

# THE ECHO

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

876 Grove Street, Conneaut, OH 44030  
440 599-8908

### 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"*

## NOVEMBER 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**

**NOVEMBER 6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 13 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MISSION SUNDAY  
Capital Campaign Offerings  
and Food Pantry Donations  
Shoebox Dedication**

**NOVEMBER 20 CHRIST THE KING  
Dedication of Estimate of Giving  
Thanksgiving Feast and Hanging of Greens**

**NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**PLEASE SHARE THE INFORMATION OF YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS  
EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE [goodshepherd@suite224.net](mailto:goodshepherd@suite224.net)  
THE NOVEMBER ECHO DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

## TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

**GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016** **\$ 7,223**

MONTH	INCOME	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED		YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED
			OPERATING COST	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	\$ 107,607	99.5%	\$ 18,469	\$ 92,567	100.9%
June	\$ 16,287	\$100,837	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%
September	\$ 16,542	\$158,112	95.7%	\$ 18,470	\$164,926	99.8%
Need \$18,354 Each Month - \$ (7,074)					- \$ (260)	
\$165,186 year to date						

**Roof/Addition Mortgage balance as of September 30, 2016** **\$ 71,196**



# Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Kelsey Walters



Kelsey Walters is a 29-year old young woman who is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut, Ohio. She was recently diagnosed with a fast-growing tumor. Kelsey was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic on October 17<sup>th</sup> and immediately started chemotherapy. The benefit will assist Kelsey and her family with her medical bills which are already beginning to add up.

**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

**4:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**876 Grove Street**

**Conneaut, Ohio**



**\$10 for adults**

**\$5 for children under 12**



**Tickets will be sold at Good Shepherd office  
during the week and in the Gathering Space on Sunday  
mornings.**



Grace to you and peace from God Our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ (NRSV 2 Thessalonians 1:2)

When you get this article we will probably have 10 days until the general election. I am tired of the air time and I am tired of all of the attack ads from ALL parties. This is not the way Christians are supposed to be talking about each other. These are not the behaviors that Christ would want us to display. Remember that we are to emulate Christ Jesus in our lives. Even though that can be very difficult, it is still a laudable goal. I have already decided that I can circumvent my anxieties by voting early in Jefferson. Now, my vote is in and I can turn the TV off at any time, because I have made my peace with this election cycle. You can do the same. But when you do, make sure that people can see the face of Jesus in what you are doing.

November is upon us. Snow will be flying soon enough. The sun is hiding more and more every day. Evenings come much sooner and the morning takes longer to arrive. The colors of the season are emblazoned across the landscape. The lake looks a little angrier and the breezes are blowing a little harder. The sky is filled with gray, heavy clouds. This is life on the lake. When the clouds break and the sun reflects off of the leaves and glistening branches, we get a glimpse of how glorious God's creation can be.

We, however, are living in a world that is broken and needs mending. Many times we are able to mend things. But, there are things that seem un-mendable. One of those is our bodies which wears out and is prone to disease and aging. And sometimes those bodies are very young; too young. Our sister in Christ, Kelsey, is in that predicament now. She is much too young to be suffering from a tumor. But I am reminded that there are even children half her age or younger that are suffering. Their bodies are being ravaged by cancer cells. I am faced continually with the question, "Why would God do this to someone that young?" And, I have no answer. I can say that GOD didn't do this. This just happens. This is just us living in an imperfect world where DNA and viruses can control our flesh.

Our spirits, however, are in the realm of the holy with the Holy Spirit. *Christ in us* has a powerful way of transforming how we look at this world and all of its imperfections including DNA, viruses, and cancer. They can control our physical lives, our flesh, but cannot touch our spiritual selves. We must learn to live with what can happen to our flesh, but never have to give into that same narrative for our spirits. Our spirits are with and for Christ. It is through the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that we can lean on Jesus for strength to get us through times of suffering and questions. Help us Jesus to feel your presence with us on a daily basis and sometimes an hourly basis.

