



# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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**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**

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

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Greetings, grace, and peace to you from our Triune God whom we name as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen+

For those whom I haven't met or had the chance to meet, I am Pastor Joshua Krenz, your new pastor. All bright and shiny like pastor. I am originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where I was born and raised, spent most of my days, in school is where I spend most of my days; chillin' out, maxin', relaxin' all cool (*Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* Lyrics, Will Smith, edited). But it's all true. I moved to Colorado in 2000 with my parents, went to college in Colorado at Western State College of Colorado and graduated 2010 with a degree in Mathematics. I returned to Santa Fe to begin my post-college life without a certain plan and tried to find something to do that I could have some earning. I began trying to sell life insurance for a month, realized that was not the path for me, became a server at an Olive Garden, then a Utility Line Locate Technician (those who paint up the streets for buried utility lines) and a Dish Network technician.

It was while working for Dish that I heard my call into the ministry. I was sitting in the evening Good Friday service back in 2015 when a voice or inner thought said to become a pastor. I couldn't believe what this voice was telling me so I ignored it. Except between customers for Dish, this same voice kept saying to become a pastor. For four months I ignored and let this voice keep going and for four months it would persist. I finally had to talk with the pastor at my home congregation and with guidance said this was a calling from God. That night, I told my parents and they knew I would be a pastor at the age of six. I decided to leave my job at Dish to focus on this calling, worked as a security officer in the meantime, and pursued this call.

I began seminary education at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, after the home congregation pastor suggested to check it out before making my ultimate choice. I fell in love with the seminary and was blessed to begin in the summer of 2017 with three intensive weeks of Konia Greek. The seminary education then moved to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lehighton, Pennsylvania, where I did my internship for two years. (The Master of Divinity program consists of two years on campus learning then two years of internship learning.) While I was blessed to have a nice congregation, the COVID pandemic limited my interactions with the congregants then as it continues to do now. I was fortunate, though, to be part of the Food Pantry and Thrift Store of Trinity Lutheran Church which solidified my understanding of helping our neighbor. I graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in May 2021 giving me time to decompress, have interactions with the public through service at a restaurant before being called to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here in Conneaut.

Ok, so, that's pretty much the biography you might have been given about me before arriving and before the congregational vote in late November. But who really am I, what really is your pastor, like, who is this guy who is fresh from the seminary and how can he meet my pastoral needs? I bring up the questions because, while I have the necessary training and the internship experience, being your pastor is going to take interactions with you. As Bishop Laura Barbins of the Northeast Ohio Synod (our bishop) likes to say, "Stupid COVID"; it is the stupid COVID that hasn't given us the possibilities to meet in person for cottage meetings or for fellowship/cottage meeting at the church. It's this stupid COVID that has kept many of the familiar faces home and only connecting to us through the YouTube video, the occasional phone call, or through prayer. It's this stupid COVID that has prevented and continues to prevent me from doing what I, as a minister and your pastor, am called to do – to visit you, offer pastoral care, get to know you. Yes, part of my calling is to lead worship on Sundays, to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion and preach the word, but a call into ministry is more than that; it's to be a pastor, to serve you, to shepherd you, to be with and among you. That is my calling and that is what I want to do.

So, here is my invitation to you. I will meet you where you are, in your home, in the coffee shop, at church, I will meet you where you are to get to know you, you the person. I don't want to push anyone, anyone, into a situation they are not comfortable with. If staying home works for you, I'd be happy to meet you at home. If going to a park – though not with 3 feet of snow on the ground – I will go to the park. If a solo trip to the church, I am there almost every day. I will meet you where you are and we can get to know each other and what needs/desires/expectations from me as your pastor are on your mind. I'm here and much rather talk in person than over the phone or over Zoom (or whatever).

My door is always open both figuratively and literally (when I'm at the church). I don't have set office hours yet, but I tend to get to the church around 9:00 to 10:00am and leave around 5:00 to 6:00pm Monday through Thursday, and on Sunday get to the church around 8:00am and leave around 2:00pm. Friday is my current day off and Saturday I'm available just don't come to the office – usually. I encourage you to call the church and set something up or just drop by for a chat and some good pastoral care – which can include coffee or other hot beverage.

