

2017 ANNUAL REPORTS



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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Conneaut, Ohio

MISSION STATEMENT FOR GSLC

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

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

From the desk of the Rev. Patrick J. Van De Motter:

Grace and Peace to you all from God our Father in heaven and our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Spirit of God be with you in this new year given to us as a gift from God.

As a church we have been through quite a bit in 2017. We have had new beginnings and we have had many endings. We live in a time that is uncertain, but the certainty of the grace of God is good news (εὐαγγέλιον, evangelium) for all of our ears and our hearts and our spirits and our souls; all that we are. This good news cannot be taken from us.

One new beginning for our congregation was the call of the Rev. Paul Bailie as our Youth and Family Minister. Paul comes to us from a congregation in Eagle Pass, Texas, San Lucas. He is recently married and is living in Madison, Ohio with his wife, Brandie, who is the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Ohio. This is the first time that the church has had two pastors serving at the same time. Goodness knows there is certainly plenty of ministry to go around.

As we look back on this past year we see beginnings in the form of marriages:

Jason John Coe and Alicia Nicole Duris
Joey Lee Brown and Taylor Marie Peel

May these couples have a strong and everlasting relationship with Christ at the center of their lives.

Other beginnings take the form of new children of God through baptism. This includes a grandfather, but still a child of God:

Griffin Fuller
Anthony Gauvin
Avery Marcum

Bou Pelton
Ken Pew

Still other beginnings were welcomed as new members at Good Shepherd in Conneaut, Ohio. These include the following:

George Lindgren (reinstatement)
Dalton Nellis
Suzanne Nellis
Judy Pew
Ken Pew

Gary Randall
Karen Randall
Lana Vargo
Lane Vargo
Lilly Rose Vargo

Some of our youth had new beginning through the first communion education. They are now communion receiving members of this church:

Bradley Gauvin
Aurelia Huya
Dalton Nellis
Payton Poff
Naomi Sanford

Vina Sanford
Julia Sprague
Trenton Tallbacka
Grace Todaro
Lane Vargo

Three of our youth were confirmed last year as they start a new adventure as full voting members of the church:

Heather Farr
Madelaine Owens
Jasmine Steighner

There were a lot of new beginnings, but also a few endings. There were eleven members of the church who were received into the kingdom of God. I performed seven of those funerals either at the church or at the various funeral homes:

Dagmar E. Bozard
June M. Kesatie
Linda O. Laine
Patricia Lyn Laughlin
Arthur O. Niinisto
Raymond J. Sillanpaa
Kelsey Walters

I had also performed funerals for those connected with the church

Jonathan G. Lindgren (son of George and Nyla Lindgren)

Mark D. Hopkins (son of Herb and Irene Hopkins and Brother of Susan Diamond)

Irja Elizabeth Kallio (member from long ago)

Pastor Paul Bailie performed the funeral for *Gaylord Bozard*, and Nancy Guthrie performed a funeral for *Sandra Dombroski*.

The ongoing ministry of visitation is dear to me as I get to see a lot of our congregation that cannot make it to church on Sundays. In all I have seen hundreds of people including the Villa services on the first Sunday of the month. I have a list of all the visits I have made during the past year and all the people that I have visited.

My other duties include the following:

- ❖ Presided or preached at 101 Sunday services
- ❖ Presided over 5 Wednesday Lenten services
- ❖ Presided over the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Lenten services
- ❖ Presided over 2 Christmas eve services
- ❖ Helped to preside over several Villa services.
- ❖ Attended eleven council and executive council meetings
- ❖ Attended the CAMA national day of prayer
- ❖ Helped with parking for the Fourth of July
- ❖ Helped where I could with the D-Day celebration
- ❖ Attended the fish fry on the Friday of D-Day
- ❖ Helped with *God's work, Our hands* Sunday
- ❖ Attended a board meeting for One Step and helped of 3 occasions

God has richly blessed me in my role here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as your lead pastor. I look forward to working more with my colleague, Pastor Paul Bailie. There is much work and many ministries with which to concern myself.

May God bless you and keep you in this coming year with grace and mercy.

Blessings of peace in Christ's name:

Pastor Patrick J. Van De Motter

Pastor's Report

Youth and Family Minister

I began my ministry at Good Shepherd in September 2017. I am thankful to the Call Committee for all its effort in the process to interview me over the summer and welcome me as a pastor here in Conneaut. I bring nine years experience as a pastor in Texas, and look forward to exciting opportunities to serve alongside God's people here in Northeast Ohio. My installation service on September 24 was a festive celebration and a joyful way to begin my call at Good Shepherd.

It is impractical to list every single ministry event in which I've participated in my four months here thus far. I have immersed myself in congregational life, and have enjoyed connecting with so many programs and people of Good Shepherd. Pastor Van De Motter and I share preaching and worship leadership duties. I've made connections outside the congregation, getting to know more about programs in Conneaut. I've accompanied Good Shepherd members at One Step. I've prayed at a City Council meeting. From breakfasts with the Men's Maintenance Ministry guys to worship services at the Villa, I have experienced a wide spectrum of life at Good Shepherd, besides my primary responsibilities of youth and family ministry. Here I want to highlight some key points.

- **Confirmation:** We have ten eighth-graders and two seventh-graders in Confirmation this year. Rae Van De Motter and I have been team-teaching. Our program is a two-year cycle, with this year focusing on the Bible. Doctrine and catechism will be the emphasis next year. We meet during Sunday school, and in the afternoons on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We plan to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost, May 27.
- **#TheLanding:** This is a ministry for youth in grades 7-12 that generally meets once a month from 12:15-2:15 p.m. for fellowship, community and togetherness. Amy Gallagher and I have been working together this fall to plan #TheLanding events. In September, we gathered for some team-building games. In October, we headed to a haunted corn maze together with youth from Corpus Christi parish. In December, we played an indoor scavenger hunt and help make almost 90 grocery bags for the Right Track program.
- **Youth Gathering:** Seven youth are registered for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next June. We have been meeting monthly to prepare ourselves with the Getting Ready curriculum. Good Shepherd will be traveling with several other congregations in the Eastern Conference. Rae Van De Motter has been helpful with much of the coordination. We continue with the learning preparation and fundraising. This event should be a fantastic experience for our youth to engage in worship, service, and learning with thousands of other teens from around the country.
- **Christmas:** I coordinated the children and youth leading worship at the 4 PM service on Christmas Eve. I truly think that that service was a success. I heard much positive feedback about the youth participation, and I'm very proud of our singers, musicians, and readers.
- **In the Community:** I have attempted to attend events where our youth have been participating. I attended band concerts for Braden and Conneaut Middle Schools, as well as a Conneaut High School girl's basketball game. This is very much a ministry of presence but I want to continue and expand the new year.

