



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

JUNE 2022

From the thoughts of the pastor . . .

Grace and peace to you from a well-rested pastor and from the good people at Northeastern Ohio Synod.

Amen+

I wanted to first and foremost thank you for being a welcoming congregation to Pastor Anderson and Pastor Meranda for the couple weeks while I was resting and relaxing. And a very special thank you for allowing me to go on vacation. Being a first call pastor can be difficult at times and trying to learn how to be a pastor during Advent into Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is something else. So, not only thank you for allowing me to take a break and a breather, but also thank you for your patience as I learn how to – not only be a pastor – but be a pastor to you all.

You know that word “all” sometimes gets overlooked. It’s a simple three letter word and yet means – or at least can mean – so much. All. It’s odd, this word, because it doesn’t mean only some and it doesn’t mean only the ones we know. All really means the entirety, the wholeness, the completeness. And when we pair it with “you” – another three letter word that has many meanings – we get the entirety of humanity, the wholeness of the human, the completeness of everyone. Being a pastor does mean to care for the entirety of everyone, of all, and more than just a spiritual well-being but also the mental and physical well-being. It is not a light task to take on to care for and be a pastor to you all.

Which, I assume, pastors are supposed to be a neutral party, to allow the ability to care for all without some feeling “unpastored”. However, we pastors are human too; we get feelings and opinions and biases and headstrong too – we sin too. We sin when we fail at being neutral and don’t ask for forgiveness at the some we’ve hurt. We sin when we let our own biases close our ears to the concerns of some, when we don’t listen to the all. We sin when our feelings and opinions shutdown the voices of the some and hold on to our ideals and agendas that we come with everyday. We sin just like anyone else – perhaps even more at times. We sin and we should be punished for our sins. However...

However, there is hope. And often times pastors proclaim the home to the all but don’t listen to our own words. Pastors proclaim the love of God of all to all but don’t listen to our own words and think of ourselves as part of that all. This, I guess, is why I personally get so emotional when I have a chance to worship as part of the assembly without needing to lead it. Now don’t get me wrong, I love to lead worship and love being a pastor in that aspect. But there are times when pastors need to hear the words God loves us too and not coming from our mouths. This is why, I think, I am such a strong advocate and proponent for other worship assistants to lead worship. It’s a selfishness on my part that I want the other voices to tell me that I too am forgiven and that God loves me in spite of my sins and allows me to worship God without worrying about leading it.

I – at least try – to tell every one of the assisting ministers a story that came from seminary. My New Testament professor was about to lead our weekly Eucharist service and gathered the worship assistants and the sacristans in the sacristy and said these words: it doesn't matter if worship happens without a mistake or if it is a complete train wreck, Jesus still shows up. From that point on, I've tried to remember these words and I pass them on to you – it doesn't matter how worship goes, Jesus still shows up.

A little side note here for a moment – I was, and probably still am a little bit, terrified of public speaking (partially the reason for a manuscript for my sermons). I was always afraid of people laughing at me, saying I did something wrong, making fun of me. In my undergrad as part of being a senior, we had to do a senior project and present the project to the faculty and students of the mathematical department. It was an hour long session where the students were supposed to speak for 45 minutes and answer questions for 15 minutes. However, mine was the other way around; I spoke for 15 minutes and answered questions for maybe 5 minutes. I mean I passed, obviously, but was terrified to speak for 45 minutes and then get – at least in my mind – grilled for another 15. But I did my presentation and was successful – didn't get grilled, didn't get criticized about my presentation, nothing that I imagined happened in my mind happened at all. I still think about that presentation when I speak, that the imagined "reactions" are far, far, worse than the actual reactions; and the very same can be said about the people here.

