



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ECHO the love of Christ

**We are a Christian community united in God's call
to serve others by sharing the love of Christ.**

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

OCTOBER 2018

A message from Pastor Van De Motter

October is a month of changes and a month of thinking about changes. It includes changing your wardrobe from summer to winter clothes. It includes getting that oil changed for the winter coming up. It includes making sure that your furnace is checked out before the weather really gets rough.

October is also, and most importantly, time to make pies: berry pies, sweet potato pies, pumpkin pies, pecan pies, apple pies. I like to make and bake pies of all sorts. I once attended an apple pie baking party and we made about a dozen different pies. But pumpkin pie is my most favorite and I am glad when Thanksgiving comes around, because there is an abundance of pumpkin pie. I like to make mine with honey substituted for the sugar. The custard has a much creamier feel to it.




But what I am most thankful for at this time of year is *God's pie*. God's pie comes to us in flavors such as forgiveness, mercy, faith, and grace. Not the flavors that we usually think of; these flavors are much sweeter than the pies we make from God's creation. These are fruits that come directly from God and, therefore much more pungent and unforgettable. Can you remember the last time you've tasted a piece of God's pie? I usually have a little sample of it daily, because I need it daily.

Now, the whole idea of God's pie is that it gets passed around to whomever needs it. Being stingy with God's pie is not recommended as it is always free to us and we can be filled with God's pie any time we want. We just ask God for it. But there are two rules to God's pie that I don't like to break. Rule 1: Be sure to share God's pie with others. Rule 2: Save a piece of pie for God also. After all, when we bake a pie, we like to have a piece for ourselves but the flavors really come through when we share it with others. Doesn't it put a smile in your heart? Sharing with friends is an important ritual for all of us.

Sharing with God is something that we don't think of very much, because God has everything and needs nothing, but by sharing we prove to be an example of God's loving kindness at work in the world. The world needs that. It sorely needs that. When we share God's pie and save a piece for God's very self, we share in God's ministry for the world.

Good Shepherd Ministries

All committees meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM
(For more information about our church ministries please call the church office)

Evangelism	Property	Social Ministry	Worship & Music	Christian Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Community Outreach · Promote Events · Maintain Website · Family Fun Night · Circus · D-Day Parking · Craft Fair · Back to School Rally · Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Maintain building and grounds · Care for church rental properties · Set up/tear down for events · Men's Maintenance Ministry (3 M's) is a group of men who meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am for social time and to work on the maintenance of the church. <div style="text-align: right;">  <small>shutterstock - 210633217</small> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tree of Warmth · Cooks for Christ · Holy Communion Home Visits · Card Ministry · BINGO at Ashtabula County Home · Nisua Bakers · Turkey Box · Quilting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Special Music · Ushers · Assisting Ministers · Altar Guild · Abiding Memorial · Pastoral Support · Acolytes <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Kindergarten to Adult September thru May</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Acolyte Training · First Holy Communion · Bible Study · Confirmation · Vacation Bible School · Youth Sunday · Mission Trips

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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440-599-8908 / www.gslcc.org

Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 Contemporary
Sunday 11:00 Traditional
Holy Communion at all services

Sunday School Classes

9:45 am Kindergarten thru Adult
September thru May

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Patrick VanDeMotte, Lead Pastor
Rev. Paul Bailie, Family and Youth Minister

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The deadline for ECHO articles is the **20th of every month**. Articles/notices received after the 20th will be saved for the following month.



To contact someone to initiate a prayer on the prayer chain CALL: **Nancy Sackett (440-593-3673)**

If you know of someone who is hospitalized, sick or needs a visit, please CALL the church office (**440-599-8908**) so that a visit can be arranged.

Meeting

October 14th, 2018

9:45 am

Congregational Meeting

**All members of GSLC are
encouraged to attend.**

As a member of Good Shepherd, don't you want
to be a part of the decision-making?
Your vote counts!!



TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>% ESTIMATED BUDGETED REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED OPERATING COST</u>
January	\$ 19,046	\$ 19,046	80.7%	\$ 30,589	\$ 30,589	129.5%
February	\$ 20,336	\$ 39,382	83.4%	\$ 21,646	\$ 52,235	110.6%
March	\$ 15,972	\$ 55,354	78.1%	\$ 24,507	\$ 76,742	108.3%
April	\$ 19,634	\$ 74,988	79.4%	\$ 22,291	\$ 99,033	104.8%
May	\$ 14,631	\$ 89,619	75.9%	\$ 23,735	\$122,768	104.0%
June	\$ 13,870	\$103,489	73.0%	\$ 21,418	\$144,182	101.8%
July	\$ 15,580	\$119,069	72.0%	\$29,141	\$173,327	104.9%
August	\$ 14,439	\$133,508	70.7%	\$22,138	\$195,465	103.5%

GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2018 = \$2,130

Need \$23,614 each month



ATTENDANCE

8/19	144
8/26	116
9/2	114
9/9	146
9/16	130
9/23	123

STEWARDSHIP

Commitment Renewal

Good Shepherd has traditionally had an overall theme for its renewal of commitment to the church and to the community which we serve. This year's theme is:

Giving to Share the Love of Christ (GSLC)

In Genesis Chapter 1, God gave mankind dominion over the earth, to be stewards of his creation. Stewardship is a term we hear many times throughout the church year but mostly as we begin planning to support the ways God leads us to reach out to others.

The Stewardship Committee has developed a month-long plan to focus our thoughts on how we steward (or manage) the gifts God has so graciously given to us! Gifts in Time, Talent and Treasure

Each Sunday in October the members of the committee will present reflections on God's Word as it pertains to the topic for that Sunday. These weekly reflections will include youth and adults alike, as we seek to see God's Spirit working among us and leading us into 2019.

Sunday, September 30th	Kick-off Sunday
Sunday, October 7th	Giving
Sunday, October 14th	Sharing
Sunday, October 21st	Love
Sunday, October 28th	Christ
Sunday, November 4th	“Thanks for your Commitment” dinner to follow worship. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday School 9:45 -10:20am• Combined service at 10:30am• The pot luck dinner will be the first day to submit your commitment card and will continue through the month of November.

Let us remember these words from our Savior as we focus upon our renewed commitment to the church and our community:

- **1 Peter 4:10**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- **2 Cor 9:7**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

- **1 John 3:18**

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Bible Sunday: October 7

It is a traditional milestone here at Good Shepherd to present a Bible to children in third grade. This is our opportunity to lift up our young disciples as we keep our promise to teach and raise them in the church, as well as *place the Holy Scriptures in their hands*. Parents of eligible students, please confirm your attendance by calling the church at 440.599.8908 or by emailing Pastor Bailie at gslcfamily@suite224.net to let us know which service you will be attending.

Book Fair

Good Shepherd is hosting a book fair, with materials for both children and adults. This is a fantastic opportunity to support Good Shepherd as well as help our families have quality resources in their homes. Sample books are on display in the Gathering Space. Place payment and order forms in the offering plate by October 14.



Fortress Press Wellness Book Fair

Shop for books that help you heal, grow, and thrive! All books are sold at a special discount.



Lifetouch Portraits

October 24 thru 26

1:00 to 7:40 pm

Saturday 10/27

10:00 am to 4:40 pm

Lifetouch Portraits will be coming in late October to update our picture directory. What a great time to have pictures taken for the holidays too! Be sure to reserve your date and time for your photo shoot. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Space.

Youth Coffee House

October 27th

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Good Shepherd invites teens to a revamped format for youth ministry. On Saturday nights, we'll have fun activities in a relaxed coffee house atmosphere. Our first event will be on October 27 from 7-9 p.m. We'll have an escape room set up at church. Work together with your friends to solve a challenge!



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One Step Center is looking for a used bicycle rack for the outside of the Human Resources Center. If you have one to donate or you know of someone who might have one please call:

Rae VanDeMotte
216-633-6362



October 31st

5:00pm – 7 pm

Church Parking lot

(Rain inside the fellowship hall)

**Please contact Michelle Logan
if you plan on having a trunk
at the party!**

440 -265 -8727



NEW MEMBERS

Jason, Amy, and Evan Warren

Wes and Susan Combs

John Thompson

Katriina Emery

Quilter's Update



Quilting has resumed on Tuesday mornings. We are so pleased to have two new members, Robin Bryant and Carolyn Palo. We are also happy to see Diane Young who spends her winters in Florida. Thank you, ladies for joining our group.

Some of the money raised from the Lancaster bus trip was used to buy several bolts of solid color material for the quilt backings and two rolls of batting. We are also enjoying the new sewing machines donated by Judy Barch last spring.

The **quilts will be dedicated on October 7** and will then be shipped to Lodi as part of our Lutheran World Relief project.

26 percent of children who live in Ashtabula County go hungry.

GSLC COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD FOR FAMILIES



PLEASE BRING

Canned tuna, cream of chicken soup, 16 oz. cans of peas, French style green beans, peas/carrots mix, 16 oz. bag of noodles.



Good Shepherd and One Step Center Partners in Mission



As you might know, Good Shepherd has been preparing hot dinners for the youth at One Step this past year. Two days a week the Center provides a safe and positive environment to interact with other students, work on homework, participate in recreational activities and enjoy a hot meal. One Step is in its third year of operation and opened their doors this year on Tuesday, September 18th, in their new home at Conneaut Human Resources Center. The center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm and closes at 5:45 pm for students from 6th thru 12th grades.

Because the people of Good Shepherd are still supporting this project, a grant was submitted to the Ashtabula Foundation. The name of the grant is "GSLC Mission for One Step". In September, the Ashtabula Foundation awarded GSLC a grant for \$2500 to purchase food for the youth at One Step. If you would like to help cook a meal for One Step, please save your receipts, place them in an envelope and put it in Rae VanDeMottter's mail box. To schedule yourself to cook a meal, please call **Rae at 216-633-6362**.

One Step Center can be reached by phone at 440-265-1080 or via e-mail at onestepconneaut@gmail.com



Youth Lock-In November 17th and 18th

Good Shepherd youth are invited to a lock-in with youth from other Lutheran congregations of the Eastern Conference of our synod.

- **Who:** All youth 7th-12th Grade
- **Where:** Zion Lutheran, 3300 Canfield Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44511
- **When:** November 17th (7pm) – November

18th (8:30am) All youth are encouraged to attend the 8:30am worship at Zion together before departing for the morning.

- **What:** Will meet to worship, fellowship, and grow together in faith for an overnight event. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another or catch up with old friends.
- **How much:** Cost will be \$10 to help cover cost for food and recreation for evening (to be paid at registration desk upon arrival).

RSVP by November 10th. Register by going to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eastern-conference-lock-in-tickets-50262328979> or by calling or texting Pastor Erin Burns at 330-442-7924



Fall will soon be officially here and Social Ministry is ready to start on our schedule for fall and early winter. The “Cover Girls” are back in quilting mode and meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. One Step has moved to the Conneaut Human Resources Center and we will be cooking and serving their dinner meals. We are going to have a “Thanks for your Commitment” dinner on November 4th. And, we will once again adopt families for Christmas. The youth group will help us pack and deliver on Dec. 17th.

The D-Day perch dinner was a successful mission again this year. A big “Thank You” to everyone that helped us accomplish that. Many hands make light work. It is a large undertaking and we critique it every year to try and make it better.

Nisua begins October 20th this year. The ovens will be new and ready to go at 6:00 am. We are usually finished by one or one thirty. If you would like to help contact Susanne Malys or Amy Gallagher.

If you would like to help us with any of the projects we do, please contact Pearl Ann, Sue or Shirley. We are always happy to have new people join us and share ideas.