- **Communication:** Together with Pastor Van De Motter and John Hutchison, I have been helping to curate posts on the congregation's Facebook page. In November, I started to write a family faith connection email each week. I see this as a chance to be intentional about encouragement and devotional reflection outside the church walls. An email I wrote in response to a tragic suicide situation at Edgewood High School was reprinted in the Conneaut Courier.

It is a privilege and a joy to serve here Good Shepherd. I am enjoying the connections I am making here and look forward to the work we can continue to do together.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Paul Bailie

Pastoral Assistant

My eighth year as Pastoral Assistant in the ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was my final one. Those first four months of the year included variety of ministry opportunities. I served at the direction of Pastor Van De Motter in many capacities, continued to guide and encourage members in their volunteer capacities, and picked up on tasks that might otherwise have fallen through the cracks. I also made myself available to the members of the congregation whenever needed. Pastor Van De Motter and I met regularly in support of each other and GSLC.

To grow in my knowledge of scripture, I attended the GSLC weekly Bible Study as often as possible. Also to help grow spiritually, I spent four wonderful days of reflection, prayer and worship at the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, NY. I still met monthly with a spiritual director, which was helpful in keeping my spiritual focus where it should be during this time of change.

The following are other ways in which I was blessed to serve in the ministry of GSLC during the first four months of 2017:

- Lead two Sunday worship services and provided the homily at a community Lenten service.
- Supplied many hours of member care, including private conferences and visits with the homebound and hospitalized.
- Investigated new website providers, recommending "Ministry Designs." Coordinated with web masters John Hutchison (social media) and Dan Patriarco (website).
- Coordinated the calling for the GSLC Prayer Chain. Thank you, Nancy Sackett, for agreeing to coordinate this in my absence.
- Served as sound system troubleshooter and church computer technician, being responsible for the use and maintenance of all technology-based systems.
- Mentored volunteers as they increased their responsibilities with various ministries. I encourage all with any ministry role to train someone to serve beside them.
- Attended Finance, Endowment, Executive, Council, Call Committee (ex officio) and various other meetings.
- Wrote articles for our Echo newsletter.
- Assisted with one monthly worship service at the Villa-at-the-Lake.
- Represented GSLC in the community by offering prayer at two city council meetings.
- Participated in the monthly meetings and activities of Conneaut Area Ministerial Association as well as the CAMA Lenten services. I served as treasurer of this organization.

At the direction of our church council, I tried to limit my service hours to fourteen per week. That was not easy! However, it did help to prepare the people for my absence from Good Shepherd. I accepted a call to the Northwestern PA Synod and was consecrated as an ELCA Deacon on May 5 at GSLC. Thank you for that wonderful celebration of God's call! Although we still live in Conneaut, I now serve at Lake Lutheran Church (Conneaut Lake, PA) and St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Drakes Mills, PA). Please visit anytime. Just call (440-265-4847) or email (nguthrie@suite224.net) to find out where I am on which dates! It has been my honor to serve God at Good Shepherd since 1975. I will miss you all.

Serving Christ,
Deacon Nancy Guthrie

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

Call Committee

During 2017 the Call Committee continued work to call a Youth and Family Minister. The first meeting of the year was held on February 12, where the position description, Ministry Site Profile, and interview questions and itinerary were reviewed and revised as needed. Stephanie Gildone and Richard Kantola were welcomed to the committee. Stephanie was appointed to replace committee member George Peterson, who resigned in December 2016, and Richard was welcomed as new Council President, replacing outgoing president John Chapin.

In April, Bishop's Assistant Pastor Karl Biermann identified a candidate interested in interviewing for the position. The Committee met with Pastor Paul Bailie on April 18. A second interview was held via Skype on June 6, after which the committee unanimously recommended Pastor Bailie for call to Council, who also met with him via Skype on June 20.

Pastor Bailie visited again the weekend of July 8-9 to meet the congregation. He attended the Family Fun Fest block party at Township Park to meet youth and families specifically. On that Sunday, he worshipped with us at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services, and addressed congregation members' questions during a meet and greet.

A special congregation meeting was held on July 16 where Pastor Bailie's recommendation for call was overwhelmingly approved. The compensation package was approved on August 13. Pastor Bailie began his duties with Good Shepherd on September 5, and his installation service was held on September 24. Having completed our assignment as charged, the Call Committee was disbanded. We thank our Lord for bringing us both Pastor Van De Motter and Pastor Bailie and thank the congregation for their prayers, support, and input during this long process. We look forward to the ministries we will all build together at Good Shepherd.

Respectfully submitted, in His service,
Kelly Anthony, Call Committee Chair

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings to members of G.S.L.C! I would like to thank the congregation for their assistance during my first year as president. This year our Pastoral Assistant, Nancy Guthrie, accepted a call from another church and moved onward to a new adventure. Nancy will be missed and we wish her the best of luck on her new endeavor.

The Call Committee worked many hours to find our first Youth and Family Minister and in September we welcomed Pastor Paul Bailie! I would like to thank the Call Committee and the chair, Kelly Anthony, for the extensive time and work that was put into completing the mission set before them.

Huge congratulations to the congregation for staying the course and paying off the mortgage. This is a glorious achievement! Thank you again to all the officers and committees for your help this year!

God's Peace,
Rich Kantola

SOFTBALL TEAM

The GSLC Softball Team did not take the field this year due to the ending of the Conneaut Softball League. It has been my pleasure to coach the team these past seasons! Thank you to the players, coaches and fans that participated and supported the team over our many seasons.

Respectfully,
Andy Chiodo
Coach

CHURCH COUNCIL 2017

Pastor	Rev. Patrick Van De Motter
Pastoral Assistant/Youth and Family Pastor	Nancy Guthrie/Rev. Paul Bailie
Council President	Rich Kantola
Council Vice President	Andy Chiodo
Council Secretary	Kay Peterson
Treasurer	Bob Hybert
Co-Treasurer	Stacy Racut
Ministry Team Leaders	Andy Chiodo
	Shirley Harco
Financial Team Leader	Mark Lytle
Property Team Leader	Jerry Lampela

STANDING COMMITTEES

Abiding Memorial	Susan Tan
Christian Education	Suzanne Malys
Endowment	Mark Lytle
Evangelism	Michelle Logan
Property	Jerry Lampela
Co-Chair	Albert (Duffy) Guthrie
Social Ministry	Shirley Harco
Co-Chair	Pearl Ann Curtis
Co-Chair	Faye Lampela
Worship & Music	Andy Chiodo

TERMS OF OFFICE *(end of year)*

1st Term <u>Ends in 2017</u>	1st Term <u>Ends in 2018</u>	1st Term <u>Ends in 2019</u>
	Kay Peterson Andy Chiodo	Rich Kantola Shirley Harco Michelle Logan
2nd Term <u>Ends in 2017</u>	2nd Term <u>Ends in 2018</u>	2nd Term <u>Ends in 2019</u>
Jerry Lampela Albert Guthrie	Susan Tan	Suzanne Malys

DISCIPLES SERVING

Altar Guild Chair	Ruth Brown
Accounts Keeper	Jerry Brookhouser
Financial Secretary	Clarissa Murtha
Co-Fin. Secretary	Linda Hall
Member Care	Phyllis Waid
Sunday School Superintendent	Mary Steighner

ABIDING MEMORIAL

Abiding Memorial Deposits received "In Memory of" for 2017

Suzan Dewey	Edward Barch
Yollie Malys	June Kesatie
Raymond Sillanpaa	Linda Anderson Streva
David Laakso	Mark Hopkins
Kelsey Walters	Delores Best
Arthur Niinisto	Betty Olsavsky

Dedications

Edward Barch – Dell Laptop (Inspiration) for multi-media presentations in the sanctuary.

