



# *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**

**MAY 2022**

*From the thoughts of the pastor . . .*

Grace and peace to you from Our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus.

Amen+

Christ is risen, alleluia. He is risen indeed, alleluia.

It's spring time here in Conneaut. The weather is warming, rain comes almost every afternoon, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. It is definitely a very nice change of pace from the cold and snow of the past winter. The one thing I get asked a lot, with good reason, is where I am from. The Krenz family is not Finnish and didn't grow up or live in Conneaut so the question comes. And people are surprised that I say I'm from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Then the next question always is, "so how do you like it up here" and "why would you move to Conneaut from Santa Fe?" To be completely honest, one reason I like it here is the weather, the snow, the rain, and the days that are sunny – it helps appreciate the sun more.

And there it is, right there, it helps appreciate the SON more. (Yes, I did just do a play on words.) We are in the season of Easter. Yes, just like Christmas, Easter is a season not a day. But we are in the season of Easter to celebrate the new life that has come into the world. At Christmas, we celebrated the new life in the form of a baby. Easter we celebrate the new life of the defeat of death. But what do us theologians and people of faith mean by defeating death? People still die, our loved ones still die on a daily basis from all sorts of causes, so what are we saying when celebrating defeating death?

In order to answer that, we need to think of our lives as two different lives: our earthly life and our spiritual life. Our earthly life is what we have now – our age, our bodies, our homes, our possessions, and our family, everything we have on earth. Our spiritual life, though, is a bit more complex. We can't exactly put a finger on a description of the spiritual life because everything we use to describe a spiritual life is of the earthly world. Some might say the spiritual life is our soul or perhaps our conscience – these are only synonyms for the spiritual life, an easier way to say the same thing. We also don't know what a spiritual life, a soul, or a conscience is because there hasn't been anything or anyone that can explain it without using earthly words. But I think we can agree and say that we have two different lives and as such, each life is nurtured and fed differently. Let's start with the earthly life.

Our earthly existence continues through the eating of food and drinking of drink to break down the sugars in the food and drink to run all the functions of the body and cell reproduction. And in order for our bodies to work the best at functioning and cell reproducing, the less impact from outside influences, the less sugars converted to energy are needed, hence the need for shelter. The need for water and drink comes from the fact our cells and our bodies are mostly liquid that gets used up functioning and cell reproducing all the time. Thus, without food, shelter, and water our earthly bodies would begin to stop functioning and our cell reproduction would end. I believe a doctor might agree that death here is the ceasing of cell reproduction.

We have many things, activities, locations, etc. to keep our earthly bodies functioning and cell reproducing. Many restaurants, grocery stores, other places for food and drink, many homes for shelter, and doctors and medical equipment to help the body continue to function and cell reproduction. However, even with all our

restaurants, grocery stores, homes, and medical equipment, bodies still cease functioning and cease cell reproduction, people still die. This is what we bury in our cemeteries, in our back yards, or have on the mantle: the collection of ceasing bodily functions and ceasing cells, no longer reproducing.

Our spiritual existence, however, continues a little bit differently. Our spiritual life still needs food and drink and shelter but slightly different kinds of food, drink, and shelter. But there is no cell reproduction as we think of it in the spiritual life but certainly there is a functioning. We begin with the shelter because the shelter is our earthly bodies. We, as an earthly body, shelter the spiritual life, we earthly creatures house the spiritual life; we are vessels for the spiritual life. Sounds a bit like Men in Black aliens but that analogy does kind of work. Next, we come to drink which I'm going to lump with food for the spiritual life. Our spiritual lives need to be fed with some kind of nutrition and that can be reading a good book, watching a good movie, and/or doing an enjoyable activity. However, those are like having candy or a power bar rather than a meal; good for you and keeps your spiritual life going but not a full meal. A full meal for your spiritual life is a religious practice and having a devotional practice. One can absolutely live on candy or power bars but not as long as having a full healthy meal.