I look forward to meeting all of you very soon and until then:

السلام عليكم  
(Peace be upon you)





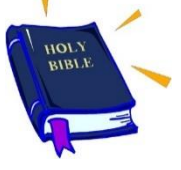
Amen+

*The Reverend Joshua Krenz*

The Reverend Joshua Krenz

# 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"> <li>Community Outreach</li> <li>Fishes &amp; Loaves</li> <li>Promote Events</li> <li>Maintain Website</li> <li>Family Events</li> <li>D-Day Parking</li> <li>Back to School Rally</li> <li>Support Other Committees</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain building and grounds</li> <li>Care for church rental properties</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Support Other Committees</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree of Warmth</li> <li>Cooks for Christ</li> <li>Holy Communion Home Visits</li> <li>Card Ministry</li> <li>BINGO at Ashtabula County Home</li> <li>Nisua Bakers</li> <li>Turkey Box</li> <li>Quilting</li> <li>Funeral Ministry</li> <li>Support Other Committees</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Music</li> <li>Ushers</li> <li>Assisting Ministers</li> <li>Altar Guild</li> <li>Abiding Memorial</li> <li>Pastoral Support</li> <li>Acolytes</li> <li>Greeters</li> <li>Readers</li> <li>Communion Assistants</li> <li>Support Other Committees</li> </ul> 	<p>Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Preschool thru High School September thru May</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acolyte Training</li> <li>First Holy Communion</li> <li>Confirmation</li> <li>Vacation Bible School</li> <li>Youth Sunday</li> <li>Mission Trips</li> <li>Support Other Committees</li> </ul>

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

876 Grove Street  
Conneaut, OH 44030  
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### Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 Contemporary  
9:45 Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 Traditional  
Holy Communion at all services

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joshua Krenz, Pastor  
[gslcpastor@gwcmail.net](mailto:gslcpastor@gwcmail.net)

### Office Staff

Clarissa Murtha, Secretary/Financial Secretary  
[goodshepherd@gwcmail.net](mailto:goodshepherd@gwcmail.net)

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The deadline for ECHO articles is the **20<sup>th</sup> of every month.** Articles/notices received after the 20th will be saved for the following month. Submissions can be emailed to Kelly Anthony at [klanthony@gwcmail.net](mailto:klanthony@gwcmail.net).

## **A Moment in Faith**

### **By Richard Tulino, a Layman's Interpretation**



Some people have something special, something that commands respect! They light up a room, people notice them, people gravitate to them, people want to be in their company. Sometimes these special people are good looking, but sometimes not. Sometimes they are full of life, electric, but sometimes not. Sometimes they are intellectually brilliant, but sometimes not. There are times when we find it difficult to put our finger on the elusive something that makes these people special and the best we can say is that we will know what it is when we see it. It is just a fact that some people have a special gift, something special that commands respect, that draws people, that inspires trust. We all may know someone like that, not many, because in a lifetime we meet only a few.

We see that kind of thing in the Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23. As Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, He sees two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, casting their nets into the sea. Jesus says to them, "Come after me, I will make you fishers for men." Immediately they leave their nets to follow Jesus. Immediately! Matthew tells us! Then Jesus sees two more brothers, James and John, also fishermen, mending their nets. They were with their father Zebedee, and Jesus calls to them to follow and immediately they leave their father and follow Jesus.

Notice what Jesus says in His call to these four men. Note the appeal He makes: Jesus does not say, "Follow me, I will save your souls." Jesus does not say, "Follow me, and I will make you rich." Jesus does not say, "Follow me, and I will make you popular." What Jesus says is, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." In other words, Jesus does not tell these men what they can get, but what they can give. Like these four men, Jesus appeals to the part of us that wants to do something worthwhile, that seeks meaning in our lives, that is willing to sacrifice in the service of something important. So Jesus says to these disciple-candidates, "Follow me, and I will help you help others," and they follow immediately! They leave everything familiar to follow Jesus.