Suzan Dewey – two Laptop computers: one for Pastor Van De Motter’s office and one for the church office. Also, kitchen Cooks for Christ, Quilting Ministry, and Youth Mission Trip.

Kelsey Walters – Crown of Thorns, Lenten Ashes pyx (container).

Yollie Malys, Delores Best, Betty Olsavsky and Linda Anderson Streve – Women’s White Alb.

Kelsey Walters, Arthur Niinisto, David Laakso, Raymond Sillanpaa, Harco Family, June Kesatie and Mark Hopkins - Carillon.

<u>Abiding Memorial Ending Balance December 31, 2016</u>	\$ 9,333.58
Memorial Deposits (<i>Total Income</i>)	<u>\$9,902.00</u>
Abiding Memorial Total	\$19,235.58

Expenses for 2017

Acrylic Ash	\$ 20.97
Crown of Thorns	\$ 14.99
Dell Inspiration Laptop Computer	\$ 575.00
Two Laptop Computers	\$ 1,055.22
One Alb	\$ 146.97
New Carillon	<u>\$ 7,660.00</u> (<i>\$3,500.00 paid</i>

by insurance)

Total Expenses	\$ 9473.17	\$9473.17
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Ending Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 9,762.41</u>
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The members of Abiding Memorial include Ruth Brown, Ellen Gee, Patricia Haas, Molly Todaro and Susan Tan. Our duties include recording donations in “memory of” and/or in “honor of”, a specific person or event. A personal letter is sent to each donor to acknowledge receipt of their gift. This committee records purchases and keeps an account of disbursements.

In His Service,
Susan Tan

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild's primary function is to prepare the Altar and Chancel for worship services. Every week the altar is cleaned. We take care of the candles, flowers, and arrange for Holy Communion. The Altar Guild is also responsible for changing the banners and paraments and preparing for baptisms, funerals and weddings. The Altar Guild also takes care of the acolyte robes. New members are always welcome.

Current members include:

Judy Barch	Susan Diamond	Suzanne Malys	Amanda Sanford
Ruth Brown	Ellen Gee	Mary Lou Moio	Susan Tan
Robin Bryant	Pat Haas	Betty Monday	Rosemarie Uthe
Susan Chapin	Peggy Harco	Stephanie Newsome	Stephanie Van Norman
Janelle Cole	Shirley Harco	Tammy Owens	Connie Woodring
Pearl Ann Curtis	E. Jay Hybert	Katrina Pavolino	Phyllis Waid
Kristy Jerina	Heidi Parkomaki	Kelsey Walters	
Pam Deemer	Michelle Logan		

In His Service,

Ruth Brown

Mary Lou Moio

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mission: to study Gods word and teach Christ's ways to the next generation

Sunday school classes run from: September through May.

Classes offered are from ages 3years through Adult. Classes are from 9:45 am-10:45 am each Sunday. We are always looking for people who want to share and teach our faith with the children of Good Shepherd.

Nursery is staffed by members of the congregation so adults can enjoy 11pm worship, if they wish to use the service. Volunteers are welcome to join us in this ministry!

Working with the Evangelism, Social, and Youth Ministries allowed many of these activities to take place. This is a highlight of our activities for 2017:

- Rally Day
- Acolyte training
- Bible Sunday for 3rd graders
- Operation Christmas Child
- Sunday School mitten tree
- Christmas Eve service
- Family fun nights
- Easter egg hunt
- Holy Communion
- Bowling and pizza at El Camp Lanes
- Youth sponsored Easter Sunday breakfast
- Music Sunday
- Youth Sunday
- Vacation Bible School
- Block party with and for the community

The annual rummage sale is our biggest fundraiser for the year for Christian Education but this year the proceeds went to help fund the Youth Mission trip to Houston. Thank you to Suzanne Malys and all the great people who help make this a huge success every year. It takes many, many hands to do Gods work and we are so very, very blessed to have everyone’s support and help!!

Thank you all that have served and helped in the ministry here throughout this past year!! All your help and dedication is greatly appreciated!!

Many blessings,
Mary Steighner, Sunday School Director
Suzanne Malys, Christian Education Chair

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was held July 10-14 from 9:00 am to noon. This year two directors, Kristin Cellini and Amy Sanford, with an extensive team of volunteers, provided a Christian learning experience to local youth. To include more children in the program Good Shepherd Lutheran again partnered with the Catholic churches, St. Mary and St. Frances Cabrini (now Corpus Christi). We continued our traditional programs for preschool and kindergarten thru third grade with a program titled, “Gadgets & Gizmos.” The children participated in Bible study storytelling, crafts, games, snacks, music, and robotic technology. Breakfast was served to the children. On Friday families were invited to a closing program that involved singing and a potluck lunch.

Our mission section of the program is for fourth thru sixth grade students. The youth worked in our community showing their faith and dedication to the Lord by helping with lawn work, landscaping, and trash removal. They also participated in the closing program and potluck on Friday.

Throughout the week the children brought in money to donate to St. Vincent DePaul Society, a ministry of Corpus Christi Church that does outreach work to the local community. The Society provides direct emergency assistance, such as utility bills, rent, etc, to those in need in Conneaut. The Society sponsors the Small Soles (shoes for children), the H.A.L.O (Holiday Angels Loving Others) project as well as other special works. The Corpus Christi Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society is affiliated with the National and International Society of St. Vincent DePaul as well as the Council for the Diocese of Youngstown.

This year’s program was a great success thanks to the hard work of many volunteers.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
Monday	72	40
Tuesday	75	41
Wednesday	76	43
Thursday	77	42
Friday	72	42

In his service,
Amy Sanford

Youth and Family Ministry

Good Shepherd and its youth are celebrating the call of Pastor Paul Bailie in September of this year. In less than two months, Pastor Bailie has made a huge impact in our Sunday School and Confirmation classes. He is quickly learning the kids' names and what sports or instruments they play. Pastor Bailie has even attended a few sports events this fall. He is also helping with rehearsals for the Children's Christmas program and planning the entire service. Personally, I feel very blessed to have an energetic, young Pastor leading our youth by example and teaching them the way of the Lord. It is a joy working with him.