And healthy is the next key word. Just like fast food restaurants and other potentially unhealthy earthly food and drink in this world, there are unhealthy spiritual restaurants – we tend to call these places cults. (Come to confirmation class next year to learn the difference between cult and sects.) Cults are unhealthy ways to feed your spiritual life. They might keep you going, but they will cause severe issues later in life. Healthy restaurants, though, are the churches, synagogues, and mosques where a healthy, fully nutritious, meal is offered and consumed. Now, we might not all agree that all churches, synagogues, and mosques offer healthy spiritual food; even I have my issues with some. But they work for some and not for others, like earthly food restaurants.

Therefore, going back to the season of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord and the new life that he brings, we go back to the question what do we mean when we say Christ defeated death? Christ defeated the death experienced by the spiritual life – our spiritual life will never die\*. Our spiritual life will be placed into new shelters at the last day. So, we celebrate the fact that we will never really die. Our bodies and earthly existence (our function and cell reproduction) might come to an end, but our spiritual life will live forever\*.

Yes, there is an asterisk (\*) but that seems like a very small price to pay for the possibility of eternal spiritual life. This is what Christ gives us this season and this is certainly something to celebrate.

Christ (and our spiritual life) is risen, alleluia. He (and our spiritual life) is risen indeed, alleluia.

Amen+

السلام عليكم

(Peace be upon you)






*The Reverend Joshua Krenz*

The Reverend Joshua Krenz

\*properly fed, mind you, by faith in God.

# 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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday School Classes 9:45 am</li> <li>Preschool thru High School</li> <li>September thru May</li> </ul>  <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

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Conneaut, OH 44030  
440-599-8908 / [www.gslcc.org](http://www.gslcc.org)

### Worship Times

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

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Pastoral Staff

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[gslcpastor@gwcmail.net](mailto:gslcpastor@gwcmail.net)

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[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**



We have all been on journeys in our life and have reached many destinations. I'd like to ask you this question: What is more important, the journey or the destination? It is important to value each day, each opportunity that comes to us, to live in the moment and not wish one's life away. But I will have to say that I remember when every time I reached a destination with my little kids in the car, I was very, very glad and that reminded me that as Christians our destination is very important. The journey yes, but the destination is most important.

As Christians we can say that our life's goal, our main journey, is eternal life, the full and abundant life promised to us by Jesus, but we also need to make it through each day and each week. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for our daily bread—enough for each day. It is like the manna that came to the Hebrews each day, enough for that day but could not be stored up (except for the Sabbath). It is enough to be faithful day by day and let the long range take care of itself. It is enough to worry about the troubles of each day and let the past go and the future take care of itself. If the destination is sure then each day the journey is enough to be concerned about.

In 1 John 3:2, John says, "Now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is." We will see God, we will be like Christ. We will have the bread of life and never be hungry; the living water and never be thirsty. We will look back and wonder why we worried so much, why we trusted so little, why we were so concerned with material things when what really mattered was other people, our family, our friends, the people God put in our lives. We will look back and wonder why we did not enjoy the journey more and understand that the goal, or destination, was life with God.

We may think we are on the right way to our destination, but we may not be. We may tell ourselves to live each day as it comes, but still get hijacked by worries and cares and regrets and remorse. We may think we are valuing other people but instead we may be so preoccupied with ourselves that we do not find time for them. We may talk about loving people and liking things but too often it is the other way around, we love our things sometimes more than people. We may be so busy that we forget about God. We may even come together and sing a hymn and say a prayer and yet live each day as if God did not really matter. We may be working so hard for the food that perishes that we forget about the food that endures to eternal life.

So, is it the journey or the destination? Yes, each day is important. We have been richly blessed and have been blessed to be a blessing. Give thanks for the people in your lives, the blessings you have each day. Give thanks for your daily bread. But rejoice and be glad for the destination is so important, too. You have been given a goal, a finish line, and a destination to be with God and like God. You are God's child now and you will see God face to face. You have been promised eternal life. You are redeemed, so savor and enjoy your journey, too!

May God's Blessings Be with You!