Wouldn't it have been great to have been there to see Jesus in the flesh? To have an opportunity to sit at Jesus' feet and to have experienced whatever it was that drew people to Jesus, which commands their respect, which inspired their trust! But we have seen Jesus through the eyes of faith. We've had the opportunity to sit at His feet and learn from Him. We have experienced something in Jesus that draws us to Him, that commands our respect and inspires our trust. We are not alone, all over the world in places Jesus never set foot, people are following Him, worshiping Him, learning from Him and loving Him all through the eyes of faith.

All our life, we have been looking for someone we could really trust. Jesus is the one. He loves us all. He calls us all to love others in His name. If we will follow Him, He will make something wonderful of all our lives. Love Him, serve Him, and see what He can do for you!

God's Grace be with you all!

# February Birthdays



Charles Anthony  
Shirley Brookhouser  
Bradley Gauvin  
Sonny Heinonen  
Harper Lampela  
James Monday

Cindy Nelson  
David Nolan  
Morgan Owens  
Heidi Parkomaki  
Sophia Poff

Stacy Racut  
Emma Van Norman  
Mary Vidmar  
Caroline Watson  
Levi Watson



## GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

**\$35,036**

MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	%ESTIMATE BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
January	\$ 10,037	\$ 10,037	63.0%	\$ 7,322	\$ 7,322	45.5%
February	\$ 16,125	\$ 26,162	80.5%	\$ 7,445	\$ 14,766	45.1%
March	\$ 13,387	\$ 39,549	81.3%	\$ 11,194	\$ 25,961	54.0%
April	\$ 11,288	\$ 50,837	77.3%	\$ 9,566	\$ 35,527	56.3%
May	\$ 9,665	\$ 60,502	74.4%	\$ 6,554	\$ 42,081	49.8%
June	\$ 14,412	\$ 74,914	77.3%	\$ 10,853	\$ 52,934	53.2%
July	\$ 9,497	\$ 84,411	75.0%	\$ 7,479	\$ 60,413	52.7%
August	\$ 12,566	\$ 96,977	75.7%	\$ 10,342	\$ 70,756	54.0%
September	\$ 9,989	\$ 106,966	74.4%	\$ 11,157	\$ 105,899	72.6%
October	\$ 10,006	\$ 116,972	73.4%	\$ 9,571	\$ 115,470	71.5%
November	\$ 12,727	\$ 129,699	74.1%	\$ 12,548	\$ 128,017	71.4%
December	\$ 13,890	\$ 143,589	74.7%	\$ 13,207	\$ 141,224	73.0%



### ATTENDANCE

12/26 34  
1/2 48  
1/9 65  
1/16 73  
1/23 56



To initiate a prayer on the prayer chain for someone, call **Nancy Sackett (440-265-2477)**.

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.



**Ernest LeRoy (Ernie)Waid**

May 14, 1931 – January 11, 2022

Ernest L. "Ernie" Waid, 90, of Conneaut passed away January 11, 2022, at the Ashtabula County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was born May 14, 1931 in Hartstown, Pa., the son of Benjamin and Viola (McKnight) Waid. Ernie served in US Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from the Bessmer railroad as a conductor.

Ernie was a faithful member and usher at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He enjoyed yard work, crossword puzzles, coaching baseball at CLYO. He was an avid Cleveland sports fan.

Survivors include his wife Phyllis (Arkelin); children, Kim Esposito and Keith (Angela) Waid; grandchildren, Benjamin, McKinlee, and Emilee. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, John, Bill, David, Velma, Wilda Boggs, and A. Pearl Giles.

Celebration of Life will be held later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Bella Care Hospice, 1933 St. Rt. 45, Austinburg, Ohio, 44010 or to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 876 Grove St., Conneaut, Ohio, 44030. The arrangements have been entrusted to the Marcy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 208 Liberty St., Conneaut. Sign the guestbook at [www.marcyfuneralhome.com](http://www.marcyfuneralhome.com).

**James Michael (Mick) Poff**

January 19, 1954 – January 22, 2022

James Michael "Mick" Poff, 68, passed away Saturday, January 22, 2022, at his home, coming unexpectedly after receiving a good prognosis after battling Leukemia for the past six months. Mick was born on January 19, 1954, in Conneaut, Ohio, the son of James T. and Barbara (Erb) Poff. He graduated from Conneaut High School in 1972. Mick retired from Commercial Testing and Engineering in 2012, where he worked as a sampler.

Growing up Mick was very active in Boy Scouts and played Little League baseball. A self-proclaimed "jack-of-all-trades," he enjoyed tinkering with projects, many of which never got completed. Mick also enjoyed his Harley and working on older cars. He was proud of the tree house he built for the kids in the backyard. Mick's family will miss his cooking and baking. He loved his family and especially the grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cheryl "Bodie" Manniko Poff; children, Molly (Tony) Todaro and Dan Poff; grandchildren, Grace and Vincent Todaro, Kayden Poff, and Tanner, Payton and Sophia, whom he helped raise; his siblings, Barbara Talan, Helen (Michael) Bosick and William (Lisa) Poff; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mick was preceded in death by his parents; and a stepson, Matthew Bunnell.

Services will be held at a later date, pending better weather and a time safer to gather, based on Covid19. Thompson-Smith-Nesbitt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 345 Main St., Conneaut, is handling arrangements. Guestbook and condolences available at [www.thompsonsmithnesbitt.com](http://www.thompsonsmithnesbitt.com).



The *Big Churchy Word* this month is:

## “Service”

**Service** (Lat. *Servire*, “to serve”) Biblically, service is the work usually done by slaves. In the Christian context, the work of slaves for masters is now offered on behalf of Christ to others (Gal. 5:13; 1 Cor. 9:19; 2 Cor. 4:5).<sup>1</sup>

Now we have the theological dictionary definition of service, but what does it mean? To do work for others? To do work for ourselves? To be a slave? I encourage you to think about this a moment before moving on with how I see service.

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Yes is the answer – a motto from the company of restaurants I worked for in Columbus but I still like it. Yes is the answer. Yes, service is to do work for others. Yes, service is to do work for ourselves. Yes, service is to be a slave. But here is where it gets difficult. Service is to be a slave to other people and the needs of other people. Service is to be a slave to Christ, doing the work of Christ, not for our own salvation (another word we’ll talk about later) but for the earthly saving of others. Service gives you that warm, cozy, fireplace feeling when you have helped another human being regardless of beliefs. That’s what we strive for, that’s what we are slaves for: slaves to others because we are commanded to help and love others; slaves to ourselves to get that warm and cozy feeling by helping others; slaves to Christ for all Christ did for us – granting us an overwhelming abundance of grace.

So, let us get warm with each other by serving each other. Let us get warm by serving our community. Let us get warm by serving Christ in this world.

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<sup>1</sup>McKim, Donald K. *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* 2 Ed. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky, 2014.



*Memorial Candle*



## Our Sponsors

Date	In Honor/Memory of	Given by
<b>Bulletins:</b>		
February 6		
February 13		
February 20		
February 27		
<b>Flowers:</b>		
January 16	Joy Dittler	Laura Gustafson
February 6		
February 13	Richard & Mona Taylor	Chris Murtha
February 20		
February 27		
<b>Memorial Candle:</b>		
February		

Opportunities are available to sponsor the monthly altar candle and weekly bulletins and flowers to remember or honor your loved ones.

### **FLOWERS**

Cost is \$35 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 service or in the office on the Monday following the date picked.