Confirmation 2017

The winter/spring semester of 2017 the confirmation class continued to learn about Luther's Small Catechism, the Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Three students were confirmed in June of 2017 (Jasmine Steighner, Madeline Owens, and Heather Farr).

Ten eighth graders and two seventh graders have started the second year of confirmation this September. Several of the confirmation students have been bringing guests to class with them. This is such a blessing; that our youth reach out to their friends to share the good news of Jesus!

Service Week at Camp Frederick

On June 18, nine youth traveled with Pastor Van De Motter and Andy Chiodo to Service Week at Camp Frederick in Columbiana County. The youth were especially excited to attend camp as they were meeting up with their friends from the Youngstown area Lutheran Churches. Friendships were renewed, and a great time was had by all. Service week will occur again in 2018 even though many of our youth will be traveling to Houston for the National Youth Gathering. Dates for service week 2018 are June 10th thru 15th.



2018 National Youth Gathering – June 26 to July 1, 2018

Planning for the Youth Gathering began in early 2017. The Finance Committee and Council approved the budget for the Youth Gathering as well as the fundraising plan to replenish the Youth Mission account. As of this writing we have 7 youth and 3 adult leaders attending the Youth Gathering. Pastor Bailie is teaching the Getting Ready curriculum for all attending. The purpose of this meeting is to help prepare the entire group to engage fully in the Gathering; ready to hear speakers, engage in Service Learning, Interactive Learning, Synod Day and being guests in Houston. Oh, it is a great bonding activity too!

#The Landing

After several attempts to go tubing at Mt. Pleasant (no snow in February?) a small group of us went to Pierpont to learn about making maple syrup. We saw everything from how the trees are tapped, the huge containers where the sap is collected and the "sugar barn" where the sap becomes maple syrup. The best

part for everyone was the dish of vanilla ice with hot maple syrup poured over. The youth also went to service week at Camp Frederick in June and to Adventure Zone in July. This September Amy Gallagher has taken over the planning for #The Landing. The first gathering of the school year included all kinds of games that focused on team building. Thank you, Amy for helping!!

One Step

In early March, Mary Steighner and Rae Van De Motter stopped by to see the One Step Center and to meet with David Miller, the founder of One Step. One Step Center is an after-school program that provides area children ages 12-17 with an outlet and a viable option to avoid the temptations the “streets” have to offer. One Step Center is a place kids can go after school to get help with their academic studies, engage in friendly and competitive recreational activities, and eat a FREE hot and healthy "family-style" meal. The goal is to implement strategies that will bring forth solutions to combat poverty "One Step" at a time.

Immediately Mary and I knew that there was something that we personally could do to help the kids of Conneaut. We also felt that this program could become an on-going mission project for our church; we wanted to let One Step know that we would be there to help. I became involved at One Step by becoming one of the adult chaperones. I also just stop by occasionally to get to know some of the kids and to see if there are any needs or issues that we could help with. We informed all the Committees about the opportunity to help this program succeed. Several of Good Shepherd’s committees have stepped forward to help at One Step. The Social Committee has served five meals for 25 kids and will be serving a very special meal on December 19th. The 3 M’s have helped get hot water working at One Step and fixed their sign so that it could be hung on the front of the building. During God’s Work Our Hands, about twenty members and confirmation kids painted the walls in One Step’s gymnasium. And, two of the youth that we met at One Step are now attending Confirmation class at Good Shepherd.

My hope for 2018, is that Good Shepherd will continue to grow a closer relationship with One Step and continue to help these kids, one step at a time.

Fund Raising for Christian Education and Youth Mission

As mentioned earlier, we have continued to sponsor fund raising activities that will pay for Christian education, Confirmation, the Youth Gathering, and #The Landing activities. All youth who attended Camp Frederick Service Week, were funded through these activities as well. All youth in the Confirmation class are encouraged to participate in this activity. Education materials are paid for solely by this activity.

The cost of the Youth Gathering is approximately \$1700 per person. This includes the registration fee, airfare, hotel, food, and tips. Fund raising activity for 2017 included the following:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Profit</u>
• January Sub Sandwich sale	\$425
• Malley’s Easter candy sale	\$827
• June car wash	\$502
• 4 th of July parking	\$919
• Rummage sale	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$4,673

We must replenish the Youth Mission account to continue serving our youth. We will be repeating all the above fundraising activities in 2018 in order to meet our goal of \$17,000. All youth attending the Youth Gathering will still need to help with this activity in 2018 (even after they return from Houston).

Submitted by Rae Van De Motter

EVANGELISM

2017 was a busy year for the Evangelism committee as we shifted our focus on not only reaching out to our church family, but to reaching to the community outside of our walls.

This past year we held a logo contest in which seven entries were received with the winning logo to be used as means to advertise. It is hoped that when the community sees our logo they will equate it to Good Shepherd. Equipped with the new logo we ordered mugs that contained our logo, the churches information and the ELCO logo. We also ordered notepads, pens, magnets, and handle bags. We have created a welcome packet for visitors that includes a mug, pen, magnet, and notepads and copies of each of the threefold. These packets are given to all visitors that attend a service.

As the year continued the committee worked with several different committees of which included:

Family Fun Fest: The committee worked with Mary Steighner, the chair of the Family Fun Fest group. We helped promote the event by means of the newspapers articles, flyers around town and appearing on the Sunrise local cable channel. We also helped staff the churches information booth. Along with the committee members several youth were extremely helpful the day of the event and that included Jasmine Steighner, Grace Patriarco and Nickolas Mason. We also filled 100 informational bags that included flyers for the upcoming events for the church.

Bonofide: The committee worked with Rae Van De Motter on advertising and promoting the event by means of newspaper articles and flyers. The committee proved funds that paid for 2x4 ad in both The Star Beacon and The Courier.

Family Fun Night: the committee worked with Sunday School to continue this monthly event. The event is held the second Sunday from Sept thru May. The event includes a meal, games, movie and crafts. This is a free event to all that attend; and is promoted within the community through the use of the newspapers and the Sunrise local cable channel. There is an average of about 20 people that attend the event. It is hoped that as we continue the event the community will see it as a family friendly event that is held the second Sunday of every month.

Rally Day: this year the committee along with Sunday school held a rally day on the Saturday before the start of Sunday school. The goal was to be an outreach activity for our church family but also for the community. School supplies were collected by means of donations from the congregation. A big thank you to all that contributed.

