

THE ECHO

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

876 Grove Street, Conneaut, OH 44030

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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"

SEPTEMBER 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

SEPT 4 *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Last 10:15 am service

SEPT 11 *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Sunday School Begins
Capital Campaign Offerings
and Food Pantry Donations

SEPT 18 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

SEPT 25 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION OF YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE goodshepherd@suite224.net

THE OCTOBER ECHO DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 19.

TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2016

\$ 11,394

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED		YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED
			BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE		OPERATING COST
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%
March	\$ 19,547	\$ 56,215	102.1%	\$ 17,046	\$ 57,073	103.7%
April	\$ 15,289	\$ 71,503	97.4%	\$ 17,025	\$ 74,098	100.9%
May	\$ 19,817	\$ 91,320	99.5%	\$ 18,469	\$ 92,567	100.9%
June	\$ 16,287	\$107,607	97.7%	\$ 15,220	\$107,787	97.9%
July	\$18,884	\$126,491	98.5%	\$ 15,787	\$124,574	97.0%

Roof/Addition Mortgage balance as of August 9, 2016

\$ 79,850

**The Congregation Meeting of GSLC
will be held**

**Sunday, Oct. 9
at Noon
in the Church Sanctuary**

**Please mark your calendars
and plan to attend.**



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

*Bible Study will begin Wednesday, **September 14,**
from **6 pm-7 pm** in the conference room with Pastor
Van De Motter.*

Pastor's Page September 2016



Grace and peace to you!!

School's Back!!! And so is Sunday School which starts on September 11.

On September 1, I will have been your pastor for one year. Some things have been rough, others not so much. But, now I have a baseline for activities in this congregation. And my baseline tells me that Sunday School will be beginning soon, the 8:30 service will be inside again, and God's Work Our Hands will be coming up shortly. Having started on the Labor Day weekend, I am happy to say that I will get a day off on Labor Day Monday. After that is the hard work of continuing to be your pastor.

I look forward to a revamped confirmation schedule and curriculum. I will be teaching each Sunday. My wife, Rae, will be helping me along with some of the high school young adults. Sunday School with a splash of #TheLanding will, I hope, become an interesting way to learn the confirmation requirements that all confirmands need in order to expand their faith and their mission work in the world. Exposure to the world and all things that can break down faith is what most confirmation kids will need to deal with after they are confirmed. Many churches haven't yet figured out how to hold onto these young adults through high school and college. But faith has a way of bringing them back when that faith is based on the good news of Jesus Christ.

More changes will be coming for me as some of our members are circulating out of council. Looking for new fresh ideas from people who might have the gift for some of these roles is not always a timely endeavor. It takes time to convince and time to nurture these gifts. Saying that, I am optimistic about our next council, but we still need to pray about these positions in the hope that the Holy Spirit will answer our prayer with the best possible people with the right gifts for these ministries.

Rae and I have been blessed with a year of exploration and finding friends and good neighbors. Thank you to all who helped in this transition. Your love and support have been a blessing to us and the desire to reach out into the community has been a great reflection of your love of mission. Let us continue the work that was started as far back as St. Paul in the first century.

Blessings of Peace in Christ's name,

Pastor Patrick J. Van De Motter

... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**



Wednesday, September 28
Red Cross Blood Drive
1 - 6 pm
The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



Bobbie and the Worship and Music team would like to thank all who participated in the "Special Music" this summer and making "lake alive with the Sound of Music"

Changing back to 11:00 service will happen soon, on September 11th. There will be a church cleaning on Saturday, Sept 10, at 10:00. We would like to get all the summer spiders that have moved in and wipe off the sweaty palms from the HOT HOT summer. Sweepers, dusters and a few extra hands are needed to make this a fast process.



**If you enjoy music,
our choirs are for you!**



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. 8, 5:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir: play at alternating services 1 Sunday per month.

Requirement: some music reading experience-we'll teach you the technical stuff!

First rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir: sings at the 11:00 service

Requirement: Confirmation age and up
Desire to praise the Lord in song!

First rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar
for Sunday,
September 11, 2016

**God's work.
Our hands.**

From Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton:

***'God's work. Our hands.'* Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world.**

GSLC members are called to put our faith into action! We will be participating in an afternoon of service to our community, together with members of other Conneaut area churches and the public. Meet here at 12:45 for a light lunch and brief devotion, then go out to serve.

All ages and gifts are needed. The outdoor project focus this year is Malek Park. Those who prefer something less active will visit lonely care facility residents and write thank you notes to active duty military. As this is the 15th anniversary of the attacks on our country (September 11, 2001) we also will honor our local first responders.

If available, please wear your gold shirt from last year's day of service, a red, blue or black Thrivent shirt, or your "I love my church" shirt. A limited number of extra "volunteer" t-shirts will be available for that day.



QUILTING MINISTRY

Quilting begins on Tuesday, September 6. Come and join us for wonderful Christian fellowship. You do not need to sew to be part of the group. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are finished by noon.



Look for exciting and fun opportunities in participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. If you know how to sew or crochet, please see Faye Lampela for some quick and easy packing ideas. Kick off for this ministry will be October 2nd with the dedication being held on November 13th.

Operation Christmas Child shoe box workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 28th beginning at 10:00 at the church. These shoe boxes arrive flat and need to be assembled into boxes. We will be assembling 175 boxes, Good Shepherd's goal this year. Volunteers are needed for this project. To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Ellen Gee, 593-2914 or Faye Lampela, 593-1273.



Sunday School News September 2016

Welcome back to Sunday School! Sunday School teachers welcome! We have lots of new fun events for the whole family! Join us for our new family movie night.

Sept 11th Rally day (1st day Sunday school welcome back)
Sept 11th God's work. Our hands. day... (All are welcome to help)
Sept 18th Acolyte training begins 4th grade and up
Sept 18th 6th grade Confirmation begins 9:45 AM
Sept 18th #The Landing
Sept 25th Movie night 5:30 Pm (UP-the movie, pg)
Great family movie, bring a friend, join us for some popcorn.

October 2016

Oct 2nd Operation Christmas Child Kick off
Oct 8th Haunted Corn Maze (7th grade and up)
Oct 9th Bible Sunday (3rd grade)
Oct 9th Sisson's Pumpkin patch -leave church at 1 pm (all families welcome)
Oct 16th #The Landing
Oct 23rd Fall Fest (kids may dress up if you wish) Sunday School Parade
Oct 30th Reformation (wear red)

A BIG, LOUD THANK YOU to the entire team of volunteers who helped with circus preparations during the month leading up to the Big Day, July 19! If I tried to name everyone, surely I would forget someone. The volunteers delivered pre-sale tickets and collected donations by local businesses, put up and later removed posters and yard signs, collected and returned banners, and assisted me with many other details.

Thank you to those who also showed your support for GSLC by attending the circus. The circus again was a successful family-friendly event for the community. Thank you!



Michelle Logan, Circus Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Rally Day for Sunday School will be on September 11 at 9:45 am.
There will be Installation of Staff during the worship service.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

2016-2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADE _____

STUDENT NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

BAPTIZED YES _____ Date Baptized _____ NO _____

FIRST COMMUNION YES _____ Date _____ NO _____

SCHOOL GRADE _____

STUDENT'S ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

LIVE WITH PARENT(S) _____
(Name/s)

LIVE WITH GUARDIAN(S) _____
(Name/s)

HOME TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____
(Name) (Relationship) (Phone)

Special learning needs, allergies or medical problems _____

Food Allergies _____

Permission for pictures and web site

Parent's Signature

**FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY,
PLEASE COME TO THE CLASSROOM AT DISMISSAL.**

#The Landing 2016-17 Calendar

All events will take place at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Lunch provided at 12:15 with activity until 2:30 pm

9/18/2016 – Viewing of the Movie “Luther”

