



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

JANUARY 2019

A message from Pastor Van De Motter

The new year. A time of unknowns. A time of anxiety. But, yet, there is hope. There is always hope.

There is always hope but at times it seems so far away. A new year seems to bring hope just by being new. But that newness can also frighten. It is a time, however, to reset our interior clocks, wipe away our mistakes, regain courage to ask for forgiveness, and lift our head up to look for a new path on which to journey through life. The path that I choose and I hope that you have seen and wish to choose is the path of the Lord. Some call this the narrow path. It might even be considered the impossible path. But it is a path that sets us on a journey toward the kingdom of God. Not heaven. Not the place of paradise after death, but the kingdom of God here on earth.

The narrow path is one defined by Jesus himself. It has two gutters like a bowling alley. On one side is the voiding of the Law of God and on the other side is condemning the guiltless.

- 1 Matthew 15:6 *you make void the word of God.* The Pharisees and scribes would rather follow the traditions of the elders instead of following God's law. The law says honor your mother and father. The Pharisees and scribes say that since they work for God they don't have to support their parents. God never intended family to abandon each other for the sake of the temple and its traditions.
- 2 Matthew 12:7 *But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.* As the disciples were walking through a grain field on the Sabbath, they picked grain and ate it. They were hungry. I guess the Pharisees and scribes thought that the disciples should have sacrificed and gone hungry, but the law was made so that a merchant does not harvest his grain on the Sabbath to be the first one at the market on Sunday morning.

So, we as Lutherans can understand two things. Don't hold the law so strictly that everything we do has to be a sacrifice. And, do not hold the law so lax that the law will mean nothing, so why do we have it? When we hold these two different interpretations of the law in tension, we must use our good judgment as to how the specific law should be applied to a specific situation. It is not as simple as saying, 'The Bible says this and that's final.' Most Rabbis would have a field day with that because there are other places in the Bible that will probably contraindicate any specific law.

So, what is a good Lutheran to do? The good Lutheran would sin boldly having at least thought about how a law is to be used and applied. It's better to do something good and seek forgiveness if a law has been broken, then for one to vacillate and have something worse happen in the meantime. If we are caught between doing nothing and doing something, think deeply, keeping in mind all the commands that Jesus gave us. Then make the decision. Grace and forgiveness are abundant should we err with good intentions.



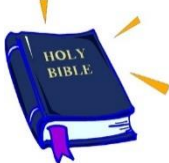
In this new year, be bold and keep in mind those two gutters. If necessary, sin boldly, but rely on the Grace of Christ Jesus even more boldly.

Wishing you a new year filled with hope and love,

Pastor Patrick J. Van De Motter

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: center;">  <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">shutterstock 210633217</p> </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 style="text-align: center;">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

876 Grove Street
Conneaut, OH 44030
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.



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%
September	\$ 16,048	\$149,556	70.4%	\$ 20,601	\$216,066	101.7%
October	\$ 14,292	\$163,848	69.4%	\$ 20,941	\$237,007	100.4%
November	\$ 15,331	\$179,179	69.0%	\$ 20,408	\$257,415	99.1%
		(\$ 80,525)			\$ 2,339 over expenses	

GENERAL FUND – BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018 = \$2,981
 Need \$23,614 each month



ATTENDANCE

12/2	132
12/9	127
12/16	122



ANNUAL REPORTS are due by email by January 17, 2019
goodshepherd@suite224.net

There is a new format for this year's reports. Each report should look like this:

- Name of Committee/Ministry
- Members of Committee/Ministry
- Committee Chairperson
- List the top 3-5 events/actions/accomplishments that happened during the year
- List 1 or 2 goals for next year, 2019

ECHO Publisher Needed

- Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at Good Shepherd?
- Are you confident working in Microsoft Word or other computer programs?
- Do you like using your creative abilities?

THEN THIS JOB IS FOR YOU!



If you are interested, please call the church office or Pastor VanDeMotte for more information. Training is available!



**SUPER BOWL SUBS
FOR SALE
1/6/2019 thru 1/27/2019
PICK UP
2/3/19**



**NISUA ORDERS ARE NOW
BEING TAKEN THRU
JANUARY 31st**

**NISUA PICK-UP
FEBRUARY 9th**

GSLC Youth and Family News



Family Fun Night
Sunday, January 13
4-6 p.m.

We will be making family faith boxes--a craft project to help develop faith in the home. Meal included.

Confirmation Class
Sunday, January 20
1-3 p.m.

GSLC Youth Coffee House
Saturday, January 26
7-9 p.m.

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a fun time of games, activities, and fellowship.