From a pastor's point of view, there is no difference between a lector (reader) and an assisting minister. And, there is nothing you can say or do that wouldn't make Jesus still show up. Martin Luther believed and coined the term "priesthood of all believers" which means lay and clergy have equal responsibility and that includes leading worship. While I would never correct Luther, I might add to this idea: priesthood of all believers also gives us the responsibility to lead worship. Now it's very easy to slip into guilt here and say "you're not really worshiping God unless you are leading worship as an assisting minister" to which I am absolutely not saying that. Rather what I believe Luther had in mind is the ability for all to lead worship and perhaps the responsibility for all to lead worship and lead worship for all, including the pastor.

I recognize I get off on tangents and what I have in my head doesn't come through on the paper so I am going to say this as plainly as I can: I love being the pastor here (wanted to come back 3 days before my vacation was over) and I love leading worship; but I also call for assisting ministers to lead my worship experience too. I'm not saying to take over and preach or preside, but do what the current assisting ministers do – read the prayers and assist in overall worship so that all can be included. Assisting is open to all people, just like worship is open to all people. Nothing can be said or done that will keep Jesus from showing up in our church because "for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."¹ Jesus telling his disciples and Jesus telling us he is with us when we all come together to worship.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)






The Reverend Joshua Krenz

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¹ Matthew 18:20, NRSV.

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 Fishes & Loaves Promote Events Maintain Website Family Events D-Day Parking Back to School Rally Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain building and grounds Care for church rental properties Members Maintenance Ministry (3 M's) is a group of members who meet bi-monthly in the evening to work on the maintenance of the church. Support Other Committees 	<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 Funeral Ministry Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Music Ushers Assisting Ministers Altar Guild Abiding Memorial Pastoral Support Acolytes Greeters Readers Communion Assistants Support Other Committees 	<p>Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Preschool thru High School September thru May</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acolyte Training First Holy Communion Confirmation Vacation Bible School Youth Sunday Mission Trips Support Other Committees

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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joshua Krenz, Pastor
gslcpastor@gwcmail.net

Office Staff

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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. Submissions can be emailed to Kelly Anthony at klanthony@gwcmail.net.

A Moment in Faith
By Richard Tulino, a Layman's Interpretation



This month you will have to get your Bibles out to get the message, enjoy!

Ten Ways To Love

1. Listen without interrupting, (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing, (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing, (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing, (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint, (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering, (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing, (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgiving, (Proverbs 13:12)

Enjoy researching this and giving your bibles a work out!

God's Blessings To All

June Birthdays



Jennifer Best
Janice Boyle
Robin Bryant
Katelyn Fuller
Bob Haas
Shirley Harco

Mackenzie Harco
Peggy Harco
Daniel Huya
Vicki Jackson
Steve Logan
Mark Lytle

Ron Maenpaa
Betty Monday
Bernadette Nolan
Rosemarie Uthe
Jason Warren
Amanda Wright



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2022

\$29,978

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%
April	\$ 12,546	\$ 55,605	88.6%	\$ 15,966	\$ 60,318	95.4%



ATTENDANCE

4/24 78
5/1 79
5/8 75
5/15 81
5/22 70



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.



“Stewardship”

Stewardship (Gr.οικονομία, oikonomia) The responsibility given to humans in creation for managing the resources of the earth (Gen. 1:26). In the church, Christian stewardship involves the whole life since all life comes from God and is to be lived for God’s glory.²

Wait, what? Didn’t we already have Stewardship as our churchy word back in March? Has the pastor run out of churchy words or has he gone insane? Well, the answer is yes, yes he has but that doesn’t have anything to do with this churchy word this month. Oh, and believe me, there are sooooo many other churchy words to talk about but I feel this is one that needs to be brought up again in a different context.

Back in March, if you remember, I talked about stewardship in the context of caretaking, that we are to care for and respect what we are given. And definitely that is what stewardship means. Yet, there is another aspect of care for and respect that I don’t think was covered in March, the respect and care for our souls by giving back.