10/16/16

11/20/16

12/18/16 – Christmas Party

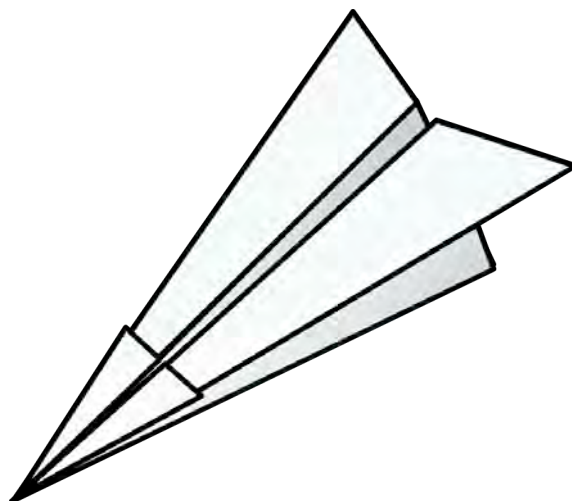
1/22/2017

2/26/2017

3/26/2017

No meeting in April

5/21/2017 – End of school year party



What's happening at #The Landing?

by Rae VanDeMotte

The partly cloudy and rainy morning did not stop everyone from having a super time at Township Park. Our biggest challenge was figuring out how to put up the volleyball net and where?#! Don't let anyone tell you that this group is not determined. So, no, the sand was too rocky. And, no, the poles would have to be buried about a foot deep – too much work!! Just lay the pole on the ground and forget about the net! Let's play!



A special thank you goes out to Pat Haas who provided hamburgers and hotdogs for our group and Sue Chapin who always takes care that we have a meal that is nutritious. I can't believe that the summer is just about over – where has it gone? The school year will bring some new and fun activities for #The Landing. Watch for the calendar of events in coming issues of The Echo!

Library News

With summer drawing to an end, we find all of the fall activities of our church and community beginning. The evenings will soon be dark and cool. Time to curl up with a good movie or book. Remember to check out the church library where there are many titles of both available.

If you are looking for the Christian fiction, you will find that it has been moved. All you need to do is look for the shelves that are labeled accordingly.

Sunday School students, we urge you to use the library. We have many selections of books and movies that will appeal to all ages.

We are missing some items from the shelves. Please check at home if you have borrowed any items from the library and return them. Thank you. Also, we are always looking for donations of books, videos, or DVD's.

Laura, Kay and Nancy
Happy reading!!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

In planning for the future, remember the following eligibility requirements for the **GSLC Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship**:

- Applicant must be attending or planning to attend an accredited technical school, community college, junior college, or a four-year college/university. Exceptions for graduate work will be considered for applicants attending a Lutheran Seminary.
- Applicant must be a member or a child of a member for at least two years prior to scholarship application, meeting criteria of membership for GSLC in Conneaut, Ohio.
- High school applicants must have at least a 2.8 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for grades 9-12. Post-high school applicants must have a 2.8 cumulative GPA from a school of higher education for at least a full scholastic year. If, at the time of application, the cumulative GPA is not available, the scholarship award will be conditional to a satisfactory GPA report.
- High school applicants must meet a worship attendance of at least 24 times per year in the 11th and 12th grade at GSLC.
- After the first awarded scholarship, worship attendance at GSLC and/or a church near the school must be at least 24 times per year.

Details for submitting the application will be available in the spring.



Thank you to the 2016 GSLC Softball Team players, coaches, scorekeepers and cheering section for another great season of fun and fellowship in the Conneaut Softball League!! The team finished with a record of 6 and 7 and made it to the semi-finals in the season ending tournament. We truly appreciate the support of the congregation as we represent Christ and GSLC to others in our community!
Andy Chiodo, Coach

The Evangelism Team would like to thank those who supported the D-Day weekend in many ways. Attending our parking lots was a tough job in the heat, but many of you volunteered to perform that task and it is greatly appreciated!! Thank you to the congregation for your support of the pre-paid Saturday parking in our main lot. Your support in conjunction with the pre-paid Re-Enactor parking makes it possible to spread the Good News of God's Love in our community.
Andy Chiodo, Evangelism Chairperson



On behalf of the Conneaut Human Resources Center and Right Track after School Program, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the school supplies to Right Track Program for the Back to School distribution.