### **MEMORIAL CANDLE**

Cost (by month) is \$5 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

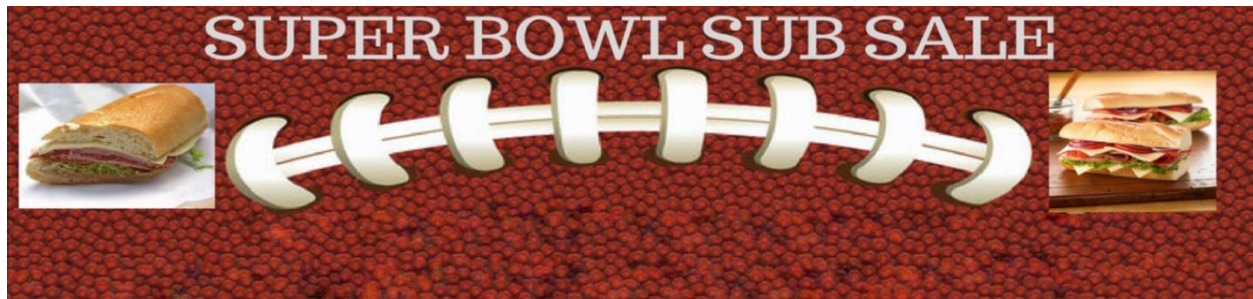
### **BULLETINS**

Cost is \$10 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the gathering space. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

You may contact the church office by phone or email: (440) 599-8908, [goodshepherd@gwcmail.net](mailto:goodshepherd@gwcmail.net)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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The annual Super Bowl Sub Sale is back! Orders will be taken until Sunday, **February 6**; pickup on **February 13**. The price is \$5.00.

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## Youth Bowling Party

**Saturday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Camp Lanes**

See Michelle Logan to sign-up by February 20. Also, please see the Evangelism report on p. 13 for cost and details. All are welcome!

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## Order Your Nisua

**Saturday, March 5**, will be the next nisua bake! Sign up by Sunday, **February 27**, with Suzanne Malys at the 8:30 worship service, Chris Murtha at the 11:00 worship, or call the church office at (440) 599-8908 during the week. Cost is \$5 per loaf. Your ordered nisua will be available for pickup at noon on Saturday, March 5.

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# Fishes & Loaves



## Ministry

Free lunches will be offered 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays only through February. Enter from the Detroit Street drive and pull up under the portico. Lunches will be delivered to the driver of the vehicles. Everyone should remain in their vehicles.



## Free Community Dinner



Our next free community dinner will be February 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m. This month's meal will include pancakes, sausage, hash browns, fruit and cookies for desserts. Those able to bake cookies for this meal, please contact either Michelle Logan or Stephanie Patriarco.



Have news, updates, or an upcoming event to share with the congregation?

Your story can go here!

Information for future editions of the ECHO can be submitted to Kelly Anthony,  
[klanthony@gwcmail.net](mailto:klanthony@gwcmail.net).



### Become a Cover Girl!

The Cover Girls quilting group is seeking new members!  
We especially need those who can help with the sewing.  
Please join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.  
For more information, contact Shirley Harco, (440) 594-3873.



### Donations are requested for Nick's Closet

This ministry provides household and personal hygiene items (anything except food) for those in need, serving 20-25 families each Saturday. Items can be brought to the church. Donations of cash or Thrivent cards are also appreciated; please just indicate what the donation is for. Suggested items to donate include:

- paper products—toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, Kleenex, etc.
- household items—laundry soap, dryer sheets, cleaning products
- hygiene items—shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body wash, deodorant, feminine products, body lotion, combs, brushes, shaving cream, single blade razors



Fishes & Loaves needs your help with the lunches and monthly dinners. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk.

The folks you always see behind the kitchen doors for all of our events need your help, too. Please consider joining **Social Ministry** and/or **The Cooks for Christ**. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Shirley Harco or Pearl Ann Curtis.

# NEWS & UPDATES

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## A Message from the President

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### **Pastor Josh Krenz's Ordination and Installation**

The months of December and January were a whirlwind of activity for Pastor Josh. We extended a call to him On November 21, his first day in the office was December 6, then it was off to Santa Fe, NM, December 15 – 18 for his ordination, and back to Conneaut for the fourth Sunday in Advent worship service on the 19<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, Christmas Eve, he conducted two services followed by a Christmas Carols service on Sunday. In the middle of January his parents, Steve and Pat Krenz, came to Conneaut for his installation on the 16<sup>th</sup>. They had scheduled a flight back to Santa Fe on the 17<sup>th</sup> but they, like everyone else in this region, got socked in by an 18" snowfall. They and Josh spent much of that Monday digging out the rental car and rescheduled the flight for Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. To round things out we had a congregation meeting with a full agenda on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whew! A lot happened in those two months. It was quite an inauguration into the life as a pastor.