# May Birthdays



Ruth Brown  
James Bryant  
Susan Combs  
Marci Deemer  
Don Dildine  
Laura Gustafson  
Nancy Guthrie

Linda Hall  
Thaddaeus Huya  
Richard Kantola  
Janet Maenpaa  
Joanne Mechling  
Benjamin Owens  
Grace Patriarco

Kay Peterson  
Kayden Poff  
Naomi Sanford  
Vina Sanford  
Jenna Thompson  
Anthony Todaro  
David Uthe



## GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

**\$33,466**

MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	%ESTIMATE BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	% ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
January	\$ 13,736	\$ 13,736	90.1%	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,303	60.5%
February	\$ 18,006	\$ 31,742	105.0%	\$ 12,434	\$ 21,736	66.2%
March	\$ 11,317	\$ 43,059	93.4%	\$ 18,287	\$ 44,352	92.0%



## ATTENDANCE

3/27 46  
3/30 14  
4/3 81  
4/6 14  
4/10 124  
4/14 21  
4/15 23  
4/16 14  
4/17 142



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.



## “Church”

**Church** (Gr. *Kyriakon*, “thing belonging to the Lord”; Lat. *Ecclesia*, Fr. *Église*, derived from Gr. *Ekklēsia*, “assembly”) The community of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ. In the NT it is used in a limited sense for local communities and in a universal sense for all believers.<sup>1</sup>

It is interesting that we often say “go to church” or “come to church” but really we use the word “church” incorrectly. I think one of the big memes that circled during the shutdowns, at least in my Facebook world, was the picture of church being anywhere. We like to think that the church is the building or the property, but actually it’s us, the community. Another Greek word that we can use is *koinonia* which means community. Good Shepherd is more than a building, it is a *koinonia* and an *ekklēsia*; it’s a church.

So, we ask ourselves, if the building fell down, if the building closed, if the building no longer existed, would Good Shepherd exist. The answer is yes, it would. Because Good Shepherd is the people, not the sanctuary, or the fellowship hall, or the offices and classrooms. It’s not the food pantry, it’s not the AC units, or the flooring, Good Shepherd is the people. It’s the people who volunteer in the food pantry, who volunteer maintaining the building, who volunteer making the quilts for people. It’s the people who volunteer their time out of their busy schedules away from their loved ones to attend meetings. It’s the people who come to worship in all different ways.

So, if the church definition is so broad, why do we try to limit who worships and how they worship? I know I’ve mentioned to some people, and probably have mentioned in my sermons, that worship doesn’t have to be perfect, that there is no wrong way to worship. Jesus says when two or more are gathered in my name I am there.<sup>2</sup> It doesn’t say when two or more are gathered with the right hymns or the right order or the perfect execution of the service do I show up. Only, when two or more are gathered.

We gather together to have church six if not the full seven days a week. We gather to have our meetings to do the earthly business of the assembly, we gather at the exercise classes. We gather to worship together on Sunday mornings and we gather to sew quilts and eat donuts and have coffee. It is all church because we do it all together, with each other, in the name of Jesus. Certainly, Jesus comes when we gather together to do church. And if the building fell down or the property was no longer able to work for us, we’d still have church because we’d still have each other. That is the meaning of church.

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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.

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 18:20, NRSV.

Note: the building is not in any danger of falling down or not being here; it’s an illustration that we don’t need the building to have church.





Memorial Candle



## Our Sponsors

Date	In Honor/Memory of	Given by
<b>Bulletins:</b>		
May 1		
May 8		
May 15		
May 22		
May 29		
<b>Flowers:</b>		
May 1		
May 8	Joy Dittler	Family
May 15	In loving memory of Dr. Antero Tan	With love, his family
May 22	Happy Birthday, Pops!	Love, Trina
May 29		
<b>Memorial Candle:</b>		
May		

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.