ATTENTION! High School Seniors



It is not too early to apply for the [GSLC Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship](#).
All details and the application are on the following pages.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be attending or planning to attend an accredited technical school, community college, junior college, or a four-year college/university to be eligible to apply. Exceptions for graduate work will be considered for applicants attending a Lutheran Seminary.
 - a. Must be a member or a child of a member for at least two years prior to scholarship application, meeting criteria of membership for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut, Ohio.
 - b. High school applicants must have at least a 2.8 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for grades 9-12. Post-high school applicants must have a 2.8 cumulative GPA from a school of higher education for at least a full scholastic year. If, at the time of application, the cumulative GPA is not available, the scholarship award will be conditional to a satisfactory GPA report.
 - c. High school applicants must meet a worship attendance of at least 24 times per year in the 11th and 12th grades at Good Shepherd.
 - d. After 1st awarded scholarship, worship attendance at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and/or a church near the school must be at least 24 times per year.
2. All applicants will be considered on an individual basis
3. No person shall receive more than two scholarships from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship. Exceptions will be made for individuals attending a Lutheran Seminary. (A new application must be submitted for consideration each year.)
4. Applications must be postmarked by the 4th Friday of May. **Applications will not be accepted if they are hand carried.** Prior recipients must also reapply each year.

Mail Documents to:

Endowment Committee
c/o Mr. Mark Lytle
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
876 Grove Street
Conneaut, OH 44030

5. The following documents **Must Accompany** the application and be dated for the current year:
 - a. Copy of transcripts
 - b. Three (3) letters of recommendation
One letter of recommendation from a Good Shepherd member
 - c. Letter of acceptance to higher learning institution or accredited school
 - d. Autobiography 1 page only
6. An applicant will be disqualified; if they are awarded a full scholarship to their applied school; if they do not meet the membership status of Good Shepherd per the congregation's constitution, and/or for false statements made on the application.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship

Application Guidelines

1. For consideration of a scholarship award the application must be completed and eligibility requirements met. (An incomplete application will result in automatic disqualification. This includes previous recipients.)
2. The close of application will be the 4th Friday of May and scholarship dollars will be announced at a later date
 - a. Each application will be rated on its own merit with no preferences shown toward male or female applicants.
 - b. Each autobiographical page will be rated for the sincerity of the applicant. This page should include information about you and your family, your interests, accomplishments and goals. (This is not to be in resume format)
3. Applicants will be notified of the awarded scholarship after the 2nd Monday of June. If the required cumulative GPA is not yet available, the scholarship award will be conditional to a satisfactory GPA report. The committee will also inform applicant on the amount to be received.
4. Scholarships will be presented during worship on the 3rd Sunday of June at the 8:30 or 11:00 worship service. The applicant or a family member **must** be present or forfeit the scholarship award. A check will be written to the scholarship recipient and the school which applicant will attend.

If you have questions contact: Mark Lytle

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship
Scholarship Application

The following application is for the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mission and Education Endowment Scholarship. Applicants who meet the attached eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for 2018-2019 school year.

If you have questions contact: Mark Lytle

Upon Completion, please mail to: Endowment Committee
c/o Mr. Mark Lytle
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
876 Grove Street
Conneaut, OH 44030

Section A:

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

2. Permanent address: _____
Street Address City/State/Zip County

3. Telephone number: _____
Day Time Night Time Cell phone

Which number is best to contact you? _____

4. Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

5. Are you a U. S. Citizen? _____yes _____no

6. Marital Status: _____

7. Spouse's name and occupation: _____

8. Do you have legal dependents that get more than half their support from you?

_____yes _____ no

Section B:

9. What education institution are you currently attending? _____
Name

Street address City/State/Zip County

10. What education institution do you plan to attend? _____
Name

Street address City/State/Zip County

11. What will be your enrollment status? _____ Full-time _____ Part-time

12. What will be your degree/certificate? _____
Course of Study? _____

13. When do you expect to complete your degree/certificate? _____

14. What will be your year in school? _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior
_____ Senior _____ Graduate Student (Seminary)

Section C:

<u>Actual Expenses</u>	
_____ Per quarter	_____ Per semester
Tuition Fees	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____
Living Expenses	\$ _____
Other (specify)	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____

I attest that all information in this application is complete and accurate

Applicants' signature

Date

Scholarship Committee use only: This application was postmarked on _____
and the application has been reviewed for Scholarship eligibility requirements by:

_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.

What is your gift?



If you have not completed your Good Shepherd skills inventory form or you want to update yours, please complete one and return it to the office. Remember your gift may help someone less fortunate than yourself or help you to meet new friends.