Craft Fair: The committee brought back the craft fair! We had 15 crafters attend the event. There was also soup to go as well. The participants of the event expressed interest in attending next year if we have another one. October 6th, 2018, has already been scheduled for the upcoming event. Suzanne Nellis has

agreed to help promote the event after the first of year within the crafting community. We raised 480.00 and this amount was given to the youth mission group to help pay for matching t-shirts when they attend the Youth gathering in June of 2018, in Houston, Texas.

Christmas Billboard: Again, this year we were able to gain access to both of sides of the billboard located across from the Conneaut Post Office. Chris Newcomb's law firm helped with the cost of the billboard by paying for half. The billboard promoted our Christmas Eve Services along with Newcomb Law firm.

Right track Meals: Many children within our community face hunger at the end of each month; since many households have exhausted their food stamps or other means of paying for groceries. As a way of fighting the hunger that many are facing we have started a new mission with the church. It has been decided that we would furnish the ingredients for a meal at the end of the month that would be sent home with the children that attend the Right Track Program. We have a goal of 80 meals per month. In October we were able to provide 55 families with a meal and in December we collected enough to feed ninety families. It is slowly building, but we are hopeful that we will be able to continue this mission monthly throughout the school year.

Many fundraising events were held by the committee that included: the Easter breakfast, soup to go, D-Day parking and the craft fair. Funds from these events have allowed us to work toward our goal of reaching not only our church members, but others outside of our congregation. The committee would like to thank all that helped support our fundraisers. Your support has provided us many opportunities to share Christ's love both with each other and with those outside of the church.

I would also like to thank the committee members that include: Janice Boyle, Beth Vendetti, and Judy Pew for all their hard work and love of Christ that has enabled us to go forth with our mission to share the love of Christ to the world.

Serving Christ,
Michelle Logan

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry team was proud to serve our church in social events throughout the year. Below is a list of accomplishments our ministry has done in 2017.

- Made home visits to shut-ins and residents in the nursing homes, taking them Holy Communion.
- Coordinated the monthly bingo games held at the Ashtabula County Home for more than 45 years.
- Prepared lunches for the confirmation students during the school year.
- Collected glue sticks for Conneaut Area schools.
- Served funeral luncheons.
- Sent Valentine day, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas cards to the shut-ins.
- Made Easter baskets and goodie bags for the Villa. Also gave Palms and bulletins.
- Hosted the CAMA service on April 6th.
- In April made an announcement promoting Social Ministry and had a display in the gathering space for sign ups.
- The quilting ministry finished the year making a total of 117 quilts with 56 going towards the Lutheran World Relief. Other Quilts went to HALO families and flood victims in West Virginia. Blanket Sunday items were sent to the HRC.
- Hospitality after every Sunday and special services.

- Held the Dinner theater “Lights...Camera...Action” on April 22nd.
- Hosted a small luncheon for Nancy Guthrie on April 23rd. Sandwiches, cheese and crackers, two sheet pizzas, cookies and drinks were provided.
- Assisted with One-Step by preparing and serving meals on April 25th and 27th, June 20th and 22nd, July 18th and 20th, and hosted a Christmas party on December 19th.
- Provided cookies and punch for a concert which took place at Good Shepherd on April 30th.
- Provided a cake and punch for Nancy Guthrie’s consecration reception on May 7th.
- Deep cleaned the kitchen on May 17th.
- Made a checklist of duties for after Fellowship Hall Events including the kitchen.
- Hosted an appreciation day for the 3M’s on June 6th. Potato salad, sloppy joes, deviled eggs, baked beans, dessert, chips, and drinks were provided.
- Provided a cake and punch for High School graduates recognition on June 11th.
- Participated in the Salvation Army Kettle Drive for July and December.
- Participated in the Fourth of July parade.
- Hosted the annual Perch dinner on August 18th and assisted with parking.
- Prepared a luncheon for a CAMA meeting held at Good Shepherd on September 14th.
- Subs, potato chips and cookies/brownies were served to musicians, technicians and their wives for a concert benefit on September 16th.
- Decorated the Fellowship Hall for Pastor Bailie’s reception dinner after the installation on September 24th which was catered by Phil Garcia.
- Hosted a Thanksgiving dinner on November 19th. One-Step was invited. Shut-ins received dinners.
- Assisted with hanging of the greens on November 26th.
- Participated in Operation Christmas child collecting 181 boxes.
- Hosted 12 Christmas families; Packed baskets on December 17th.
- Collected money for the turkey box.
- Involved with the Tree of Warmth.

We would like to thank all who participated in the above events for their dedication and commitment in doing God’s work for the benefit of others. Your involvement in the church is greatly appreciated and we hope to see more talented members contribute their time in making a difference in God’s name as we love and serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Co-Chairs: Pearl Ann Curtis
 Faye Lampela
 Shirley Harco

QUILTING MINISTRY

The Quilting Ministry still remains a very important part of the mission outreach at GSLC. The group meets every Tuesday morning from September to May.

We have an average attendance of approximately 12 ladies with a record attendance of 17 ladies one day. We welcomed Rae Van De Motter, Kay Peterson, and Shirley Brookhouser to our group. We also have several helpers who work at home.

The quilters are blessed that God has always provided for us and we still have a good supply of donated material for our squares. A fellow Lutheran from Hermitage, Pa. has donated several trunk loads of beautiful material.

We rely on other means to furnish needed supplies and have sold several quilts which provides money to purchase batting. It now costs \$100 a roll. We were able to purchase several bolts of fabric for less than \$1.50 a yard for our backings. We also use our Thrivent Action team grants and receive donations from our congregation.

The quilters made 117 quilts during the quilting year and sent 56 quilts to Lutheran World Relief in mid October.

Our group gave 15 quilts to the flood victims in West Virginia and also gave quilts to our Christmas families. We have put quilts aside for Blanket Sunday in January 2018.

We are thankful for the helpers and those who contribute to our group. Please join us at 9:00a.m. There are many different jobs for everyone.

Faithfully Serving,
Shirley Harco

COOKS FOR CHRIST

We prepared lunch and dinners for the following groups and activities in no certain order:

One Step	funerals
CAMA	Communion classes
Confirmation classes	#The Landing
God's Work Our Hands	U2 lunch in the park
Nancy's reception	First Holy Communion reception
Choir concert served cookies and punch	Fish dinner
Thanksgiving feast	Cookies for both Christmas Eve services.

Our group maintains the paper product pantry. We also purchase coffee, creamer, sugar packets, and cookies for hospitality used throughout the year.

Thanks to all members that have given baked goods for the events, their time preparing meals for our and cleaning up after. Big thanks to those that donated their Thrivent gift cards that were used for various events.

I want to thank to thank all the people that cleaned the kitchen in May. We have a wonderful group of ladies and gentlemen that help us throughout the year. We couldn't do everything we do without their dedication and their willingness to serve. God Bless all of you.