Blessings of Peace in Christ's name,

*Pastor Patrick J. Van De Motter*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

(NRSV Job 19:25)

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** shoe box dedication Sunday will be on November 13th. Bring your filled shoebox to church by that date. By packing a shoe box gift you can share the love of God with lonely boys and girls in the far corners of the globe.

If you are not able to pack a shoe box gift you can still participate in this exciting project of Samaritan' Purse. Monetary donations can be put in the big green box in the gathering space. Operation Christmas Child is asking \$7.00 for each box shipped but any amount is welcome. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran church.

Pray for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**. The children who receive shoe box gifts live in desperate circumstances, suffering from poverty, sickness and war. Pray that God will meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Mathew19:14



**"SOUP TO GO"  
NOVEMBER 6**

*Homemade comfort food  
For a cold fall day*

*Available after each service*



Social Ministry will be providing a  
**GSLC Appreciation Dinner**  
**Sunday, November 20**  
for all of our members  
following the 11:00 a.m. service.  
Come and enjoy this dinner **at no cost**  
and share in Christian fellowship.

Following the dinner will be the **Hanging of the Greens**. We welcome all volunteers. We will be putting up trees and decorating the Sanctuary and the Gathering Space for the upcoming Christmas season.

**Everyone is invited to help.**



## **A Moment In Faith**

**By Richard P. Tulino, A Layman's Interpretation**

To go to church or not go, we've all been there. At some time or another we seem to find any old excuse not to go to church. It might be a headache or maybe you were out late the night before or you might want to go out of town to go shopping or you might feel that nobody at church will miss you. Isn't it easy, so very easy, to find an excuse not to go to church? Maybe if we spent as much time looking for reasons to go to church instead of reasons not to go, our faith would have a chance to grow.

In order to grow spiritually, going to church is just as important as exercising for a healthy life. Our spiritual life needs to be healthy also, so that our relationship with God will grow and be healthy. I like going to church on Sunday because it makes me feel closer to God, it lifts my spirits, and it strengthens my faith. If we are to be serious about our faith, and grow in our spiritual life, what better place to be than at church with people who share the same interests and beliefs.

Many people say you don't need to go to church to be close to God, that you can just read the Bible and say prayers and get the same results. Well that may be true, just how many of us do that? It's like going to a meeting for alcohol addicts or a drug rehab program or a meeting where everyone is watching their weight. You need the support of those around you to get your life back on track and at church you get that same support and help from those worshipping with you. It really helps. It really does!

If we work hard to find a church where we can make a connection with others, we would find more ways to serve the Lord. When we have that connection we will also find that making a contribution to our church in some way will become easier and more fulfilling.

Church attendance according to a recent poll shows some interesting figures. It shows 80% of the people said that they were Christians but only 47% went to church on a regular basis. More revealing, was 31% admitted that they haven't been to church in the past 6 months unless it was for a funeral or a wedding. Among those who said they were Catholics, only 49% said they went to church weekly. For "born-again" Christians it was 59% and for those in the general Protestant category weekly attendance was fewer than 50%.

Some people might say, "I don't need someone preaching to me." That may be so but what you do need is someone reminding you about the dangers of gossip, about the need to be more patient with others, or the need to be more charitable with one another. These are all good things that you can get from the Pastor's messages on Sunday, and we still need to hear them from time to time. A good church is the place for that and a good church will supply the right medicine for what ails you spiritually. All you have to do is be willing to make the effort to attend church on a weekly basis. As an old television commercial said many years ago, "try it, you'll like it!"

**Lord I do not ask for a faith that would move mountains.  
I pray Lord for enough faith to move me.**

## ESTIMATES OF GIVING

Please place your **estimate of giving** card in the offering plate or church office or by mail by Nov. 13. **Estimates are needed to draw up expenditures for 2017.**

Let's complete the puzzle.