### **Three New Council Members**

Congratulations are in order to Kathy Mills, Michelle Logan, and George Peterson for their recent election onto the church council. Each one of them brings valuable experiences and dedication to the council. They will serve a three-year term and are then eligible for one additional three-year term. With them onboard, there are now nine council members. It has been several years since we had this many on council.

### **Ash Wednesday, March 2**

My, how quickly the Christian calendar flows this time of year. Advent was four weeks, Christmas 12 days, Epiphany about two months, and soon it will be Ash Wednesday and Lent. I know this is the February newsletter but Ash Wednesday arrives March 2, so I thought I would give you ample notice. We will have two services on Ash Wednesday; the early one at noon and the later one at 7:00 p.m. Thereafter, we will have Lenten services Wednesdays at 7:00. We haven't decided if we will have our traditional soup and sandwiches suppers; it depends upon the COVID situation at that time.

### **Ernie Waid**

We mourn the loss of long-time and dedicated member of our congregation, Ernie Waid. I know the past few years had been difficult for him and Phyllis. Now I trust in the Lord that he has eternal peace. I cannot remember a single time that I chatted with Ernie that he didn't have a cheerful smile and a friendly way about him. Ernie greatly loved his family was deeply proud of their accomplishments. He and I had many conversations about the Indians, especially in 2016 when they almost won the World Series. We also worked together on lawn chores, of which he faithfully kept the grass nice and trim. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Phyllis and their children and grandchildren. I am sure they are filled with wonderful and loving memories of him.

Peace to you and yours,

*Mark Lytle*

Council President

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## Committee News

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### Evangelism

We have started off the year very busy. We have already served 240 lunches in the first two weeks of the New Year.

We will continue to serve lunches only on Saturdays until March; then we will go back to serving lunches on both Saturdays and Sundays. When we go back to serving lunch on Sundays, there will be a time change from 11:00—12:30 to 12:00—1:30 on Sundays. Saturday hours will remain the same (11:00—12:30). The February community dinner will be served on February 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This menu is: pancakes, sausage, hash browns, fruit and cookies for desserts. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk where you can sign up to help with the lunches and the monthly dinners.

We are excited to announce that starting in February we are adding an additional day of operation for the Food Pantry—Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Who loves bowling?** We do! On Saturday, February 26, we are holding a bowling event at El Camp lanes starting at 7pm. The cost, which covers three games of bowling, shoes, pizza and soda, are as follows:

Children are free and are encouraged to bring a staple item for the Food Pantry. Staples include flour, sugar, salt, pepper, cake mixes, and frosting.

Cost for adults is \$5.00 and three hygiene or cleaning items for Nick's Closet.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with lunches and dinners and for all the prayers and donations that make this mission continue.

God's blessings to all,  
*Michelle Logan*  
Chair, Evangelism

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### Social Ministry

Today's idea is to "think Spring" with the temperature hovering near 10 degrees. A lovely day to stay home. We officially have a new Pastor! I believe that all the I's are dotted and the T's crossed. Christmas is over, and now on to the Easter season. There will be mid-week services this year. No decision on having the soup and sandwich suppers. But probably not. As with everything else, we need helping hands. I am reluctant to continue asking the folks you always see behind the kitchen doors. They are always willing to help, but it is a commitment to do every event.

Our Christmas families were pleased with their gifts and groceries this year. There were twelve families, and those families included 18 children. We hope to have the tree in the gathering space again this year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Social Ministry or The Cooks for Christ, contact Shirley Harco or me. We will be happy to sign you on.

In His Service,  
*Pearl Ann Curtis*

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## The Social Ministry Team

The Quilting Girls enjoyed a nice lunch at Castaways prior to our Christmas break.