Your thoughtfulness and effort helps the Conneaut Human Resources Center continue to provide valuable services to our community.

*Sincerely,
Debbie Newcomb
Executive Director*

Right Track Back-To-School Distribution

Thank you to all who donated a total of **192 glue sticks** destined for Conneaut Area City School children.

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Owens

Greg Brown

Martha Jayne Thompson

Kaitlyn Fattler

Tim Tallbacka

Susan Lytle

Kelly Anthony

Aaron Reed

Bob Reed

Julie Curtis

Aaron Bowers

Austin Brown

Craig Huya

Madeline Owens

Karla Tallbacka

Jaime Fattler

Nancy Altman

Bill Cline

Kathy Van Epps

Roland Griffey

Bill Graham

Rick Kantola

Aiden Brown

Kurt Sandberg

Sara Bowers

Natalie Huya

Brennen Burke

Olivia Sorrell

Aurelia Huya

John Hutchison

Tyler Moore

Annie Vendetti

Sandra Dombroski

Dick Stoker

Diana Stoker

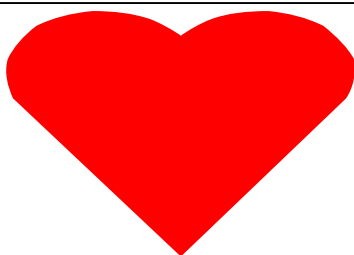
Dysin Jerina

Ryan Harco

Cohen Bidwell

J.T. Murtha

Rose McKiethan



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dick ♥ Dolores Pelow

Al ♥ Ellen Gee

James ♥ Kristy Jerina

Steve ♥ Amy Sanford

Mike ♥ Suzanne Malys

John ♥ Renee Montagano

Michael ♥ Stephanie Van Norman

Bill ♥ Sabrina Graham

David ♥ Martha Jayne Thompson

John ♥ Jennie Hutchison

Lou ♥ Chris Murtha

Tony ♥ Jessica Howard

Dick ♥ Diana Stoker

Dave ♥ Lori Punkar



Recent Visitors
How many did you greet?

Ashley Allen, Nashville, TN
Fred Allen, Butler, PA
Mary Argo
Dan Bernard, West Virginia
Ethan Blom, Chesterfield, VA
Brian Boles
Paul Cole
Elenea Curtis
Rich Cypher
Katriina Emery
Buck & Anne Gilbert
Bethany Hardy & Kian, Arlington, VA
Amy Harris
Don Johnson, Pittsburgh, PA
Jerry, Janey & Justin Juncker
Tammy Kesner, West Virginia
Justin Lyle & Gina Gillie
Erik Maenpaa

Yollie Malys
Waino Nyman
Alyssa Ogelsby
Brian & Jennifer Ondo & Family
Daniel, Donovan, Adley Peel
Joel Peel, Ashtabula, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Perry
Brooklyne Phillips
Emmalyne Royal
Levi Sherman
Glenn & Kaye Thomas
John Thompson & Chloe
Carol Torttila
Richard & Nancy Virant
Adele, Sarah & Lincoln Wade
Lee & Lorraine Weaver
Janet Woodard
Josh Woodard

ATTENDANCE	
WORSHIP SERVICE	
July 24	129
July 31	107
Aug 7	150
Aug 14	137
Aug 21	121



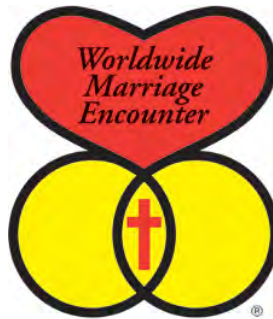
CHANGING ADDRESSES?
If you are moving or heading off to college, please remember to notify the church office of your address change. Doing so will help us maintain an accurate mailing list.
Also please notify us of changes of phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
Thank you!



There are **activity bags** hanging on the kiosk in the gathering space for children to use during the worship service.

The 1st **Nisua** for the season is not until **October 8**
I am sure we will be ready for it!

Cost is \$5.00 per loaf.