If anyone is interested in joining our group and to share some great fellowship please contact Pearl Ann Curtis, Julie Kantola, or myself.

In His Service,
Susan Chapin

NISUA REPORT

Here we are again another year of making Nisua and as of November 2017 we have made over 6000 loaves and were able to give another \$2300.00 to the Capital Campaign.

We are very grateful for the support of our members in purchasing the Nisua so that we have been able again to give to the Capital Campaign.

We are happy that we have several more volunteers that have joined us which will make it easier for everyone. It's nice to have people willing to help and we appreciate it.

A big thank you for all the people working on this committee for all the years they have given. Again we give thanks to Paul and Jan Cole for the eggs they give each time we make the Nisua.

Yours in Christ,
Phyllis I. Waid

CARE COMMITTEE

This committee sends cards in the mail for members of our congregation who might be sick and in need. We also help people get rides for appointments.

The prayer chain continues every day and is very faithful in praying for the sick and needy and we appreciate all the callers on this committee.

We still are urging people to use the prayer box to let us know about sickness, injury, and surgery so that cards can be sent and visitations can be set up for surgeries.

Yours in Christ,
Phyllis I. Waid

CRADLE ROLL

During the year, I send out monthly Parent Pages to children from the time they are baptized until the age of three with one to four Parent Pages in each mailing. The information that I send to each family lets them know that the church cares about them and their baby/child. The material is from Augsburg Fortress- the Splash curriculum and it talks about the many stages of a baby's life and gives support and ideas to the parents to help the families grow with the child in God's love.

Communications:

- * 39 Mailings
- * 14 Music CD's

In Christ,
Laureen Bidwell

WORSHIP and MUSIC

2017 was a challenging year for Worship and Music. The year began with Kimberly Chiodo in position of Committee Chair but she had to resign her position due to health reasons early in the year. Council Vice President Andy Chiodo assumed the duties of Interim Worship and Music Chair and fills this position into 2018. The search for a new WM Chair was unsuccessful as of Dec 31, 2017.

Other highlights of 2017 include:

- Lenten services were held each Wednesday during lent and a cadre of ELCA pastors within Ashtabula County rotated between 5 ELCA congregations each Wed night service. Soup and Sandwich dinner was held each Wed service.
- Holy week services were held and well attended. Maundy Thursday service included stripping the Altar, Good Friday service centered around members of the congregation tying rags on the large cross. Saturday, artificial flowers were placed in the rags to cover the cross. The flower filled cross was displayed from Easter Sunday for the next 3 Sundays.
- Nancy Guthrie, Voice and Bell Choir Director, accepted a call to a church in Pennsylvania in May of 2017. The position of Choir Director remained vacant until October when Robert Violette was hired to direct the voice choir and bell choir. Numbers for the voice choir have fallen to strength of 10 or less. Attempts were made to reconstitute the bell choir but no more than 4 members were able to attend practices. Bell choir was put on hold and the director's time has been spent with the Chancel Choir.
- Summer services were again held outside and almost every Sunday provided great weather to be on the front lawn. During the summer months, worship was held at 8:30 and 10:00 due to no Sunday School.
- Return to inside worship occurred the Sunday after Labor Day. Times returned to 8:30 and 11:00.
- Pastor Paul Bailie accepted a call to GSLC as our Youth and Family Minister in September! Pastor Van De Motter and Pastor Bailie have been alternating preaching and presiding duties each Sunday.
- Wednesday Advent services were not held in December due to lack of attendance last year. Church was decorated with the normal 2 trees with Chrismons on each side of the Altar and small lighted wreaths on the sides of the sanctuary. A large wreath was placed on the Lake Road side of the church and lit with a spot light. Smaller wreaths were hung under the portico (same side).

Respectfully,
Andy Chiodo, Interim Chairperson

MUSIC MINISTRIES

God has blessed Good Shepherd with an abundance of musical talent! Music ministries of this church for 2017 included Believers' Fire Praise Band, Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir, and Genesis Bell Choir.

Our 8:30 a.m. music director Jim Fuller guides the faithful musicians who provide weekly musical leadership for our Praise Worship Service. The group also continues their outreach ministry at least once a year at the Faith Café in Erie, PA. Thank you, Jim, Don Cowey, Tom Gildone, and Tony Todaro for your steadfast commitment to God through Believers' Fire.

The dedicated singers and ringers in the choirs commit many hours to enhancing the worship of the people through music. Their ministries bless the Lord and the people of GSLC. This year the Chancel Choir averaged about sixteen members, the Chancel Bells included nine ringers playing four octaves of hand bells, and the Genesis Bell Choir had six ringers using two octaves of bells. All three groups rehearsed weekly

through April. Most months the Chancel Choir sang on three Sundays. The Chancel Bells and the Genesis Bells usually played monthly, alternating between the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

I encourage all who enjoy lifting their voices to the Lord to serve in the Chancel Choir (11:00 service) or Believers' Fire (8:30 service). If you are willing to share your musical talent in other ways, perhaps ringing hand bells is for you!

This report includes the first four months of the year, when the choir and bell choirs were under the direction of Pastoral Assistant Nancy Guthrie. It is my sincere prayer that all of the music ministries of GSLC will continue to praise God and bless the people for years to come. You certainly have been a blessing to me for many years. Thank you!

The position of Choir Director remained vacant until October when Robert Violette was hired to direct the voice choir and bell choir. Numbers for the voice choir have fallen to strength of 10 or less. Attempts were made to reconstitute the bell choir but no more than 4 members were able to attend practices. Bell choir was put on hold and the director's time has been spent with the Chancel Choir.

Serving Christ,
Deacon Nancy Guthrie

PROPERTY

2017 was another busy year for the 'Men's Maintenance Ministry'. I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped keep our church in excellent condition, including volunteers who; mowed the grass, shampooed carpets, plowed and shoveled snow, secured the church, worked on the flower beds, and cleaned the church. Our church is so blessed to have so many volunteers who graciously give their time and talent. The 3M's have saved our church thousands of dollars in building and repair costs. You are all greatly appreciated and I can never thank you enough for all you do.

Some of the bigger jobs completed in 2017:

1. Oversaw installation of the new carillon system.
2. Oversaw installation of three new pumps and motors in the boiler room.
3. Purchased and installed new drinking fountain.
4. Rebuilt many light fixtures throughout the church and replaced them with LED bulbs.
5. Filled and drained the font for many Baptisms.
6. Set up tables and chairs for many events.
7. Installed new hot water tank in the kitchen.
8. Pressure washed the north portico for the outside services.
9. Built new shelves for the kitchen closets, man-cave, furnace rooms, and storage rooms.
10. Built two new announcement boards for the classrooms.
11. Built two new calendar frames.
12. Washed windows and put up storm windows.
13. Crushed cans.
14. Installed a gas line from the kitchen through the south wall for the outside deep fryer.
15. Installed a new door opener in the office.
16. Installed a TV in the gathering space.
17. Helped put up and take down Christmas decorations.
18. Built a cabinet for the popcorn machine.

