

THE ECHO

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Mission Statement

We are a Christian community united in God's call to serve others by proclaiming, celebrating, inviting, and sharing Christ's Love.

Purpose Statement

"God's Word, Our Mission"

FEBRUARY 2016

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SERVICE

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Nursery Available for those up to age 5

FEBRUARY 7 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 10 ASH WEDNESDAY

**FEBRUARY 14 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MISSION SUNDAY**

**Capital Campaign Offerings
and Food Pantry Donations**

CONGREGATION MEETING to approve annual reports

FEBRUARY 21 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION OF YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS
EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE goodshepherd@suite224.net
THE MARCH ECHO DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 22nd.**

TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER, 2015

GENERAL FUND - BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015

\$ 8,258

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING		YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING	
			COST	EXPENSE		COST	
January	\$ 16,306	\$ 16,306	83.6%	\$ 19,208	\$ 19,208	98.4%	
February	\$ 14,246	\$ 30,552	78.3%	\$ 18,842	\$ 38,050	97.5%	
March	\$ 19,615	\$ 50,167	85.7%	\$ 15,012	\$ 53,062	90.6%	
April	\$ 17,619	\$ 67,786	86.8%	\$ 19,772	\$ 72,834	93.3%	
May	\$ 17,617	\$ 85,403	87.5%	\$ 17,439	\$ 90,273	92.5%	
June	\$ 15,434	\$ 100,837	86.1%	\$ 16,634	\$ 06,907	91.3%	
July	\$ 14,385	\$ 115,222	84.4%	\$ 15,006	\$121,913	89.3%	
August	\$ 17,054	\$ 132,276	84.7%	\$ 19,353	\$ 41,266	90.5%	
September	\$ 15,532	\$ 147,828	84.2%	\$ 16,245	\$157,511	89.7%	
October	\$ 15,808	\$ 163,636	83.9%	\$ 19,305	\$176,816	90.6%	
November	\$ 18,128	\$ 181,764	84.7%	\$ 17,017	\$193,833	90.3%	
December	\$ 20,575	\$ 202,339	86.4%	\$ 16,967	\$210,800	90.0%	



Upcoming Events

February 6th Sub assembly party!! 10am All kids who sold subs encouraged to participate !! Ice cream party to follow!!

February 7th Pick up all sub orders today!! (At GSLC)

5:30 pm Movie: Meet the Robinsons

February 14th 2 pm Bowling Party at El Camp Lanes

February 21st Winter Jam Concert at CSU Wolstein Center

March 13th Movie Night: Wreck it Ralph 5:30 pm

March 19th Annual GSLC Easter Egg hunt and fun day 10AM

Come join the fun, search for Easter eggs with lots of goodies, make a fun craft, snacks and drinks provided. (Volunteers welcome)

March 27th Easter Sunday -No Sunday School today.





Pastor's Page February 2016

It seems like not very long ago we had our Christmas season and now it is just about Lent. If you think this is unusual, you're right. Easter is scheduled to be on March 27th this year which is relatively early. It can be as early as the 25th and some have calculated that it could be the 24th.

We will be having our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings again. These services will be Eucharistic (Intinction) and each message will be given by a member of the congregation. They will be based upon opening up our eyes, hands, ears, heart, and life with the help of God. As we continue on in Lent we ponder how we can open up our lives to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I wonder what that looks like for most people. Is it quiet and reserved or does it look like a fight is about to break out in defense of someone that cannot defend themselves.

Most people believe that we should give something up for Lent. Perhaps people make Lenten resolutions as if it were New Years Day and vow that they will read the Bible at least one hour per day or help out in the church office for the six weeks of Lent. Both of these are great ideas for helping and serving during this season. However, there are things that we could do by going out into the community and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. By our service and our evangelical attitudes we can reach those who need desperately to understand that there is good news; even for them.

But mostly, Lent is a time to contemplate what the cross means to us in our daily lives. We are people of the cross, theologians of the cross. Jesus tells us that we are to take up our cross and follow him. Our daily routines can be most difficult for some, but by taking up our cross we are to take up the hurt, the loneliness, the pain and suffering that others bear. We are to help them with their heavy burden, their cross.

As Lutherans we are accused of lingering at the foot of the cross on Good Friday while others are rejoicing in the coming resurrection. Lingering at the foot of the cross is where we find Jesus at his most vulnerable and at his most alone. When Jesus cries out *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!* we tend to feel the absolute terror of the instrument of torture we call the cross. It takes one's breath away because it is the real symbol of brokenness in this world; our own brokenness. But by understanding our own brokenness we start to understand why God chooses the broken in the world to promote the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul tells us that "I know nothing except Christ Jesus, and him crucified."

This is the Lent that we have come to know. This is the Lent that keeps us humbled and longing for a community where we might become whole; healed and whole. The good news is for those broken people. Things start going in the right direction when we finally come to the conclusion that we are and always have been broken. But Jesus is the way back to wholeness.

Pastor Van De Motter

Young Adults
Something special is happening!!
SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, February 21st
GSLC is going to Winter Jam Concert



Sunday, June 19th thru Friday, June 24th
GSLC goes back to
JOSHUA HOUSE



More information to follow
OR
Call Rae VanDeMotte at 216-633-6362

Nisua bakers are ready to bake February 13.
Contact Phyllis Waid, Heidi Parkomaki
or the church office.
Cost is \$5.00 per loaf

*Future dates: March 19, April 23, May 21



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



Our Lenten Journey

Soon we will be starting our journey in the season of Lent. The dictionary describes journey as: traveling from place to place, to go on a trip, to travel. We are all on a journey in this thing called life. We go in different directions, do different jobs and see different people, but there is one part of life's journey that we have in common and that's our "Spiritual Journey" our love of God. We share that love through the many ministries we have here at Good Shepherd, and by sharing that love, we serve to help others both here at church and in the community.

At the start of Lent we begin to see the start of Jesus' journey, moving from city to city, healing and casting out demons, doing the work God his father had planned for Him. The Pharisees came and warned Jesus to get out of town because Herod wanted to kill Him. The Pharisees didn't want to protect Jesus; they were trying to trap Him. But Jesus tells them that His work isn't done yet and that He will continue to heal and cast out demons and that His journey will continue. He knew that His purpose wasn't accomplished yet and He knew that His journey would end in Jerusalem and our focus should be on that journey.

Jesus responded to the Pharisees warning by using some very strong words: "Go tell that fox (Herod) for me that my work isn't finished and I will continue today, tomorrow and on the next day I finish my work and must be on my way because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem."

These are pretty strong words from Jesus. They aren't words of someone who is intimidated by Herod's power, but words of someone who knows He is on a journey and where that journey will end. He refuses to be side tracked from His journey of salvation. Jesus recognizes the tempter behind the powers in Jerusalem. This temptation comes at a time when Jesus is gaining followers and building for His crucifixion. It would be easy for Jesus to turn away from His purpose, but He is not tempted by the work of the devil. The devil doesn't do all this alone; he uses the Pharisees and Herod.

How many times has the devil used someone else to try to get us to do something we know is wrong? It happens but our Faith keeps us from being side tracked. Know that Jesus walks with us and will give us the strength to resist the devil's power as he attacks us on our faith filled journey. As we continue our journey this Lenten season, let Jesus walk with you. He is there to answer your call for help. Lent is a season of journey from the shame of sin, to the cross, to the grave, to the empty tomb. During this journey we confront our faith and fulfill hope. This journey is where we see the cross that is coming and it's here we think about what the cross means to us. It's a time when Jesus invites us to consider our commitment to ministry. We will be challenged on our way but Jesus reminds us that He withstood temptation and so can we.

The 40 days of Lent gives us all an excuse to be better. Ask yourselves this: Where will your final destination lead you on this Lenten Journey? Along with or instead of giving up something, how about trying to do more of something? Volunteering for one of the many ministries here at Good Shepherd, or visiting the sick or homebound, or reading the Bible more. If you do any of these things you will reach your final destination on this Lenten Journey feeling good and you will have found your, **"Excuse to be better."**

For the safety of our members, we are no longer putting dates on birthdays or anniversaries.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Maggie Boyle

Dianne Young

Sonny Heinonen

Matthew Van Epps

Rylan Carroll

Harper Lampela

Sierra Brink

Shirley Brookhouser

Katelyn King

David Nolan

Stacy Racut

Claire Monday

Charles Anthony

Esther Bly

Emma Van Norman

Delores Griggs

Lydia Jerina

Jim Monday

Diane Davis

Brian Fattler

Bradley Gauvin

Jessica Van Epps

Sophia Poff

Jailyn Anderson

Jeff Griggs

Kaylee Tyson

Isabella Kincaid

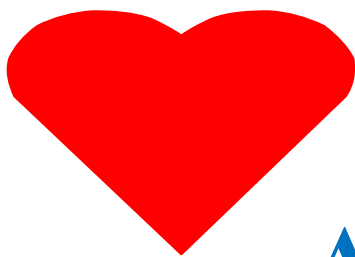
Mary Steighner

Cindy Nelson

Heidi Parkomaki

Linda Laine

Morgan Owens



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Shawn ♥ Cherrie Houser

Chris ♥ Sam Lampela

Jim ♥ Betty Monday

Michael ♥ Kathy Mills

Jim ♥ Robin Bryant

Ed ♥ Judy Barch

Sonny ♥ Linda Heinonen, Jr.