Also please return your "**Gift of Time**" sheets to continue our stewardship here at Good Shepherd.

**Dedication Sunday will be November 20.**



It is now time for the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign**. Please look at your calendar and find time to fit in an hour or more for ringing. We will man the kettles at **North Kingsville Golden Dawn**.

\*This is a great opportunity for family participation and getting community service hours in for school and church.

Signup sheets will be in the gathering space.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Taylor (440) 593-1960.



*Advent*

**Wednesday Evening Advent Services  
begin November 30  
Fellowship & dessert beginning at 6:30 pm  
and worship at 7:00 pm.**



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

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



## November 2016

Thank you all who attended Sisson's Pumpkin patch! Kids had lots of fun! We had about 40 people in attendance. Thank you all who helped with the Fall fest this year! What a great time the kids had!

November 6<sup>th</sup> Mitten Tree from students to students: benefiting Lake Shore Primary School (We will be collecting mittens, scarves and hats)  
Thank you for your support!

November 6<sup>th</sup> Card and Craft making day for the Nursing home residents in December. (All are welcome to join us)

November 13<sup>th</sup> Shoe boxes are due back today! Thank you for your donations!

November 13<sup>th</sup> Movie Night 5:30 PM The Lorax  
Bring a friend! Free snacks and a movie.

November 20<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the greens- All hands are helpful and welcome..  
Thanksgiving Feast-All are welcome!

## December 2016

December 4<sup>th</sup> Choir and Kids visit the Villa 1:30 pm-  
(Help us spread some Christmas Cheer)

December 11<sup>th</sup> Movie Night 5:30 PM How the Grinch Stole Christmas-  
Join us for a fun and festive night..

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service 4PM Children's Service /All children and teens encouraged to attend. 7PM Traditional service

December 25<sup>th</sup> No Sunday School today /Service 10 AM





## Family Movie Nights

At Good Shepherd

Movies start at 5:30 PM

Free popcorn, snacks and drinks provided:

Bring a friend!!

November 13<sup>th</sup> The Lorax

December 11<sup>th</sup> How the Grinch Stole Christmas

January 15<sup>th</sup> Finding Dory

*\*Sponsored by Conneaut Public Library*

### Social Ministry Updates

- The quilts from the Cover Girls quilting ministry have been taken to Lodi where they will be sent to those in need. We only sent 87 quilts as we have given several to our local community and to some of the disaster victims. Many thanks to all those people who have enabled us to continue with our ministry. A special thanks to John & Sue Chapin for taking the quilts after a last minute mix-up.
- Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 20 after the 11:00a.m. service. This meal is open to everyone and we have invited some guests to share our table. We are asking everyone to wear their name tag and we have additional ones available. Please help to make everyone feel welcome.
- Looking ahead to December, we will be involved in many outreach opportunities:
  - ++Tree of Warmth—collecting hats, gloves, underwear, sox, jogging pants, etc . —these will be sent to Lakeshore primary
  - ++Turkey Box—put in your loose change and this will be used to buy perishable food items
  - ++ Our tree will be up in the gathering space with ornaments . you will be able to select a few to provide food or gifts to our Christmas families.

More information on our Christmas outreach will follow in the December Echo.

I want to say thank you to my church family who said prayers for my littlest grandchild. Little Hannah was born on Aug 5, 2016 at just 3 lb and 1 oz. She was 11 weeks premature. Hannah has done well from the very beginning but she spent 6 weeks in a Pittsburgh hospital. Now at nearly 3 months old she is pushing the scales at nearly 7 pounds. The Lord has taken care of our little angel. Thanks again for your prayers.