Now, giving back can have a very wide range of meanings and we, in the church vocabulary, say giving back is time, talents, and treasures. Martin Luther thought, according to his writings, giving is something that should not be obligatory and mandatory, but something that should come from the heart and come from the soul; giving should be a desire we have.

So, what can we give? Well, again going back to our church vocabulary, we can give our time, our talents, and/or our treasures. I use the conjunction “and/or” because we can give both: our time and our treasures, our time and our talents, and our talents and our treasures. But I’m going to focus on the one type of giving that is difficult for me to focus on, our treasures.

As we know, the summer time tends to be a lower treasure giving time in the church year. People go on vacations, take much needed breaks, visit families and all are incredibly important things to do. However, when people are on vacation, taking breaks, visiting family there is a tendency to forget or not deem as important as other things the offering plate. Let me take a moment on an aside story for a second.

The congregation in Santa Fe that I’m from was thinking about and beginning the opportunity for people to give their offering online – whether through credit/debit cards or their bank. There was, though, a point raised about the physical act of putting something in the offering plate that people missed when they gave online. The decision was to make little reusable cards which simply said something like I gave online.

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

There is certainly a very real feeling of putting something in the offering plate – it’s almost like a sense of completion like crossing something off the list kind of feeling. Yet, when we’re not here physically do drop that offering into the plate, we don’t get that feeling and sense of completion. And the other downside, other than our own well-being, is the ministries tend to suffer.

Here is where my discomfort hits the hardest and me wanting to think of something else for this month and erase everything I’ve written. Please continue to give (ugh, that was almost like passing a kidney stone and believe me I know what that feels like). Please continue to remember the offering plate. I will very happily give you envelopes with the church address on them if you want to give through the mail; all you would need is a stamp. (For you younger generation, a stamp is like a little sticker that have a dollar amount placed on it that allows the Post Office to deliver mail – that box either on a pole in front of your house or on your house where a person takes things out of and puts paper like things into.) If you feel comfortable with online banking, you can set up the bank to send your giving through – what they call – “bill pay” though church giving is CERTAINLY NOT A BILL.

I absolutely hate asking for giving because the church should not be about monetary things. Unfortunately, the church is part of the world that has monetary things. Would a world without money be an awesome thing? Yes it would, perhaps why I like Star Trek so much. But we’re not there yet. Oh, I can hear people’s response because my dad has said the same response: every summer is lower giving and usually picks back up in the fall and winter. Well, that may be the case. But that’s an uncertainty that we can’t put into the bank.

Having good stewardship of what God has given us means having a desire to give back, especially in the times when giving is lower (i.e. the summer). I know the same feeling of putting something in the plate doesn’t happen when you set up banking or putting into the mail (though that might feel the same when you open the box, put the mail in, close the box, and raise the little flag). If you want a stack of envelopes with the church address on them, I’ll give you as many as you want. (I can’t give you the stamps because that kind of defeats the purpose a little bit.) I do encourage you to consider, while on vacation, visiting families, taking a break, to think about the ministries of the church, to think about the offering plate, to think about how giving back to God a portion of what God has given us can continue when not here physically. I promise I will not put myself or you through this again next month or the month after that if we rise up even when we are away.



Sunday School Volunteers

Thank you to the dedicated Sunday School teachers, Natalie Huya, Lisa Murtha, Mary Vidmar, and Jim Fuller, who without you, we could not have had such a successful year teaching our youth about the love of Jesus Christ. Also to Mike Malys and Pastor Josh for instructing the youth in Catechism. And thank you, Michelle Logan, for being there if needed. Thank you all! God Bless.



Memorial Candle



Our Sponsors

Date	In Honor/Memory of	Given by
Bulletins:		
June 5	In Honor of Nickolas's Graduation	Michelle Logan
June 12		
June 19	In Honor Parents' Wedding Anniversary	Pastor Josh
June 26		
Flowers:		
June 5	In Celebration of Our 18 th Wedding Anniversary	Wes & Susan Combs
June 12		
June 19	In Honor Parents' