

THE ECHO

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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"

APRIL 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

APRIL 3 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Capital Campaign Offerings
and Food Pantry Donations

APRIL 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 29, 2016

GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016

\$5,925.00

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED		YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
			BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE		
January	\$ 20,054	\$ 20,054	111.9%	\$ 16,211	\$ 16,211	88.3%
February	\$ 16,614	\$ 36,668	99.9%	\$ 23,816	\$ 40,027	109.0%

Roof/Addition Mortgage balance as of March 8, 2016

\$110,276

Pentecost Banner

The Worship & Music art team will be making two “community” Pentecost banners. We are looking for one or two small pieces of **red cotton material no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches. The material can be a print or solid.** If you want your “spirit” to be a part of this banner, please drop your material in the basket in the Gathering Space. We will be collecting material through May 1st.





He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia.

What are we to think about the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus the Christ? A singular event. Unique. Are we to blindly believe without proof? Without scientific explanation? Since this phenomenon happened two thousand years ago, many have used its improbability as a way of denying Jesus, not to mention God. We as Christians, however, have lived by faith even when we are faced with a hugely unbelievable event. What keeps us attached to this living hope; the living hope that Christ is with us even now?

What keeps us attached indeed? I could just say that it is faith, but that would be far too simple for this day and age when there is a constant barrage of arguments on both sides of this complex and spiritual subject. It would also make for a much shorter ECHO article.

But it is in the hearing of the Gospels and the writings of Paul the apostle that we come to faith. It does seem pretty silly that all of the apostles and evangelists of that time period would have risked their lives and livelihoods proclaiming something considered seditious. In the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes:

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters* at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.* ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

I believe in the risen Lord because of these and other passages of the Bible. But, I also have been a witness to the Holy Spirit working in my life and in the lives of others that I know. I can only say that there is no way to scientifically prove or disprove either the resurrection or the working of the Holy Spirit, but my faith draws me to the conclusion that these two things are real if not observable or repeatable events. Do not ask me to explain scientifically these things because it would be hard to do and even harder to understand. (But the Heisenburg Uncertainty Principle may have something to do with it.) I do know that science is based on hard evidence with observable, repeatable results. Resurrection, however, has not been repeated but has been observed. The hard evidence is attested to by the New Testament authors who could touch, see, and observe the behavior of the risen Lord at that time. The apostle Thomas would be right up there among those that found it hard to believe. But then he was granted the opportunity to put his fingers in the holes of Jesus' hands and his hands in Jesus' side.

This is what I can say: The risen Lord was real for the apostles and is real for me. His spiritual body is able to appear and disappear. He was able to walk through locked doors but still able to eat a breakfast of roasted fish. He is the first born of the resurrection that will happen on the last day, but he still came to see his friends and disciples of the first century. Perhaps none of this is repeatable, but it certainly was observed.

Blessings of Peace in Christ's Name

Pastor Van De Motter

JOSHUA MISSION TEAM

The young adults who are going on the mission trip this summer will be selling candles in April and May. The profits will help to pay for housing and food while they are working to improve others' lives in the Steubenville area.

Please support our youth by purchasing a candle or two for yourself or as a gift. (Mother's Day is May 8th)



Good Shepherd has a **scholarship** for those planning to attend an accredited technical school, community college, junior college or a four-year college/university. The complete application is available on the kiosk or in the church office.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 27, 2016.

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Renee Cavanaugh
Karen Picard
Herb Hopkins
Broderick King
Pat Haas
Makayla Coe
Al Gee
Dick Pelow
Richard Vidmar
Lee Murtha
Greg Betteridge
Karen Yourchak
Trenton Tallbacka
Hannah Farr
Carter Sanford

Dagmar Bozard
Stacie Brink
Jennie Hutchison
Tyler Pew
Jim Salo
Ryan Thompson
Cherrie Houser
Melissa Howland
Stephanie Mischka
Skip Sanford
Luke Patriarco
Deanna Brown
Sally Sillanpaa
Richard Tulino
Gary Anderson

Christopher Jewell
Tim Montagano
Bob Hybert
Adelynn Maxey
Nancy Litz
Julia Sprague
Mike Malys III
Julia Pew
Vanessa Howard
Martha Lillie
Ethan Van Norman
Courtney Coe
Kevin Esposito
Tanner Poff
Amanda Sanford



Jerry ♥ Shirley Brookhouser
Ron ♥ Dianne Young
Chuck ♥ Kelly Anthony
Greg ♥ Glenda Betteridge

Andy ♥ Kimberly Chiodo
Richard ♥ Beth Tulino
Bob ♥ Pat Haas
Rich ♥ Julie Kantola

Don ♥ Sue Dildine



A Moment In Faith

By Richard P. Tulino, A Layman's Interpretation

The story of Mary Magdalene on Easter morning is very interesting; it moves from great despair to great joy. Mary had been one of Jesus' dearest friends. We don't know Mary's entire story, but Luke tells us that Jesus has delivered her from seven demons. We don't know just what that means, but we can be sure that her life before Jesus was terrible indeed. Some people think that she was a prostitute; perhaps she was plagued with a mental disorder. At any rate, Jesus delivered Mary of whatever was plaguing her and she was absolutely devoted to him. It is interesting that each of the four Gospels tells the Easter story just a little differently. Matthew says that two women went to the tomb, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matt.28:1). Mark says that it was Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome (Mark 16:1). Luke says it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women (Luke 24:10). John mentions only Mary Magdalene (John 20:1). Did you notice that Mary Magdalene is mentioned in all four accounts? Apparently there was some question about who went to pay their respects to Jesus that Easter morning, but everyone knew that Mary Magdalene was there, because everyone knew her devotion to Jesus. They could not have kept her from the tomb that morning! Arriving at the tomb she found it open and she ran to get Peter and John. They came and when they looked in, they found the body of Jesus missing.

Mary was weeping when Jesus appeared and she didn't recognize him. Jesus asked her why she was crying and she said, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where he is." She felt terrible about what had happened because Jesus was the only man in a world of men who really cared about her; one man who could heal her, who could drive away her demons.

Then Mary's world turned around when Jesus said one word – MARY - her name. He knew her name! Finally she recognized his voice. It was Jesus! And suddenly Good Friday became Easter Sunday! Death became life! Despair became hope! This all happened because he knew her name. Once she heard her name, she knew that Jesus was alive, and she came back to life as well.

Jesus knows your name too. Did you know that? Jesus knows and calls your name. Jesus loves you just like he loved Mary Magdalene. He wants to help turn all your Good Fridays into Easter Sundays. But sometimes life is hard and you may feel like Easter on the outside and like Good Friday on the inside. If that's the case, be aware that Jesus knows your heart. He knows your troubles. He knows your dreams and your longings. And He knows your name! This Easter season Jesus calls your name, to let you know that He knows you, to let you know that He cares, to let you know that He is with you through the good and bad of life. He calls your name to remind you that, with Him by your side, every Good Friday can become an Easter Sunday.

And then He says, "Go and tell them, I have seen the Lord." That is our right response to Jesus' love - to let the words of our mouths and the actions of our lives bear witness to the fact that we have seen the Lord. To share the Good News! This Easter, listen carefully to hear Jesus call your name. Listen to His message of love. Then go and tell them, **"I Have Seen the Lord"**

He Is Risen Alleluia!



RECENT VISITORS

How many did you greet?

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| Joan Beagle | Earl and Linda Scott |
| Kimberly Bell | Maribeth Sorrell and Cameron |
| Peggy Blood | Carol Stewart |
| Floyd Cameron | Greg Sweet |
| Mark Cameron | Alison C. Tan |
| Howie and Sally Campbell | Jenna Thompson |
| David, Julie, Juniper Coffield | John J. Thompson |
| Paul Cole | Tony Todaro |
| Jim Crowl | Courtney Troup |
| Nancy Cunningham | Rachel, Amy, Allison Van Epps |
| Keith Douglas | Sarah, Adele and Lincoln Wade |
| Kim Esposito | |
| Steve and Ruth Farr | |
| Jimmy Fulhoz | |
| Robert Fuller | |
| Tom Gildone | |
| Angela, Clara and Sammi Giranchi | |
| Dianna Greer | |
| Jon and Margaret Griswold | |
| David, Jessica, Julie Hines | |
| Don & Pat Huston | |
| Michael Laituri | |
| Mike Lemmo | |
| George Lindgren | |
| Butch & Nancy Loomis | |
| Jackie Lytle | |
| Mia Lytle | |
| Tamara Matlock | |
| Ryan McCarron | |
| Ashley Meinke | |
| Wendy Moore | |
| Ross & Sharon Niinisto | |
| Alyssa Ogelsby | |
| Bruce and Judy Perry | |
| Judy Pew | |
| Brooklyne Phillips | |
| Hannah Pipers | |
| Mike & Debi Pugh | |
| Makenzie, Jolene and Emily Rainey | |
| Joan Roberts | |
| Heidi Robinson | |
| Jada Sackett | |
| Amy Sanford | |

ATTENDANCE

	WORSHIP SERVICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Wed, March 2	40	
Thurs, March 3	71	CAMA at GSLC
Sunday, March 6	180	46
Wed, March 9	41	
March 13	165	37
Wed, Mar 16	38	
March 20	235	36
Maundy Thursday	78	
Good Friday	98	
March 27	275	



The following youth received their First Holy Communion on March 20, 2016 at the 11 am worship service:

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| Brennen Francis Burke | Thaddaeus Lawrence Huya |
| Isabel Margaret-Anne Burke | Kayden Alexander Poff |
| AnnaMae Vera Cameron | Tanner Daniel Poff |
| Aiden Kyle Vidmar | |

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of:

Ruth Speer who passed away on March 2, 2016. Her funeral service was from the Marcy Funeral Home

and

Ruth Griffey who passed away on March 27, 2016. Her funeral service was conducted at Good Shepherd on April 1, 2016.

#The Landing*
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Sunday, April 17th
12:15 PM to 3:00 PM

All young adults (Grade 7 thru 12) are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship at #The Landing. Lunch will be provided. Invite a friend. You do not have to be a member to attend.



*The act or process of coming to land or rest. (From the Free Dictionary by Farley) An activity center for young adults from Grade 7 thru 12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS--

Good Shepherd Lutheran and Corpus Christi Churches will join again this year for Vacation Bible School which will be held July 18-22. Come join the fun!! All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Contact Amy Sanford at 593-3040.

JOSHUA MISSION TEAM

If you missed the meeting and are thinking about joining us this summer, please call Rae Van De Motter @ 216-633-6362.

All youth on the Mission Team must complete four hours of fund raising in order to have your trip paid for by GSLC.

JOSHUA MISSION

Donations Needed:

- Work gloves in variety of sizes, safety glasses, ear plugs, dust masks, measuring tapes, nail apron.
- Hammers, pliers, screw drivers, scrapers, putty knives, paint tarps.



Look for the JOSHUA Mission basket in the gathering space.

JOSHUA MISSION

HELP!

The Joshua Mission Team would like to borrow a small trailer (4'x7') that we can hitch onto an SUV.

If you have one that can be used from June 18th thru June 25th,

please call

Rae Van De Motter

216-633-6362



Study ^{the} Bible with us



Wednesday Bible Study resumes April 6 at 6:00 pm.

The **Adult Sunday School Class** will begin an 8-week book/dvd course entitled, "The End of Me" by Kyle Idelman beginning Sunday, April 10th. The study explores what it means to die to yourself. More information is available by contacting Andy Chiodo.

Softball Season is fast approaching!! The 2016 GSLC Softball team will be on the field starting in late May. We are always looking for new players, male and female. Players must be at least 13 years old and attend at least one (1) service per month. Signup sheet for the 2016 team is available on the kiosk in the gathering space or see Andy Chiodo, team coach, for more information.



Thank you to all who donated wonderful casseroles, helped set up and clean up to make the Easter breakfast so successful!!! The Evangelism Committee is grateful for the congregation's support of the event. Donations collected will be used toward the Audio System Upgrade of the Sanctuary.

Thank you to those who helped to make the Sanctuary so colorful and joyful for the Easter season; to Faye Lampela and Michelle Logan for making the butterflies and to Rae Van De Motter and Bethany Juncker for making the mobiles and attaching the butterflies; to Rae, Andy Chiodo and John Chapin for hanging the mobiles.

The next **nisua** baking day is **April 23rd**



May 21st will be the last **nisua baking day** until fall.

Contact Phyllis Waid, Heidi Parkomaki
or the church office to place your order.

Cost is \$5.00 per loaf



It's time to think
about your garden.

Joe's Rototilling
440 812-3231

APRIL

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
APR 3	Linda Hall	Kurt Sandberg	Pam Howland	Lydia Jerina	Don & Sue Cummins	Rich & Julie Kantola	Pearl Ann Curtis
APR 10	Mike Malys	Betty Monday	Dave Nolan Grace Patriarco	Grace Patriarco	Andy & Kimberly Chiodo	Dave & Bernadette Nolan	Heidi Parkomaki
APR 17	George Peterson	Amy Gallagher	Richard Tulino	Brandon Vidmar	Dave & Bernadette Nolan	Janet Antila	Susan McCarron
APR 24	Pam Howland	George Peterson	Linda Hall Grace Patriarco	Jasmine Steighner	Gary & Pamela Howland	Nancy Altman	Stephanie Patriarco

SECURING THE CHURCH

Apr 3 Scott Racut
Apr 10 Scott Racut
Apr 17 Suzanne Malys
Apr 24 John Chapin

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer
Betty Monday
Robin Bryant

11:00 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY	NURSERY
APR 3	Scott Racut	Kelsey Walters	Jennie Hutchison	Madeline & Ben Owens	Andy & Kimberly Chiodo	Michelle Logan & Nickolas	Michelle Logan & Nickolas	Mark & Susan Lytle
APR 10	Nancy Guthrie	Faye Lampela	Janelle Cole	Chase Carpenter Kayden Poff	Ruth Brown Phyllis Waid	Mike & Suzanne Malys	Martha Jayne Thompson	Tina Beagle Sara Bowers
APR 17	Tyler Pew	Paul Mechling	Annie Vendetti	Hayley Van Epps RaeAnn Wright	Mike & Beth Vendetti	John & Jennie Hutchison	Stacy Racut & Taylor	Mary Steighner & Jasmine
APR 24	Andy Chiodo	Duffy Guthrie	Taylor Peel	Hannah Tallbacka Kataya Sweeney	E. Jay Hybert Kelsey Walters	Kelsey Walters	Pat Laughlin	Alison Hathy & Brielle

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 OFFICE CLOSED Fellowship Hall in Use	2 Dinner Theater 6 pm
3 8:30 Contemporary Service 11:00 Traditional Service 12:15 Chancel Choir Noon Cherub Choir Practice 1:30 Worship at the Villa	4 6:00 Block Party Meeting 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir	5 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	6 9:30 Villa Bible Study 6:00 Bible Study	7 6:00 Weight Watchers	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 MISSION SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service Noon Cherub Choir Practice 1-3 pm Fellowship Hall in use	11 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir	12 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Angela's Café 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 All Committees	13 1:30 Social Ministry Bingo at County Home 6:00 Bible Study	14 5:45 Finance Meeting 6:00 Weight Watchers	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 Fellowship Hall in Use
17 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 12:15 #The Landing Noon Cherub Choir Practice	18 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir	19 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M"Men's Ministry 5:30 Executive Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	20 6:00 Bible Study	21 6:00 Weight Watchers	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 5:30 am Nisua Bakers
24 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	25 6:00 Genesis Bells 7:00 Bell Choir	26 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M"Men's Ministry 6:00 Girl Scouts	27 6:00 Bible Study	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30