Serving Joyfully,
The Social Ministry Team



October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 30 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service	1	2 9:00 3M's & Quilters	3 Choir 6:00 pm	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 Fall Craft Fair 9:00am–3:00pm 
7 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service Blessing of the Quilts Bible Sunday Villa Service	8	9 9:00 3M's & Quilters 6:00 PM Committees Meetings	10 Bingo at County Home Choir 6:00 pm	11 5:45 Finance	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service MISSION SUNDAY Congregational Meeting 9:45	15	16 9:00 3M's & Quilters 6:00 Council	17 Choir 6:00 pm	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 Articles for the ECHO due today
21 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service	22	23 9:00 3M's & Quilters	24 Lifetouch Photos 1:00 – 7:40 PM Choir 6:00 pm	25 Lifetouch Photos 1:00 – 7:40 PM	26 Lifetouch Photos 1:00 – 7:40 PM OFFICE CLOSED	27 Lifetouch Photos 10:00 AM – 4:40 PM Teen Coffee House 7:00 – 9:00pm
28 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service	29	30 9:00 3M's & Quilters	31 Trunk or Treat 5:00 – 7:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm	Nov 1	Nov 2 OFFICE CLOSED	Nov 3 

Lord we are your servants

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Readers	Hospitality	Acolytes	
10/7/18 8:30	Mike Malys	Amy Gallagher	Nolan's	Don/Sue Cummins	Grace Patriarco	Laura Gustafson & Barch & Uvegas	Tim Montagano	
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Shirley Harco	Huya Family	Mechling's	Al Gee	Stacy Racut	A. Hathy/L. Vargo	
10/14/18 8:30	John Chapin	Heidi Parkomaki	Mike/Suzanne Malys	Dave/Lori Punkar	Jerry Brookhouser	Pelow/Altman	Sofi Thompson	
11:00	Shirley Harco	Phyllis Waid	Jerry/Faye Lampela	Mary Lou Moisio	Rae VanDeMotter	Peg/Shirley Harco	N. Wood/S. Jerina	
10/21/18 8:30	J. Steighner	Betty Monday	Ron/Janet Maenpaa	Dick/Dolores Pelow	Mary Steighner	Julie Kantola	Luke Patriarco	
11:00		Nickolas Mason	Stacy/Taylor Racut	Crain/Natalie Huya	Mark Lytle	E. Jay Hybert	C. Cameron/B.Owens	
10/28/18 8:30	Linda Hall	Grace Patriarco	John Chapin Rich Kantola	Geo/Nyla Lindgren	Linda Hall	Heidi Parkomaki	Tim Montagano	
11:00		Michelle Logan	Shirley/Peggy Harco	Hybert's	Paul Mechling	Janelle Cole	T.Huya/JR Hutchison	
11/4/18 8:30		A Chiodo R. VanDeMotter	Ron/Dianne Young	Rich/Pam Herner	Al Gee Nickolas Mason	Dianne Young	Kataya Sweeney Amelia Sanford	
11:00	S. Harco							
11/11/18 8:30	John Chapin	Leah Gallagher	Dave/B. Nolan	Katrino Pavolino	Jerry Brookhouser	Katrina Pavolino	Aiden Vidmar	
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Stacy Racut Phyllis Waid	Craig/Natalie Huya	Paul/Jo Mechling	Dianne Young	JoAnn Mechling	Natalie Wood Emma Van Norman	
11/18/18 8:30	Mike Malys	Heidi Parkomaki	Amy/Leah Gallagher	M. Steighner Rick Vidmar	Dave Nolan	Bernadette Nolan	Tim Montagano	
11:00	D. Young	Michelle Logan Nicholas Mason	Shirley Harco Peggy Harco	Ruth Brown	Ron Young	Susan Lytle	Lily Rose Vargo Lane Vargo	
11/25/18 8:30	Linda Hall	Stephanie Patriarco	Rich/Julie Kantola	Ron/J Maenpaa	S. Patriarco	Pearl Ann Curtis/ Kathy Mills	Aiden Vidmar	
11:00	Ron Young	Mark Lytle Dianne Young	Jerry/Faye Lampela	Mark/Susan Lytle	Katrina Emery	Janelle Cole	Colton Cameron Anna Mae Cameron	

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Janelle Cole, Phyllis Waid, Ruth Brown, Michelle Logan

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: K. Pavolino, J. Barch, R. Brown, M. Moisio & T. Owens

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD: EJ Hybert, Ellen Gee, Ruth Brown, S Newsome, Tammy Owens