**ENJOY A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY TOGETHER
on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

Lutheran Marriage Encounter sponsors a unique Weekend enrichment for all Christian couples who value their marriage and understand that a growing marriage takes attention. The Weekend offers the chance to focus on each other in an encouraging, safe, and distraction-free environment. The next one takes place November 11-13 at the historic Hotel Millersburg in Holmes County.

Contact local registrars Duffy & Nan Guthrie at 440/599-9090, nguthrie@suite224.net to ask questions or go online to www.GodLovesMarriage.org. As the website explains, the Weekend in November is a "pay as you go" event, where you will be asked to secure the room of your choice at the Hotel (each is unique) with your credit card, and then pay for your food package upon arrival. At the end of the Weekend everyone is asked for a confidential donation to bless future couples. (Scholarships are always available, even for the \$100 reservation fee--just discuss this privately with the Guthries.)

WHAT DOES A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DO FOR COUPLES?

In 2010, a survey was sent out to couples who had attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (of any faith expression). Over 2000 people replied online, and here are some of the key statistics:

- 97% rated the Weekend as "Excellent" or "Good"
- 73% said that the Weekend changed their relationship with the church and that they decided to become more active in the church afterwards
- 90% have encouraged a family member to attend

SEPTEMBER

8:30 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY
SEPT 4	Sue McCarron	Amy Gallagher	Pam Howland		Mike & Suzanne Malys	Jerry & Shirley Brookhouser	Judy Barch Nyla Lindgren Jan Uveges
SEPT 11	Pam Howland	Julie Kantola	Linda Hall	JR Hutchison	John & Sue Chapin	Heidi Parkomaki	Katrina Pavolino
SEPT 18	Richard Tulino	Dave Nolan	Tim Moga	Brandon Vidmar	Don & Sue Cummins		Susan McCarron
SEPT 25	Linda Hall	Mike Malys	Richard Tulino	Grace Patriarco	Nancy Guthrie Nyla Lindgren	Jim & Marilyn Salo	Julie Kantola

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Chapin
Pam Deemer
Betty Monday
Robin Bryant

LAST 10:15 WORSHIP WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

11:00 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY
SEPT 4	Scott Racut	Mark Lytle	Dianne Young		Nancy Guthrie E. Jay Hybert	E. Jay Hybert	Martha Jayne Thompson
SEPT 11	Dianne Young	Scott Racut	Janelle Cole	Ben Owens Chase Carpenter	Peggy Harco Shirley Harco	Ruth Brown Mary Lou Moio	Tammy Owens Morgan & Madeline
SEPT 18	Shirley Harco	Jerry Brookhouser	Annie Vendetti	Hayley & Matthew Van Epps	Mike & Beth Vendetti	Dave & Martha Jayne Thompson	Donna Manupella & Kataya
SEPT 25	Phyllis Waid	Dianne Young	Bethany Juncker	Kataya Sweeney Colton Cameron	Faye Lampela Michelle Logan	Al & Ellen Gee	Janelle Cole

SECURING THE CHURCH

Sept. 4 Nancy Guthrie
Sept. 11 John Chapin
Sept. 18 Duffy Guthrie
Sept. 25 Mary Steighner

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 6:00 Weight Watchers	2 OFFICE 	3
4 8:30 Contemporary Service 10:15 Traditional Service 1:30 Villa Worship	5 	6 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	7 Bible Study at Villa	8 5:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	9 OFFICE 	10 10:00 Clean Church
11 MISSION SUNDAY Baptism 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School Begins 11:00 Traditional Service GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. 12:45 PM	12	13 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast At Angela's Café 6:00 All Committees	14 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Bible Study	15 5:45 Finance Meeting 5:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	16 OFFICE 	17
18 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School Acolyte Training 11:00 Traditional Service 12:15 #The Landing	19 ECHO ARTICLES DUE	20 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	21 6:00 Bible Study	22 5:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	23 OFFICE 	24
25 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 5:30 Movie "Up"	26	27 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	28 10:00 Shoebox Workshop 1-6 pm Blood Drive 6:00 Bible Study	29 5:00 Genesis Bells 6:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	30 OFFICE 	