Your friend in Christ,

Janet Vanzin





# Help Wanted

**The young adults of Good Shepherd want to go on another mission trip next summer.**

**The young adults of Good Shepherd need one or two adults who are willing to be in charge of this project.**

**The young adults of Good Shepherd will not go on a mission trip unless there is an adult who is willing to make it happen!**

## Are you that person?

**Please call Rae VanDeMotter for more information at 216-633-6362**

### #The Landing 2016-17 Calendar

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

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11/20/16 – Serve at  
Thanksgiving Lunch

12/18/16 – Christmas Party

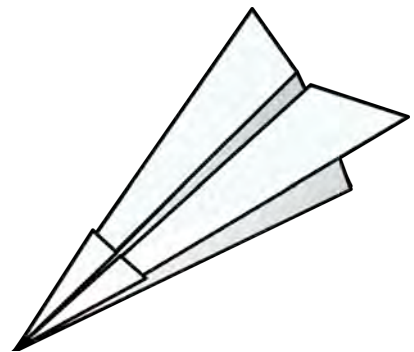
1/22/2017 – Pudding Pictionary

2/26/2017

3/26/2017

No meeting in April

5/21/2017 – End of school year  
party



### Confirmation Students Required Community Service



**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 to 2:00 PM**

**Assist with Holy Communion  
At the Villa**

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



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Megan Blackwell  
Taylor Racut  
Pam Anderson  
Sabrina Graham  
Benjamin Moxley  
Pearl Ann Curtis  
Aiden Hathy  
Susan Tan  
Karl Mischka  
Carol Allds  
Cheryl Poff  
Jerry Janco  
Nolan Howard

Shelly Carpenter  
Kathy Mills  
Cameron Sorrell  
Kathe Hawn  
Pam Hunt  
Pat Laughlin  
Carson Lytle  
Kyle Vidmar  
Paul Brown  
Jim Monday  
Tracy Bidwell  
Emily McQueeney

Richard Herner  
Dave Punkar  
Ron Young  
AnnaMae Cameron  
Pam Deemer  
Pam Howland  
Brittany Jackson  
Dan Patriarco  
Logan Anderson  
Madalyn Anderson  
Susan McCarron  
Brian Burke



# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Fritz ♥ Marge Houy  
Mick ♥ Cheryl Poff  
Chris ♥ Bethany Juncker

Adam ♥ Jackie Lytle  
Art ♥ Mil Niinisto  
Bill ♥ Betty Cline



Recent visitors  
How many did you greet?

Kim Bell Cleveland, OH  
Kim Burkey  
Paul Cole  
Katriina Emery; Kingsville  
Christine Frasher  
Amy Harris  
Kim Larson  
George Lindgren  
Tamara Matlock  
Jeanie Norton  
Fred Pierce-Ruhland; Kingsville  
Pam Ramsey  
Gary Randall  
Karen Randall  
Amy Sanford  
Beth Thompson  
John Thompson

Are you wearing your  
**NAME TAG on Sundays ?**



ATTENDANCE  
WORSHIP SERVICE

Sept 26	145
Oct. 3	160
Oct. 10	166
Oct. 17	177
Oct. 23	169



**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!

**GOD’S BLESSINGS TO THE  
YOUNG DISCIPLES WHO  
RECEIVED BIBLES  
OCT. 16, 2016**

AnnaMae Vera Cameron  
Brooklyn Nicole Phillips  
Tanner Daniel Poff  
Aiden Kyle Vidmar  
Jordan Grace Walbridge  
Thaddeaus Lawrence Huya  
Alyssa Marie Ogelsby  
Jadynn R. Rivera



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



### Turkey Box

Any spare change is appreciated for  
**2016**

**Thanksgiving and  
Christmas families  
to purchase food items**



**Nisua** will be baked on **November 12**  
Contact Phyllis Waid, Heidi Parkomaki or the church office.  
Cost is \$5.00 per loaf  
Next date before Christmas – December 10



**GSLC will not have a float in the Conneaut  
Christmas parade this year.**

**For further information contact  
Faye Lampela @ 593-1273**

# NOVEMBER

If you are unable to serve,

Please contact someone to serve in your place!

