

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"

OCTOBER 2016

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED EACH SERVICE

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

OCT. 2 *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

OCT. 9 *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*
Capital Campaign Offerings
and Food Pantry Donations
Quilt Dedication

CONGREGATION MEETING

OCT. 16 *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*
Bible Sunday

OCT. 23 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

OCT. 30 *Reformation Sunday*
Wear Red



Reformation Day

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2016

\$ 8,321

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%
August	\$15,079	\$141,570	96.4%	\$21,882	\$146,456	99.7%

Roof/Addition Mortgage balance as of September 13, 2016

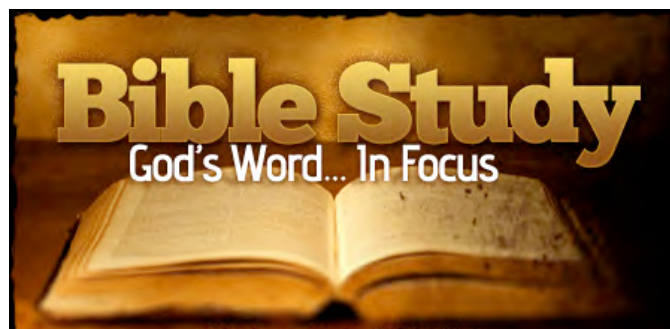
\$ 73,331



**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 is held on Wednesdays
from 6 pm-7 pm in the conference room
with Pastor Van De Motter.*



Grace to you and peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

(NRSV 2 Thessalonians 1:2)

A change is coming. I can feel it in the air. I can smell it in the water. The nights are chillier. The days are shorter. We have welcomed the passing of summer into autumn and await the blazing colors of fall. How awesome is a God that creates such beauty and bounty in a season that comes before the worst that seasons can wage against us. It is in the hope of abundance that we scurry around like any busy squirrel to pack away the fruits of the season. We prepare to watch all the gardens we have toiled in during spring and summer die to themselves and be covered with a blanket of white. It changes the once intense color of dying leaves into the monochrome of winter.

I welcome with melancholy this change, preferring the more verdant colors of spring and new growth. Autumn, even with all its glory, is a time to ponder. How does it happen every year that all of our gardens decline and die under freezing temperatures and falling snow. Yet, even when we are saddened by this decline, we have the hope of the future to be blessed with. All of those perennials that were planted will rebound with enthusiasm. All of the bulbs planted and reseeding wildflowers will hunker down, but will be resurrected in three or four short months. All of the vines that have dropped their leaves and flowers and given up their fruit will one day blossom again and bring forth an abundant harvest yet again.

This is how I feel every autumn. That happy/sad feeling of knowing the impending doom and knowing the spring rebirth. It brings me hope that we will all suffer in this fate. When we are finally at our last day, we stand in hope because of the resurrection of our Lord. While we know that we will wither and breathe our last as the leaves of the trees float down to the lawn, just as Jesus indeed did die. We know that we will also be raised again in a resurrection like his on the last day. Our second blooming and rebirth will echo our Baptismal vows to be reborn through the death of Christ into a heavenly joy that we cannot even comprehend now. But, we will at that time. We will rejoice at that time like we rejoice in our gardens in spring, with the hope that lasts forever.

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**



Kick-Off Sunday for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** will be on October 2nd. Empty shoe boxes will be available in the sanctuary. We will be collecting filled shoe boxes with gifts during the month of October. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** brochures were mailed to all members and friends of Good Shepherd. More brochures are available in the office. Dedication Sunday will be on November 13th. This will be the last day to collect filled shoe boxes.

This mission project brings so much joy and happiness to children in poverty stricken countries. These shoe boxes are opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ with the children and their families. Volunteers are needed to help with **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. To volunteer please contact Ellen Gee, 593-2914 or Faye Lampela, 593-1273.



Many, many thanks!!

Thank you to all members, family, friends and neighbors who all contributed to helping with the rummage sale.

We always have a good time organizing, pricing, selling and fellowshiping with one another and others in the community.

We are all blessed with the abundance of items God has blessed us with and we are able to share with others.

All in all, we raised over \$2,200 for Christian Education which encompasses all of us!