We gave 10 quilts to our Christmas families.

We are meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and welcome helpers. Thanks to Kay Peterson for helping to sew quilt tops. It has been a huge help to our one sewer, Carol Allds.

If anyone wants to purchase quilts, please contact Shirley Harco at (440) 594-3873. We can try to make a quilt in a certain color if we have the material available.

KEEP WARM!

*Shirley Harco*

Cover Girls

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## Christian Education

# Through the Church Year Game

Play this game with a friend. Flip a coin.  
When you get heads, move one space.  
When you get tails, move two spaces. Mark your spaces with birthday candles.

When you land on a special time of the church year, tell something about it. Play until both players have come to the end of the church year.

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## The Church Year in Review

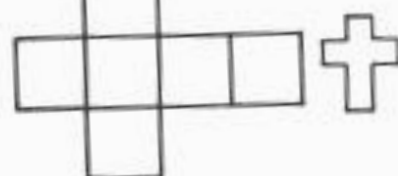
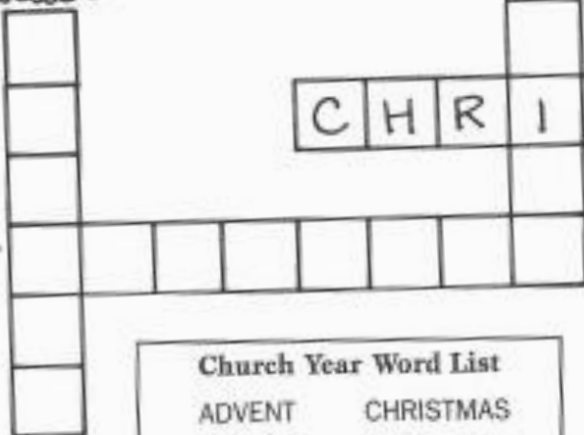
Write the names for the times of the church year in the crossword puzzle. Use all of the names in the word list. One has already been done for you. Look at the pictures for clues.



What is your favorite part of the church year?



CHRISTMAS



### Church Year Word List

ADVENT	CHRISTMAS
EASTER	EPIPHANY
LENT	PENTECOST
TRINITY	



Jesus chose 12 men called disciples to help with His work.  
Then Jesus began teaching people about God.  
He also healed sick people and did many other miracles.

Based on Matthew 4:18-23

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# February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>  9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's	<b>2</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>3</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>4</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>5</b>  11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>6</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>7</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>8</b>  9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's 6:00 Committees	<b>9</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>10</b>  5:30 Line Dancing 5:45 Finance	<b>11</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>12</b>  11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>13</b> 8:30 Service 9:4 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>14</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>15</b>  9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's 6:00 Council	<b>16</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>17</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>18</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>19</b>  11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>20</b> Echo Articles Due 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>21</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>22</b>  9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's	<b>23</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>24</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>26</b>  11:00-12:30 Free Lunch 4:00-6:00 Free Dinner
<b>27</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>28</b>  10:30 Enhance Fitness	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All services and activities at our area nursing homes are cancelled until further notice.</li> <li>➤ Choir practice is cancelled until further notice.</li> </ul> </div> </div>				

*Lord, we are your servants . . .*

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER	HOSPITALITY	ACOLTYES	PROJECTION
2/6/2022 8:30		Katrina Pavolino			Tim Moga			
11:00		Susan Lytle			Mark Lytle			
2/13/2022 8:30		Shirley Brookhouser			Richard Tulino			
11:00		Martha Jayne Thompson			Kay Peterson			
2/20/2022 8:30		Kathy Mills			Shirley Harco			
11:00		Gail Burlingham			Stacy Racut			
2/27/2022 8:30		Suzanne Malys			Mike Malys			
11:00								

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD (begin February 13):**  
Ruth Brown, Pearl Ann Curtis, Mary Lou  
Moisio

**MARCH ALTAR GUILD:** Ruth Brown, Peggy  
Harco, Shirley Harco

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