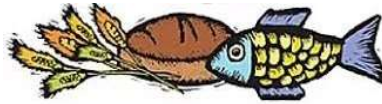
### **BULLETINS**

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

## Fishes & Loaves



### Ministry

Free meals will be offered Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Enter from the Detroit Street drive and pull up under the portico. Meals will be delivered to the driver of the vehicles. Everyone should remain in their vehicles.

**We will no longer offer a free dinner at the end of each month;** however, we will start serving a more substantial lunch instead. This will include chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, sloppy joes, hot dogs, or spaghetti. With the hot meals, recipients will receive lunch bags with fruit, celery & carrots, fruit bars, and chips. We are hoping to provide enough to possibly provide two meals.

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### Order Your Nisua

**Saturday, May 21**, will be the next nisua bake! **Sign up by Sunday, May 14**, 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, May 21.

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**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

### BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, **May 25**, 1 —6 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Contact the office for more information

(440) 599-8908

Due to COVID19, the blood drive cannot accept walk-ins for donations. Registering on line is best, via their website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Those unable to register on line may call the church office, (440) 599-8908, Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for help registering.



## Higher Education Scholarships

If you will be attending a college or trade school next fall and are looking for financial aid, please go to our office and ask for a scholarship application. There are several criteria you must meet in order to qualify, such as minimum high school GPA and 50% worship attendance at Good Shepherd.

**The application deadline is May 27.** Don't delay; apply now!



Confirmation celebration will be June 5, at the 11:00 service.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after service.

## Mark Your Calendars!



VBS will be the last week in July 25-29.

More details to follow.



Need your garden rototilled this spring?

Just call Joe!

Joe Reed, (440) 812-3231



## Nickolas's Graduation Party

You are welcome to join us on

Sunday, June 12

From 2-4 p.m.

His family is pleased to announce Nickolas Mason's graduation from Edgewood Senior High School. An open house in his honor will be held on Sunday, June 12, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP by June 5th at (440) 265-8727.



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## Hospitality is Back!

Hospitality will be offered in the Fellowship Hall after each service. If you are able to help, please contact Pearl Ann Curtis or see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



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## 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

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## It's Spring!

Weather permitting we will be planting flowers and mulching the gardens around the church the week of May 22. If you would like to be part of this team, please call Mark Lytle at (440) 228-7912 or the church office. It is fun and very rewarding.



# News & Updates



## A Message from the President

### Highlights of April 19th Council Meeting:

#### Treasurer's Report

The balance in the General Fund as of March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$33,466. Here are the monthly and year-to-date offering income and expense numbers. As you can see, the amounts have varied widely in the first three months. The March offering income was the lowest of the year but the expenses were the highest of the year. Part of the reason for the high expenses was because it took much more natural gas and electricity to heat our building in the cold days of February and March. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to keep the outside doors closed and lights turned out when not necessary. The good news is that we have not had to tap into our 'Reserve Account' or the income from our rental properties to support our ministry.

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Based upon our 2022 budget, our average monthly offering income should be \$15,885. In the first three months we have averaged \$14,353.

#### Facial Mask Policy

Ever since the onset of the COVID pandemic, church council has based our facial mask policy on the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the rate of infection and hospitalization in Ashtabula County. Currently, Ashtabula County, and all of Ohio, are ranked in the low risk "green zone." Accordingly, at its April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the church council has modified its mask policy for attending church functions from "Mandatory" to **'Strongly Recommended, but not Required,'** effective immediately. Council will continue to monitor the COVID risks in Ashtabula County and could change the policy as needed. Clean, new masks will still be available in the narthex free of charge.

#### Vacation Bible School

After a two-year suspension of VBS due to the COVID pandemic, we will partner again with Corpus Christi to offer VBS this year. Pastor Josh has been meeting with our staff and that of Corpus Christi. The dates are July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Good Shepherd will be the host. More details will be forthcoming as the plans develop.

### **Flower Gardeners Needed**

Depending upon the weather, we will begin preparing and planting our flower gardens sometime around the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We could use your help for 1 or 2 half days of planting, fertilizing, and mulching. You don't have to commit to all of the work, just whatever you are comfortable with. Contact me at (440) 228-7912 for more information.