## 8:30 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY
NOV 6	Mike Malys	Pam Howland	Linda Hall Lydia Jerina	Lydia Jerina Sofi Thompson	Rich & Julie Kantola	Bob & Joe Reed	Pam Deemer Joanne Seavey
NOV 13	Richard Tulino	Richard Tulino	John Chapin Jasmine Steighner	Jasmine Steighner Sylvia Jerina	Patricia Laughlin Katrina Pavolino	Don & Sue Cummins	Delores Pelow Nancy Altman
NOV 20	Richard Tulino	Dave Nolan	Richard Tulino Heather Farr	Grace Patriarco	Mike & Suzanne Malys	Patriarco Family	Marilyn Hathy Pam Hunt
NOV 27	Richard Tulino	Amy Gallagher	Tim Moga Alyssa Ogelsby	Brandon Vidmar	John & Sue Chapin	Dave & Bernadette Nolan	Grace Patriarco

SECURING THE CHURCH	
Nov 6	Kay Peterson
Nov 13	Stacy Racut
Nov 20	Nancy Guthrie
Nov 27	Mary Steighner

ALTAR GUILD
Katrina Pavolino
Judy Barch
Tammy Owens
Ruth Brown

## 11:00 WORSHIP STEWARDS

DATE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY	NURSERY
NOV 6	Andy Chiodo	Faye Lampela	Paul Mechling Nickolas Mason	Colton Cameron Kaydon Poff	Nancy Guthrie E. Jay Hybert	John & Jennifer Hutchison	Michelle Logan	Stephanie Van Norman Deanna Brown
NOV 13	Phyllis Waid	Mark Lytle	Taylor Peel Chase Carpenter	Chase Carpenter Emily McQueeny	Chris & Bethany Junker	Michelle Logan	Joanne Mechling	Amanda Sanford Suzanne Malys
NOV 20	Nancy Guthrie	Shirley Harco	Karla & Hannah Tallbacka	Madeline Owens Kataya Sweeney	Scott & Stacy Racut		<b>THANKSGIVING DINNER</b>	Stephanie Gildone Stephanie Newsome
NOV 27	Tyler Pew		Rochelle Carpenter Nickolas Mason	Hannah Tallbacka Natalie Wood	Shirley Harco Peggy Harco	Farr Family	Peggy Harco Shirley Harco	Kris Cameron Molly Todaro

# NOVEMBER

**Sunday**

**Monday**











**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

		<b>1</b> 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	<b>2</b> 9:30 Bible Study at Villa 6:00 Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:00 Weight Watchers	<b>4</b> OFFICE 	<b>5</b>
<b>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service  Soup to Go 	<b>7</b> 5:15 Genesis Bells 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>8 ELECTION DAY</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Angela's <b>6:00 All Committees</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30 Social Ministry at County Home 6:00 Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>5:45 Finance Meeting</b> 6:00 Weight Watchers	<b>11</b> OFFICE 	<b>12</b> <b>NISUA</b> 
<b>13 MISSION SUNDAY</b> <b>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEDICATION</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	<b>14</b> 5:15 Genesis Bells 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>15</b> 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry <b>5:30 Executive Meeting</b> <b>6:30 Council Meeting</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00 Weight Watchers	<b>18 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive</b>
<b>20 CHRIST THE KING</b> <b>Estimate of Giving Dedication</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service <b>DINNER</b> <b>HANGING OF GREENS</b>	<b>21 ECHO ARTICLES DUE</b>  5:15 Genesis Bells 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>22</b> 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	<b>23</b> <b>Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6</b>  6:00 Bible Study	<b>24</b>  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive</b> 
<b>27 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	<b>28</b> 5:15 Genesis Bells 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Bell Choir	<b>29</b> 9:00 Quilting Ministry 9:00 "3M" Ministry	<b>30</b> <b>ADVENT WORSHIP</b> 6:30 pm Dessert 7:00 pm Worship	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Christmas Eve:</b>  <b>4:00 p.m. Family Service</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service</b> </div>		