Recent visitors
How many did you greet?

Michael Adams & Julie Gee, Athens	Mia Lytle	Brianna Allds
Erik Maenpaa	Amanda Bair	Andrew Marcum
Lyle Bailey, Lordstown	Tamara Matlock	Heather Bell
Joe & Diane Bemme	Wendy Moore	Melodie Morris
Adam & Danielle Neubauer	JT & Sami Murtha	Carter Bidwell
Brian Boles	Bert Newsome	Gene Boyle
Karen Benedect	Ross & Sharon Niinisto	JC Brown
Joel Peel	Ken & Judy Pew	Mike Brown
Rebecca Buens	Brooklyne Phillips	Brian F Burke
Kevin & Hanna Punkar	Rich & Pat Butler	Emily Rainey
Linda Cameron	Jalene Rainey	Mark Cameron
Walter & Dahlia Campbell, Seattle, WA	Makenzie Rainey	Meredith Rainey
Michael Colby	Mr & Mrs Larry Rush	Paul Cole
Michelle Salazer	Luke & Kathy Simmon, Ashtabula	
Vicar Heidi Cowey	Sally Crawford	Amanda Smith
Joe & Jennine Curtin	Jim Crowl	Roy Stitt
El Dieffenbacher, Ashtabula	Tina Tallbacka	Samantha Dolin
Alison C. Tan, Baltimore MD	Maribeth Tan, Baltimore MD	
Jane Ermlich	Kim Esposito	Ben Thayer
Ray & Vickie Taylor, Jefferson OH	Tom & Ruth Farr	John Thompson
Jonathan Fobel	Cortney Traut	Robert Fuller
Deb Gallagher, Portsmouth VA	Rachel, Amy, Allison Van Epps	
Taylor Givens	Bill Vanzin	Jim & Diana Greer
Monyca Velardez	Sharon Grubke	Ray Hammond
Keith & Angela Waid	Precious Villanueva	Sheri Walbridge
McKinlee & Benjamin	Erik Heinonen	Rich & Pam Herner
Tammy Walla	Steven Horvath	Bud Watson
Lou & Bonnie Howell	Ralph & Carol Wells	John Hunt
Mackenzie Williams	Craig & Natalie Huya	
	Thaddaeus, Daniel, Aurelia	
Kathy Wright	Amber Kissman	Mike Laituri
George Lindgren	David Lowery	Gavin Lowery
Jeff Lowery	Michael Lowery	Scott Lowery
Chip & Susie Lozowski	Jackie Lytle	



1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES
12:15 pm on the following Sundays
Feb. 21: Introduction
Feb. 28: Book work & begin work on chalice
Mar. 6: Review book & complete chalice
Mar. 13: Complete book & make bread
Mar. 20: Will receive 1st Holy Communion
at the 11:00 service.

ATTENDANCE	
Christmas Eve	348
Dec. 27	130
Jan. 3	179
Jan. 10	174
Jan. 17	152
Jan. 24	163



February 10
Services at Noon and 7 pm
6 pm Soup & Bread

Lent Worship at GSLC for 2016
Lent titles “*Open My Life, Lord*”

Each Wednesday

February 17 thru March 16

6:00-6:45 pm SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

7:00 pm MID-WEEK WORSHIP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Homily</u>	<u>Lay Leader</u>
2/17/16	<i>“Open My Eyes Lord”</i>	Richard Tulino
2/24/16	<i>“Open My Hands Lord”</i>	Andy Chiodo
3/2/16	<i>“Open My Ears Lord”</i>	Kurt Sandberg
3/9/16	<i>“Open My Heart, Lord”</i>	Greg Betteridge
3/16/16	<i>“Open My Life, Lord”</i>	Mark Lytle

Committees responsible for the suppers.

- February 10 Council
- February 17 Social Ministry
- February 24 Christian Education/3Ms
- March 2 Evangelism/Endowment
- March 9 Worship & Music/Choirs
- March 16 Altar Guild



Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

Rae and I want to thank each of you for not only welcoming us to your church family but allowing us to be your friends. So many of you have been so kind in making meals when we first moved here, for opening your homes for cottage meetings, and for the gifts you have showered upon us. Thank you especially for the “bonus” I received for Christmas. Your generosity was overwhelming!

May each of us continue to reflect the love of Christ as we continue on this journey of faith and sharing His Word.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor and Rae

From American Red Cross,

The efforts of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

Thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kelsey, District Manager

From Food for the Poor,

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Jacob on our recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food for The Poor Family

From Christmas Families,

We received many cards of thanks for the congregation’s generosity in making their Christmas so special. They were overwhelmed with the gifts and food received. Everything was very much appreciated. They also thank you for all your support and prayers for them. Your kindness made this holiday season easier for all of them and will always be remembered.