### **Scholarships**

The deadline for mailing a completed higher education scholarship application to the church office is Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. All applications must be mailed and any postmarked after the 27<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted. There are several qualifying requirements. The top three are, 1) you must be a member of Good Shepherd for at least 2 years; 2) you must have attended our worship services at least 24 times in each of your 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades; and 3) your high school (grades 9-12) grade point average (GPA) must be a minimum of 2.8. If your senior year GPA is not yet available, the approval of your application will be subject to receipt of the school transcript.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response Fund- Ukraine**

The people of Ukraine have been viscusly and mercilessly attacked by the Russian armed forces since February 24<sup>th</sup>. Thousands of Ukrainian civilians and military personnel have been killed and many cities and towns are in ruins. Nearly 5 million refugees have fled Ukraine to neighboring countries. This crisis has strained the ability of the accepting countries to give aid to so many people. One of the agencies that has swung into action is the **Lutheran Disaster Response** team. It is providing food, water, blankets, and hygiene kits to the refugees in Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia. Pastor Josh made an appeal to our congregation to support the Lutheran Disaster Response for humanitarian reasons and because 100% of our contributions will go directly to its **Eastern Europe Crisis Response**. As of this writing, a little over \$1,100 has been donated by our members plus the Nisua Team has added another \$1,000 from its bread sales. Thank you for opening your hearts to helping the people of Ukraine.

### **ELCA Fund for Leaders**

To become a Lutheran minister requires a four-year bachelor degree plus four additional years in a Lutheran seminary. Many potential future pastors are probably dissuaded from entering the ministry because they simply can't afford all the schooling. And many of the seminary graduates have tens of thousands of dollars of student loans that they will struggle to payoff. The high cost of becoming a minister has, no doubt, contributed to the shortage of seminary students. There is financial aid help, though, through the **ELCA Fund for Leaders**. The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

To help support this cause, church council unanimously approved a \$500 donation to this fund. The cash will come from our Mission and Education Endowment Fund. If you want to make a personal donation to this fund, please see Pastor Josh.

Pray for peace,

*Mark Lytle*

Council President

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# Committee News

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## Evangelism

Hebrews 13:1-2 states "Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

I believe this to be true. Throughout these past two years of serving our community God has sent us angels. When it seems we are at our lowest, struggling with keeping this ministry going or just finding enough volunteers to help, an angel shows up. These angels have been in the disguise of a young mother struggling to feed her children. To see the relief in her eyes knowing that she has food to feed her children, or the senior that struggles just to pay for their medications, leaving very little to buy food. The homeless man that we were able to provide a warm place and a hot meal during those frigid temperatures that we had this winter. Angels have also come in the form of two young men that show up Saturday mornings willing to help. Also they have come in the form of donors that walk up to us and give us anonymous donations to continue God's work in our community.

As we continue this ministry, we are in need of volunteers to help on Saturdays and Sundays. Would you like to meet angels? There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

Update: We served 697 lunches and dinners over this past month. We also served 28 families in our food pantry. We are in the process of moving the Food Pantry to a larger room. This is a blessing for us. We will have more room to serve our community.

A big thank you to all that made breakfast casseroles and the yummy muffins and bread for the Easter breakfast. We served about 30, including a visitor. She was glad to worship with us and was so grateful for all the hospitality that we showed her and others. Maybe she was an angel.

Blessing from the Evangelism Team,

*Michelle Logan*

Chair, Evangelism

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## Social Ministry

It was beautiful to see so many in church on Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone that attended the Easter breakfast. And thank you to all that brought in the yummy casseroles, muffins and bread.

Social ministry is talking about having an "all you can eat" fish dinner on D-Day weekend. There will be more on that as we research possibilities and plan.

We will be having hospitality again beginning April 24. It will be a little different than in the past, and we will be serving it in the fellowship hall instead of the gathering space. If you would like to participate, don't hesitate to contact me. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

If the COVID numbers keep improving, there will be a rummage sale in August. Keep watching the Echo for new events. And don't be afraid to become a volunteer. Come and join us!