19. Installed banner brackets in the Sanctuary.
20. Replaced faucets in the restrooms.
21. Replaced the faucet in the kitchen.
22. Made 50 new wood crosses for new members.
23. Repaired several pews.
24. Assisted with 'God's Work Our Hands' program.
25. Assisted with One-Step program.
26. Oversaw installation of new LED parking lot lights.
27. Did routine maintenance on the lawn tractor.

Rental Property jobs for 2017:

448 Sandusky

1. Installed a new screen door.
2. Caulked the bathtub and installed a curtain.
3. Fixed the bathtub drain.
4. Replaced ceiling tiles.
5. Put up smoke alarms and CO detector and installed a fire extinguisher.
6. Steam cleaned floors.
7. Split water line in the basement for two shut off valves.
8. General clean-up for new renters.

450 Sandusky

1. Installed new door closer piece on the screen door.

Detroit Street

1. Cleaned the sewer drains twice.
2. Installed new igniter switch on the furnace.
3. Replace floor drain in the shower.

Taking care of the church is a lot of work and 3M's could use more talented people to volunteer their time and share their talents. Our committee meets every Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We welcome anyone to join us for coffee, fellowship, and a few laughs, before we start our projects. We do all this for the Glory of God.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lampela

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Albert Guthrie Paul Mechling Mark Lytle, Chairman

Purpose

The Endowment Committee oversees three endowment funds. Our principle responsibilities are to prudently invest the funds and to manage the accounts in complete compliance with the bylaws. The bylaws allow for distributions of income or growth but never the principal. The following is a brief description of each fund, the 2017 activities, and investment performances.

Capital Improvement Fund

As the name implies, this fund was established to provide funding for the purchase and maintenance of capital assets (land, buildings, and equipment) owned by Good Shepherd as well as making loan payments associated with those assets. In 2017 we used \$23,656.97 of the dividends to apply toward our mortgage loan. That loan was paid off in September and the dividends from October through December were reinvested into the fund.

Mission and Education Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for internal and external missions of Good Shepherd and to provide higher education scholarships for qualified members. In 2017 we disbursed two \$1,000 scholarships to members of Good Shepherd. Also, we received a generous contribution of \$3,279.50 to this fund from one of our members. It was invested and has become a permanent part of the fund. Thank you for supporting our Mission and Education Fund!

Family Center Fund

This was the third year for the Family Center Fund, having started with \$20,000 in February 2015. The cash came from donations and funds raised over several years from GSLC members and other citizens of Conneaut with the long-term goal of building a family center on the west side of Grove Street.

Investment Summary	Capital Improvement	Mission & Education	Family Center
Beginning Balance 1/01/2017	\$672,845.36	\$89,588.05	\$21,391.79
Purchases	+ 0.00	+ 3,279.50	0.00
Dividends and Capital Gains	+ 33,271.22	+ 5,162.89	+ 1,034.49
Disbursements	- 23,656.97	- 2,000.00	- 0.00
Change in share price valuation	+ <u>28,568.65</u>	<u>3,211.56</u>	+ <u>2,584.38</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2017	\$711,048.26	\$99,142.00	\$25,010.66

The stock market reached record highs in 2017 and all three of our funds also grew to record highs, even after accounting for the total disbursements of \$25,656.97 for the loan repayment and two scholarships. The combined year-end balance for the three funds is \$835,200.92.

In Service to our Lord,
Mark Lytle
Chairman

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

2017 was the nineteenth year I have had the privilege of serving as GSLC's Financial Secretary. Linda Hall has joined me as co-financial secretary and I thank her for taking over the majority of this office. Our duties

include recording, depositing and posting your offerings and sending statements to you. We are members of the church's finance committee also to maintain the financial health of the church. We also provide council with a monthly income report. Please use your offering envelope number along with your name on any type of offering. Every effort is made to accurately record your offerings.

Good Shepherd is very fortunate to have such dedicated people who faithfully volunteer their time to count offering. They are Evelyn Peterson, Laura Gustafson, Jan Uveges, and Margo Kaihlanen. I personally want to thank each of them for their attention to detail every week. Without their willingness to serve, offering counting would be a difficult task.

Thank you for your continued support in the ministry of our church and may our offerings reflect our blessings in 2018. If you have any questions concerning your offering, please contact me at the church office 599-8908.

In His Service,
Clarissa Murtha, Financial Secretary

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office continues as a significant part of Good Shepherd. The Secretary (Chris) organizes the Sunday, funeral, and special bulletins; which now includes the Power Point projections (began with Advent). She also puts together the Leader Books for the Pastors and the Assisting Minister each week and announcements. The ECHO is developed each month and is available in the church gathering space and also on the website at gslcc.org.

We are thankful to have a faithful group of ladies who come Thursday mornings to fold the bulletins. They are: Judy Barch, Laura Gustafson, Nyla Lindgren, Sue McCarron, Martha Jayne Thompson and Jan Uveges. They also fold and label letters that go out to the Congregation. Jan also assumes the tasks of updating the children's activity bags and the information on the bulletin boards and kiosk. We are very thankful for all of our volunteers as they are always more than willing to take on additional jobs.

The Administrative Assistant (Stephanie) is responsible for recording births, baptisms, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, weddings and deaths and for maintaining weekly communion attendance records and records specific to the requirements by the Synod and Pastors. Some other tasks include acknowledging Abiding Memorial gifts, stewardship planning, ordering supplies for the office as well as committees, preparing purchase requests, coordinating Fellowship Hall usage, maintaining records for the tenants and preparing for congregation meetings. As the church continues to move forward into the electronic age Emails and the phone continue to keep us on our toes.

We are here to welcome and assist Good Shepherd members and visitors. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. We love chocolate candy.

In His Service,
Stephanie Patriarco
Administrative Assistant

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church continued to expand its online presence in 2017 highlighted by the unveiling of a new website design and a growing Facebook page following.

The church's Facebook page went live to the public more than four years ago in October 2013. You can visit it at <https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdlutheranchurchconneaut>.

The page continues to be a successful way to interact with the community and church members and even past members who no longer reside in the area around Conneaut. Weekly reports from Facebook show the content is typically seen by hundreds and occasionally thousands of people each week and the numbers continue to steadily grow.

The addition of Pastor Paul Bailie has been a welcomed addition to posting content on the Facebook page. Pastor Bailie also has utilized tools such as the Facebook Live function to broadcast live on a number of occasions including showing the new carillon system playing at Good Shepherd.

