is greatly enhanced by the well manicured lawn and shrubbery. **Thank you to Ernie Waid and Ron Young for your excellent care!** When you are enjoying the flowers please give thanks to God and to His faithful servants Janelle, JoAnne, Suzanne, Mike, Ernie, and Ron.

With much appreciation,

Mark Lytle

Congratulations to Dale Eastman from Ashtabula who won the utility trailer from the Car Cruise raffle.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Family,
Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and visits during my recent surgery and recuperation. God bless all of you.

Dick Pelow

Thank you for your prayers and cards. All are truly appreciated.

Frank Behling

Good Shepherd received a letter dated August 9, 2011, from Deborah Newcomb (Executive Director) and Renea Roach (Emergency **Food Assistance Program** Director) of the Conneaut Human Resources Center **thanking the congregation for its donation of 364 pounds of groceries.** "Your thoughtfulness and effort helps the Conneaut Human Resources Center continue to provide valuable social services to our community."

GSLC also received a letter from Mary Young, Right Track Program Director at the Conneaut Human Resources Center, thanking the church for its donation to the Right Track Back-To-School Distribution.

Thank you to all who donated a total of 298 boxes of crayons destined for Conneaut Area City School children.

Well, another **rummage sale** has come and gone and it seems to get better every year! The donations from all of you and others flowed in, squashing our thoughts of doubt! God has surely been good to all of us and it showed. **THANK YOU to everyone who helped the week prior, in setting up and then also, in tearing down and packing up for Goodwill.** This event takes many hands and the Holy Spirit guided us throughout the week. Praise be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as the funds raised (\$1,924.36) will be used for Christian Education, which includes us all! Amen

Suzanne Malys

WELCOME BACK!

Fun, food, fellowship and adventure ... sounds great, doesn't it? It is, and you'll find it at the **GSLC Community S.E.N.I.O.R.S. ministry!** Join others with 50 or more years of life experience for health checks, a short devotion, exercising for the brain and the body, a tasty and nutritious lunch, and ... and... well, we can't tell you everything ahead of time. Check it out for yourself!

September 1 --- **"Welcome Back!"** --- Consider wearing something backwards just for fun.

September 15 --- **"Hats Off"** --- please bring (or wear) a hat – your hat can be as conventional or as crazy as you wish.

This month we return to the original schedule, with programs on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. A registered nurse will check blood pressures from 9:45 until 10:00. Come and experience **YOUR** GSLC Community S.E.N.I.O.R.S.!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – FOR ALL OF US

Learning is a life-long journey, not one that is only for school-aged children. Sunday at 9:45 is the time for GSLC adults to take advantage of one of two opportunities to learn more about our walk with Christ and about our faith.

Mark Lytle's adult class typically studies the Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings of each Sunday.

The other class is the "Video Study of Our Faith," led by P.A. Nancy Guthrie. This class uses DVDs and casual discussion to explore various aspects of our faith. Themes for this season include When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box, God is Closer Than You Think, and The Greatest Story.

All are welcome to attend these classes beginning on September 11. We have stimulating discussions and make many discoveries about our faith throughout the year. Some of them just might bring to you a deeper understanding of your faith. We look forward to each Sunday as we grow together as disciples of Christ.

P. A. Nancy Guthrie

The next opportunity for **new members or reinstatement of members** will be **Sunday, Sept. 18**. Make an appointment to see Pastor Gore if interested.

RECENT VISITORS TO GOOD SHEPHERD

How many did you greet?

Fred & Ashley Allen
 Heather Bell, Hinkley, OH
 Jerry Bensinger
 Tiffany Blom
 Brian Boles
 Richard & Janice Borgner
 Paul Cole
 Sonja Corlew, Ashtabula, OH
 Betty Craib
 Elenea Curtis
 Kyle Curtis
 Sammy Dolin, Hinkley, OH
 Patricia Dornsteller, San Carlos, Mexico
 David, Cathy & Jacob Crislip
 Bill, Becky & Brittany Dunne
 Jim & Ginger Fishel
 Rev. Harry & Pam Fox
 Nancy Garwood
 Brook Gibson
 Tom Gildone
 Bethany & Kian Hardy, Arlington, VA
 Kathe Hawn
 Jodie Heylman, Batavia, IL
 Pam Hunt

Dave & Carolyn Hosack
 Kathy Ilardi
 Dick Johnston
 Don Johnston, Pittsburgh, PA
 Amber Kissman
 Steve Litz
 Robyne J. Malys
 Yollie Malys
 Jacqueline Mananillo, AZ
 Catherine Marcy, Pierpont, OH
 Lynda Minken
 Marcella Petrik
 Bill Pitzer
 Bobbie Ann Quinn
 Anna Reedy, Sparta, NJ
 James & Dorothy Sackett
 Bobby Satah, Batavia, IL
 Holly Sheneman
 Paul & Jane Sidwell, Salem, OH
 Roselee Smithers
 Mindy Stolson, Costa Mesa, CA
 Corin Turkovich
 Lee & Lorraine Weaver
 Janet Woodard, Pierpont, OH
 Josh Woodard

TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2011

GENERAL FUND - BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2011

\$18,559

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%

Need \$16,842 Each
 Month = \$202,098
 for 12 months

\$ 117,894

SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> GSLC Congregation Meeting Sunday, October 9, 2011 Noon </div>				1 10:00 SENIOR Program 6:30 Weight Watchers	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Fellowship Hall in use
4 8:30 Last Outdoor Worship 11:00 Traditional Service 1:30 Worship at Villa	5 Office Closed LABOR DAY	6 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	7 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Music Kick-off Picnic	8 6:30 Weight Watchers	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 MISSION SUNDAY Sunday School Staff Installed 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Rally Day Sunday School begins 11:00 Traditional Service	12 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	13 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "Men's Breakfast Noon Women's Bible Study 4:00 Finance Meeting 6:00 All Committees Meet	14 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home	15 10:00 SENIOR Program 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 Youth "Sunfest" at Mt. Vernon College
18 BAPTISM NEW MEMBERS 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 12:30 Confirmation 6:00 Thrivent Meeting	19 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	20 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Committee 6:30 Council Meeting	21 ECHO ARTICLES DUE	22 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	26 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	27 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	28 1-6 Red Cross Bloodmobile	29 6:30 Weight Watchers 6:30 Genesis Bells	30 OFFICE CLOSED	

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