God Bless us all,

*Pearl Ann Curtis*

Social Ministry Team

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The cover Girls Quilting Ministry has been busy creating some beautiful quilts. We just received 2 rolls of batting. The price is nearly doubled now, but it is needed in the quilting process.

Peggy and Shirley Harco are heading to Holmes County to purchase \$250 worth of material to be used for the backing on our quilts. This was made possible through my Thrivent Grant.

We try not to use money from the church budget. We rely on donations, Thrivent cards, and from the sale of our quilts. We always appreciate any help to keep our group financially stable.

I delivered 5 quilts to fire victims who lost everything and they were extremely grateful.

Our quilters will finish on May 31 when the ladies will go out for lunch. Many of the ladies will continue to work over the summer. God bless all of our dedicated volunteers.

In His Service,  
*Shirley Harco*  
Cover Girls

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# Congratulations on your First *Holy Communion.*

*Palm Sunday, April 10*

May the blessings of Christ be upon  
you always!

*Amiah Berry  
Lauren Cameron  
Bronwen Fill*



*Addisin Mareno  
Zoei Mareno  
Carter Sanford*

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# May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<b>2</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>3</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's	<b>4</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>5</b> 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>6</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle	<b>7</b> 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>8</b> 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<b>9</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>10</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's 6:00 Committees	<b>11</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>12</b> 5:30 Line Dancing 5:45 Finance	<b>13</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle	<b>14</b> 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>15</b> 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<b>16</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>17</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's 6:00 Council	<b>18</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>19</b> 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>20</b> Echo Articles Due <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle	<b>21</b> Nisua 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>22</b> 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<b>23</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>24</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's	<b>25</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>26</b> 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>27</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>28</b> 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
<b>29</b> 8:30 Outdoor 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:30 Enhance Fitness	<b>31</b> 9:00 Quilters 9:00 3M's	The 8:30 Worship Service moves outdoors June 5			



## *Lord, we are your servants . . .*

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION SERVER	USHERS	GREETERS	READER	HOSPITALITY	ACOLTYES	PROJECTION
<b>5/1/2022</b> <b>8:30</b>	Richard Tulino	Julie Kantola	Rich & Julie Kantola	Dolores Pelow Nancy Altman	Grace Patriarco			
<b>11:00</b>	Jennifer Best	Faye Lampela	Jerry Lampela	Mary Lou Moisio	John Thompson			
<b>5/8/2022</b> <b>8:30</b>	Brandon Vidmar	Kathy Mills	Janet Maenpaa Suzanne Malys	Peggy Harco	Mike Malys			
<b>11:00</b>	Mark Lytle	Janelle Cole	Faye & Jerry Lampela	Stephanie Newsome	Stacy Racut			
<b>5/15/2022</b> <b>8:30</b>	Amy Gallagher	Rich Kantola	Katrina Pavolino	Rich & Julie Kantola	Tim Moga			
<b>11:00</b>	Jennifer Best	Mark Lytle	Faye & Jerry Lampela	Bob & E.J. Hybert	Mark Lytle			
<b>5/22/2022</b> <b>8:30</b>	Amy Gallagher	Jerry Brookhouser	Wes & Susan Combs	Shirley Harco	Tim Moga			
<b>11:00</b>	Jennifer Best	Faye Lampela	Ruth Brown Jerry Lampela	Faye Lampela	Janelle Cole			
<b>5/29/2022</b> <b>8:30</b>	Richard Tulino	Mary Vidmar	Peggy Harco	Shirley Harco	Grace Patriarco			
<b>11:00</b>	Faye Lampela		Jerry Lampela	Ruth Brown	John Thompson			

**MAY ALTAR GUILD:** Robin Bryant, Sue Chapin,  
Pam Deemer, Betty Monday

**JUNE ALTAR GUILD:** Ruth Brown, Susan  
Combs, Susan Tan

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