Gifts are for giving, God needs your gift!



Don't forget!

Offering Envelopes and 2019 Calendars are now available in the Gathering Space

Be Thankful all Year

Many people are not aware of our "Turkey Box". It is a hand-made box crafted by Frank Behling. There is a turkey on the top and a slot for bills or change. It was originally set out to help defray expenses for our Thanksgiving families. We also use any extra money for our Christmas families. This year, we will be providing a turkey and a gift card from Save-a- Lot to help some of our church families. Please be generous and share with others. The box sits out in the gathering space.





January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec. 30 10:00 Service	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 10:00 Service Sub Sales begin	7	8 9:00 3M's & Quilters 6:00 Committees	9 Choir 6:00 pm	10 5:45 Finance	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service Sub Sales	14	15 9:00 3M's & Quilters 6:00 Council	16 Advent Services 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM Choir 6:00 pm	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service Sub Sales	21	22 9:00 3M's & Quilters	23 Choir 6:00 pm	24 Blood Mobile 1 to 6 PM	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service Last Day for Sub Sales	28	29 9:00 3M's & Quilters	30	31	February 1	February 2
February 3 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service PICK UP SUB SANDWICHES						

ANNUAL MEETING 2/10/19

Time to be Announced

Lord we are your servants

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Greeters	Readers	Hospitality	Acolytes	Secure Church
1/6/19 10:00 am	Mike Malys	Jennifer Best	Taylor Racut Nickolas Mason	J/S Brookhouser	Shirley Harco	Mary Steighner	Luke Patriarco Aiden Hathy	Jerry Lampela
1/13/19 8:30	Linda Hall	Mike Malys	Mary/J. Steighner	Suzanne Malys	Amy Gallagher	Suzanne Malys	Tim Montagano	Andy Chiodo
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Michelle Logan	Jerry/Faye Lampela	Al/Ellen Gee	Bob Hybert	Stacy Racut	Anna Mae Cameron Aurelia Huya	
1/20/19 8:30	Jasmine Steighner	Kathy Mills	John Chapin Rich Kantola	Amy Gallagher	John Thompson	Julie Kantola	Sofi Thompson	Jerry Lampela
11:00	Shirley Harco	Paul Mechling	Huya Family	Peggy Harco	Stacy Racut	E. Jay Hybert	Kataya Sweeney Lily Rose Vargo	
1/27/19 8:30	Mary Steighner	Betty Monday	Kathy Mills Jennifer Best	Jasmine Steighner	Mike Malys	Marilyn Hathy	Aiden Vidmar	Andy Chiodo
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Mark Lytle	Stacy Racut Ruth Brown	Richard/Pam Herner	Shirley Harco	Michelle Logan	Colton Cameron Ben Owens	
2/3/19 8:30	Mary Steighner	Betty Monday	Kathy Mills Jennifer Best	Jasmine Steighner	Mike Malys	Marilyn Hathy	Aiden Vidmar	Jerry Lampela
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Mark Lytle	S. Racut/R. Brown	R & P Herner	Shirley Harco	Michelle Logan	Colton Cameron Ben Owens	
2/10/19 8:30	Linda Hall	John Chapin	R/Julie Kantola	B & J Maenpaa	Grace Patriarco	Katrina Pavolino	Tim Montagano	Andy Chiodo
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Stacy Racut	S & P Harco	Mary Lou Moisio	Nickolas Mason	Jennie Hutchison	A & N Sanford	
2/17/19 8:30	J. Steighner	Jerry Brookhouser	Rick Vidmar Mary Steighner	John & Sue Chapin	John Chapin	Pearl Ann Curtis	Sofi Thompson	Jerry Lampela
11:00	Shirley Harco	Phyllis Waid	Andy & Kim Chiodo	R & P Herner	John Thompson	Stacy Racut	Thaddaeus Huya Emma Van Norman	
2/24/19 8:30	Mary Steighner	Linda Hall	Mike & S Malys	3M Group	Jerry Brookhouser	Sue Chapin	Aiden Vidmar	Andy Chiodo
11:00	Andy Chiodo	Rae VanDeMotter	Ruth Brown Taylor Racut	5 th & 6 th Grade S. School Class	Taylor Racut	S & P Harco	Lily & Lane Vargo	

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD: Pearl Ann Curtis, Peggy Harco, Shirley Harco, Heidi Parkomaki, Phyllis Waid

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD: Pearl Ann Curtis, Peggy Harco, Shirley Harco, Heidi Parkomaki, Phyllis Waid