As of Dec. 4, 2017, 206 people have liked the Facebook page, up from 162 or a 27 percent increase from 2016. Demographics show that 70 percent of those who like the page are female and 55 percent are ages 35 and older. In total, roughly 16 percent of those who "like" the page are 34 and younger.

I encourage everyone (especially younger people) to visit the page and click "like" if you haven't so far. Invite your Facebook friends to like the page!

The church also launched a Twitter account in 2014 to provide another tool for social outreach. The Twitter profile can be viewed at <https://twitter.com/goodshephlcc>.

There are 40 followers as of Dec. 4, 2017, up from 34 followers of the account a year ago. Traditionally, this social media website is popular with young people, but is growing among adults as this demographic learns more about what it is about and how it can be a tool to communicate.

For anyone who is unfamiliar with Twitter and how it works, here is a good webpage to learn more about how to get started <https://support.twitter.com/articles/215585-getting-started-with-twitter>. It is worth noting that Twitter in 2017 increased the number of characters per post up to 280, which is double from 140 characters previously.

The year of 2018 should be an exciting time for Good Shepherd's digital presence.

God bless and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
John Arthur Hutchison
Good Shepherd social media manager

IT and Computers

My responsibilities at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church initially started with learning how to manage the electronic sign on Lake Rd. I have been doing this for some time now, and have continued to change and update the sign on a regular basis. I also have come across some new features the electronic sign can do

and have utilized these features to get more information out to the community and church members. There have been some technical issues that required troubleshooting of the sign and I was able to find the solution and make the necessary corrections to keep the sign operational.

I was also asked to continue the work that Nancy Guthrie started with the new website for the church. In the past several months, I helped set the website up and corresponded with the website company to get the site up and running, which helps to get the church's message and information to its members and potential members. The website is a never ending job as there are always changes and updates to be done to keep the information current. Some of the changes and updates include photos, events, Echo online, and changing the calendar, to name a few. Now as Pastor Van De Motter and Pastor Bailie continue to learn about the many features of the website, they too are able to post things.

I was also asked to clean up an older computer for use by Pastor Bailie. Pastor Bailie's printer was also installed as well as Shepherds Staff on Pastor Bailie's computer and Chris Murtha's new computer.

I also installed an internet access point (antenna) in the gathering space of the church to allow the members internet access while in the church as well as allowing internet for church functions. A wireless router was also installed in the church office because the prior Wi-Fi access is too far away in a back closet and is hardly even noticeable while in the education wing. The wireless in the office allows me better access to the internet when trying to update the sign or searching for new images and information for the sign, as well if someone else should need internet access while in the office.

I have also fielded many questions and problems from the church staff concerning computer and IT related problems and have been able to come up with solutions. I also setup a computer for use during the Vacation Bible School week for use in the classroom. I have helped with the announcements before services and now with the "paperless" service.

I will also be installing another access point (antenna) in the office space or education wing to have internet access in this area. After this second access point is installed almost the entire church will have internet access which will allow for better social interaction with the youth of the church, which may help to attract more youth and families to the church.

Respectfully,
Dan Patriarco

GSLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

General Fund (including Sunday school)

DECEMBER 31, 2017

\$ 8362

GENERAL SAVINGS

Discretionary	476
Family Center – Savings	1,773
Education	260
Abiding Memorial	5,236
Building & Grounds	1,616
Estate Distribution	80,799
Detroit Street	3,000
Sandusky Street	2,990
Youth Mission	6,066
Capital Campaign – Phase II	2,846
Continuing Education	280
Miscellaneous Other Savings Accounts	<u>28,681</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS**\$ 142,385****LONG TERM ASSETS**

Mission & Education Endowment Fund: Investment Portion	\$ 99,142
Capital Improvement Endowment Fund: Investment Portion	711,048
Family Center Fund	25,011
Thrivent Fund	<u>9,302</u>

TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS**\$ 844,503****FIXED ASSETS**

Land	\$ 294,000
Church Building	1,957,500
Other Buildings	3,675
Parking Lots	42,000
LED Sign	50,000
Furniture and Fixtures	131,250
Office Equipment	7,700
Pipe Organ	253,575
Pianos	18,900
Hand Bells	8,295
Digital Keyboard	8,925
Art Glass Windows	88,515
472 Detroit Street	70,000
448-450 Sandusky Street	65,000
Carillon	13,000
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 3,012,335
TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS	844,503
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>131,513</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,999,223</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

LIABILITIES

December 18 th Payroll and 4 th Quarter 2017 Accruals	\$ 8,802
Taxes Accruals	<u>\$ 2,480</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,282
NET WORTH	\$3,987,941
NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES	<u>\$3,999,223</u>

ENDOWMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Capital Improvement	\$ 711,048
Mission and Education	99,142
Family Center	25,011
Thrivent Fund	9,302
TOTAL	<u>\$ 844,503</u>

Capital Improvement Fund interest utilized by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in 2017:

Pay down mortgage	\$ 21,232
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GSLC GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

INCOME ACCOUNTS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

GENERAL FUND INCLUDING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly Offerings	\$ 195,264
Special Offerings	5,658
Other Income	<u>12,585</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 213,507</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND

Christian Education including Sunday school	\$ 0
Evangelism	0
Social Ministry	0
Worship and Music	3,663
Stewardship	497
Staff Salaries	121,188
Staff Benefits	46,615
Property	24,459
Utilities (Annual)	
Electricity	9,164
Gas	3,532
Water & Sewer	833
Telephone	2,075
Other Property Costs	8,855
Parish Administration	9,670
Other	<u>20,634</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	<u>\$235,581</u>

2017 BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

10% Biblical Tithe to Synod	\$ 19,855
Conneaut Food Pantry (cash and goods)	4,000
Operation Christmas Child	611
Thanksgiving and Christmas Families	500
Kelsey Fund	960
Lutheran Disaster Response	1,115
Ducks Donation	960

TOTAL	<u>\$ 28,001</u>
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ESTIMATE OF MISSION FUNDING

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 159,048	\$ 214,342
Property	\$ 29,688	\$ 27,000
<i>Electricity</i>	\$ 8,800	\$ 9,000
<i>Parking Lot Maintenance</i>	\$	
<i>Gas</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500
<i>Insurance</i>	\$ 5,188	\$ 4,800
<i>Telephone</i>	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,200
Parish Administration	\$ 10,725	\$ 10,515
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,400
<i>Copier Contract</i>	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Worship & Music	\$ 4,550	\$ 2,950
Council & Finance	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
Stewardship	\$ 600	\$ 500
SUBTOTAL	\$ 206,911	\$ 257,607
10% Biblical Tithe - NEOS	\$ 20,691	\$ 25,761
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 227,602	\$ 283,368