Thanks to be God,

Christian Education

The American Red Cross was very pleased with the blood drives held here at the church. The efforts of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have always been greatly appreciated and the support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kelsey, District Manager

Fellow Disciples of Christ,

Thank you for partnering with other churches in town to serve our community on September 11th, on the "God's Work, Our Hands" projects. You made a SIGNIFICANT dent in sprucing up Malek Park; you wrote 35 thank you notes (and posters) for our active duty military personnel and first responders; you visited with at least 22 lonely residents of Lake Point Nursing Home; and you helped some church workers with painting. Wow - what a wonderful afternoon of service you gave!

Building relationships by serving side by side with other Christians is a great way to show your love. On behalf of the Conneaut Area Ministerial Association, I thank you for bringing a bit of Christ to the community.

Nancy Guthrie
Pastoral Assistant

Update from the Call Committee

Since it's been about six months since our last update, we would like to share with you what work has been done to find our part-time youth & family minister since we shared that our revised MSP had been approved and posted for potential candidates.

First, though, please remember that the scope of responsibility of the Call Committee is limited. Our charge, in a nutshell, is to in prayerful discernment develop the Ministry Site Profile, interview the candidates referred by the Bishop's Office, check references, faithfully represent the congregation to those candidates, and recommend a candidate for the congregation to call. We cannot do such things as create positions or change qualification criteria, seek candidates on our own, or negotiate partnerships with other congregations to share positions.

Therefore, the Committee has had no work the past six months as no candidates have been referred to us to interview. The synod has informed us that it is difficult to find ordained clergy able to accept our call for a youth and family ministry on a part time basis.

However, Pastor Van De Motter has been exploring options, including sharing the position with another congregation and/or applying for a seminary intern, for which he has begun completing the very lengthy application form. He has also inquired and learned that there are no ELCA churches close by in the Northeastern Ohio Synod or points east that could support a part time youth and family minister. Sharing the position with churches with whom we are in full communion is possible, however, and he has begun looking into potential opportunities for that type of partnership.

So, please continue in prayer with us as options are explored. We are confident the Lord will send us the right person, in His time, to lead our youth and family ministry. Thank you!

In Christ We Serve,
Kelly Anthony, Chair

Congregational Call Process

	<u>Date Completed</u>
<u>Step</u>	
1. Position Established	May 15, 2014
2. Interim Care	Sept. 1, 2015
3. Bishop Meets with Congregational Council	May 20, 2014
4. Call Committee is Formed	May 20, 2014
5. Bishop's Assistant Meets with Call Committee	June 12, 2014
6. Call Committee Prepares "Ministry Site Profile"—Revised	Jan. 28, 2016
We Are Here ➡ 7. Identification of Candidates	Ongoing
8. Preparations for Interviewing	
9. Call Committee Interviews and Recommends	
10. Congregational Meeting is Held per Congregation's Constitution	
11. Congregation Issues Call	
12. Candidate Responds to Call	



October, 2016

Welcome back to Sunday School! October has lots of fun events planned!
Thank you to Leah Gallagher for your help with acolyte training this year!
Thank you Ruth Brown and for your help with robe fittings!

October 2016

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

November 2016

November 6th Mitten Tree from students to students: benefiting Lake Shore Primary School (We will be again collecting mittens, hats, and scarves)
November 13th Shoe boxes are due back today! Thank you for your donation
November 13th Movie night 5:30 pm "The Lorax"
November 20th Hanging of the Greens-All hands are helpful..
Thanksgiving feast- All are welcome!

Family Movie Nights: at Good Shepherd: All movies start at 5:30 pm
Bring a pillow and blanket if you like. Free popcorn and drinks provided.
October (no movie in October)
November 13th The Lorax
December 11th How the Grinch Stole Christmas
January 15th Finding Dory

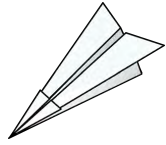
Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Mary Steighner 440-593-3788 maryscrazyme@hotmail.com

What's happening at

#The Landing?

By Rae VanDeMotte



School has started and so have the Sunday School classes and Confirmation. It is so good to see the Sunday School hallway bustling with kids of all ages again – the excitement is everywhere!! And I am excited because there are thirteen teenagers in our Confirmation class.

This year, we are combining a few of the events at #The Landing along with some of the Confirmation activities. In September, the 7th and 8th Graders watched the movie “Luther” after lunch at #The Landing. Several other Confirmation activities will take place in conjunction with #The Landing but we will be having some “play time” also.

Our goal is to have all of our 7th thru 12th grade students attend the activities at #The Landing this year. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to attend – bring a friend, stay an hour or stay for the afternoon. We serve lunch at 12:15 and end the activities at 2:30 PM. For October, we will be having a basketball challenge and giant Jenga in the back courtyard. Pray for an awesome, sunny, fall day. Otherwise, we will be inside!