The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, at 10 am. A decorated box is in the gathering space for donations of 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!



Foolish Follies, Jokers Jollies!

Saturday, April 2

Do you have a unique talent? Have you always wanted to try acting? If you are interest in being a part of our 4th annual dinner theater, contact Steph Gildone or to serve, Faye Lampela.



*We welcome into membership through
Holy Baptism*

Kensley Isabella Lowery

Daughter of Richard & Adie Lowery and
granddaughter of Kevin Manniko.

Nolan Leigh Graham

Daughter of Bill & Sabrina Graham

FEBRUARY

If you are unable to serve,
please contact someone to serve in your place!

8:30 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY
Feb 7	Linda Hall	Rich Kantola	Pam Howland	Brandon Vidmar	Mike & Laurie Bidwell	Richard & Beth Tulino	Heidi Parkomaki
Ash Wed Feb 10 Noon					Kimberly Chiodo Katrina Pavolino		
Feb 14	Richard Tulino	Susan McCarron	Clarence Baugher Grace Patriarco	Luke Patriarco	Nyla Lindgren	Dick Johnston Pearl Ann Curtis	Pam Deemer JoAnne Seavey
Feb 21	Duffy Guthrie	Richard Tulino	Susan McCarron Grace Patriarco	Grace Patriarco	Don & Sue Cummins	John & Sue Chapin	Katrina Pavolino
Feb 28	Shirley Harco	Katrina Pavolino	Amy Gallagher	Taylor Racut	Mike & Suzanne Malys	Dick & Dolores Pelow	Susan Chapin

SECURING THE CHURCH

Feb 7	Duffy Guthrie
Feb 10	Mark Lytle
Feb 14	Mary Steighner
Feb 17	Mark Lytle
Feb 21	Scott Racut
Feb 24	Andy Chiodo
Feb 28	John Chapin

ALTAR GUILD

Pearl Ann Curtis
Peggy Harco
Shirley Harco
Heidi Parkomaki
Phyllis Waid

11:00 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY	NURSERY
Feb 7	Scott Racut	Phyllis Waid	Tyler Pew	Heather Farr Kataya Sweeney	Andy & Kimberly Chiodo	Dave & Martha Jayne Thompson	Suzanne Malys	Molly Todaro
Ash Wed Feb 10 7 pm				Jasmine Steighner RaeAnn Wright	Faye Lampela			
Feb 14	Phyllis Waid	Scott Racut	Faye Lampela Lydia Jerina	Hayley Van Epps Taylor Racut	Todd & Tyler Pew	Jerry & Faye Lampela	Robin Bryant Kris Cameron	Shelly Carpenter & Sydney
Feb 21	Tyler Pew	Paul Mechling	Shirley Harco Hannah Tallbacka	Hannah Tallbacka Natalie Wood	Michelle Logan Patricia Laughlin	Pat Laughlin	Connie Farr Julia Pew	Stephanie Van Norman Suzanne Malys
Feb 28	Mike Malys	Duffy Guthrie	Mark Lytle Nickolas Mason	Madeline Owens Lydia Jerina	Nancy Guthrie Ruth Brown	Taylor Peel Bethany Juncker	Michelle Logan & Nickolas	Amanda Sanford Stephanie Wood

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>1st Holy Communion Classes 12:15 pm Feb. 21, 28 Mar. 6, 13</p> </div>	<p>1 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>2 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 3M" Ministry 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>3 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>4 6:00 Weight Watchers</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 10:00 Sub Assembly</p>
<p>7 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir 12:15 Chancel Choir 1:30 Villa Worship 5:30 Movie "Meet the Robinsons"</p>	<p>8 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>9 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Angela's 6:00 All Committees</p>	<p>10 Ash Wednesday Services at noon & 7 pm 6:00 Soup and Bread 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home</p>	<p>11 5:45 Finance Meeting 6:00 Weight Watchers 6:30 CAMA Service at GSLC</p>	<p>12 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>13 Nisua Noon Pickup Bread</p>
<p>14 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service CONGREGATION MEETING Noon Cherub Choir 1 pm YOUTH BOWLING</p>	<p>15 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>16 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 3M" Ministry 6:30 Girl Scouts 5:30 Executive Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 6:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 Lent Worship</p>	<p>18 6:00 Weight Watchers</p>	<p>19 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir 12:15 Chancel Choir WINTER JAM CONCERT</p>	<p>22 ECHO ARTICLES DUE 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>23 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry</p>	<p>24 6:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 Lent Worship</p>	<p>25 6:00 Weight Watchers</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 12:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY WEEK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> FIRST HOLY COMMUNION March 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> March 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> March 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> March 27</p>