#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

10/16/16 – Basketball Challenge and Giant Jenga
(outdoors weather permitting)

11/20/16 – Serve at Thanksgiving Lunch

12/18/16 – Christmas Party

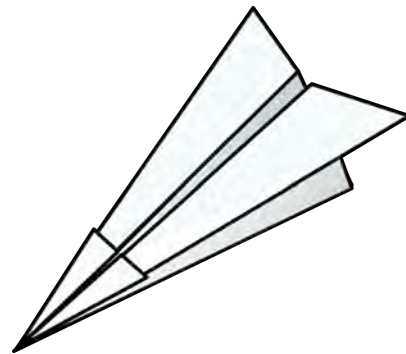
1/22/2017 – Pudding Pictionary

2/26/2017

3/26/2017

No meeting in April

5/21/2017 – End of school year party



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Pam Orrenmaa
Bryan Gildone
Connie Woodring
James Crowl
Glenda Betteridge
JoAnne Seavey
Victor Van Epps
Shawn Brink
Chris Murtha
Brielle Hathy
Paul Hirsimaki
Christopher Juncker
Isabel Burke

Ariana Berry
Dick Johnston
Sue Chapin
Nolan Graham
Hannah Tallbacka
Michelle Logan
Ericka Nickels
Lauren Cameron
Emilie Gauvin
Stephanie Patriarco
Mike Bidwell
Heather Farr

Paul Mechling
Jasmine Steighner
Andy Chiodo
Kensley Lowery
Duffy Guthrie
Jan Cole
Dick Borgner
Sue Dildine
Ashton Heckman
Donna Manupella
Marsha Taylor
Rae Van De Motter



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark ♥ Cindy Nelson
Don ♥ Susanne Cummins
Dave ♥ Bernadette Nolan
Joshua ♥ Angela Anderson
Zachery ♥ Alison Hathy

Justin ♥ Amanda Sanford
Shawn ♥ Stacie Brink
Bud ♥ Becca Watson
Mike ♥ Beth Vendetti
Dan ♥ Stephanie Patriarco

Rich ♥ Pam Herner



Recent visitors

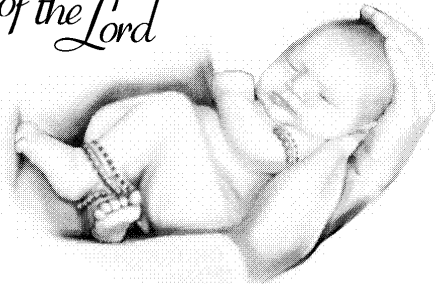
How many did you greet?

Camden Blom
Paul Cole
Betty Cowey
Beth Ezzone
Ruth Farr
Christine Frasher
Amy Harris
Jackie Hopkins
Steve Hopkins
Andrew Howard
April Howard
Kori Howard
Tyler Howard
Don Johnson, Pgh, PA
Yollie Malys
Tammy Matlock
Michael Mills
Dave Miller
Marilyn Miller
Jennifer Palagyi
Ray Palagyi
Ken & Judy Pew
Patrick & Brooklyne Phillips
Gary Randall
Karen Randall
Melissa Anderson-Roshon
Ted & Pat Smith, York, PA
Sandy Tessmer
James E. Thompson, Sr
John, Beth, & Chloe Thompson

ATTENDANCE WORSHIP SERVICE

Aug 28	152
Sept 4	115
Sept 11	195
Sept 18	174

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



In September, the following children were welcomed into membership through Holy Baptism:

**ALYSSA MARIE OGELSBY
NOLAN BRADLEY HOWARD
HARPER LILLY ANDERSON**

Change
of
address



Calling All Members...

- ◆ *Are you planning to "fly south" for the winter?*
- ◆ *Have any of your children or grandchildren moved or headed off to college?*
- ◆ *Has your email address changed?*

If so, please notify the church office with updated address information. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch, and keeping our address information current helps us to do so.

Thanks for your help!



(REVISED SCHEDULE)

If you enjoy music,
our choirs are for you!



Chancel Choir: sings at the 11:00 service
Requirement: Confirmation age and up
Desire to praise the Lord in song!
Rehearsals **Mondays 6:00 p.m.**

Handbell Choir: play at alternating services 1 Sunday per month.
Requirement: some music reading experience-we'll teach you the technical stuff!
Rehearsals **Mondays 7:00 p.m.**



Blanket Sunday will be held on October 23.

You may bring in new or gently used blankets, quilts, throws or afghans to be dedicated and given to those in need.



Turkey Box

Any spare change is appreciated for
2016

**Thanksgiving and
Christmas families.**



**ARE
YOU
READY?**



The ovens are firing back up and **nisua** will be baked October 8. Get your \$5/loaf preorders in to Heidi Parkomaki, Phyllis Waid or the office. **Future dates are November 12 and December 10.**

Let the season begin!

OCTOBER

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
OCT 2	Mike Malys	Katrina Pavolino	Pam Howland	Lydia Jerina Tim Montagano	Susan McCarron Pat Laughlin	John & Sue Chapin	Pearl Ann Curtis
OCT 9	Richard Tulino	Rich Kantola	Delores Pelow Jasmine Steighner	Luke Patriarco	Gary & Pam Howland	Dick & Delores Pelow	Stephanie Patriarco
OCT 16	Susan McCarron	Heidi Parkomaki	Dave Nolan	Jasmine Steighner Sofi Thompson	Ron & Janet Maenpaa	Pearl Ann Curtis	Sue Chapin
OCT 23	Pam Howland	Tim Moga	Amy Gallagher Jasmine Steighner	Grace Patriarco Sylvia Jerina	Dave & Bernadette Nolan	Gary & Pam Howland	Richard Tulino
OCT 30	Richard Tulino	Betty Monday	Mary Steighner	Luke Patriarco Tim Montagano	Dick & Diana Stoker	Ron & Janet Maenpaa	Heidi Parkomaki

SECURING THE CHURCH

Oct 2 Kay Peterson
Oct 9 John Chapin
Oct 16 Jerry Lampela
Oct 23 Nancy Guthrie
Oct 30 Duffy Guthrie

ALTAR GUILD

Pat Haas
Susan Diamond
Michelle Logan
Ruth Brown

11:00 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY	NURSERY
OCT 2	Tyler Pew	Ron Young	Al Gee	Taylor Racut Alexis Brown	Scott & Stacy Racut	Ron & Dianne Young	Dianne Young	Stephanie Newsome Molly Todaro
OCT 9	Andy Chiodo	Paul Mechling	Dianne Young	Michael Vendetti Thaddaeus Huya	Todd & Tyler Pew	Jerry & Faye Lampela	Pat Haas	Tina Beagle Sara Bower
OCT 16	Nancy Guthrie	Bethany Juncker	Bob Hybert Nicholas Mason	RaeAnn Wright Amelia Sanford	Ron & Dianne Young	Peggy Harco Shirley Harco	Bob & Tina Beagle	Mark & Susan Lytle
OCT 23	Scott Racut	Karla Tallbacka	Ron Young Madeline Owens	Heather Farr Emma Van Norman	Phyllis Waid Kelsey Walters	Bethany Juncker Taylor Peel	Karla Tallbacka	Annie Vendetti
OCT 30	Duffy Guthrie	Nancy Guthrie	Mark Lytle	Nicholas Mason Aiden Hathy	Michelle Logan Ruth Brown	Vendetti Family	Beth & Annie Vendetti	Alison & Brielle Hathy

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 SHOE BOX KICKOFF 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 1:30 Villa Worship SS Training 11-12 & 12-1 2:30 Girl Scouts	3 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	4 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	5 6:00 Bible Study	6 6:00 Weight Watchers	7 OFFICE 	8 NISUA  Haunted Corn Maze (7 th grade & up)
9 MISSION SUNDAY QUILT DEDICATION 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service CONGREGATION MEETING 1 pm Sisson's Pumpkin Patch	10 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	11 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Angela's 6:00 All Committees	12 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Bible Study	13 5:45 Finance Meeting 6:00 Weight Watchers	14 OFFICE  Amish Dinner	15
16 BIBLE SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service SS Training 11-12 & 12-1 12:15 #TheLanding	17 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	18 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry 5:30 Executive Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	19 6:00 Bible Study	20 6:00 Weight Watchers	21 OFFICE 	22
23 FALL FEST BLANKET SUNDAY 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service 2:30 Girl Scouts	24 ECHO ARTICLES DUE 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	25 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	26 6:00 Bible Study	27 6:00 Weight Watchers	28 OFFICE 	29
30 REFORMATION 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	31 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	November Events: 6th All Saints Sunday 13th Shoebox Dedication 20th Thanksgiving Feast & Hanging of the Greens				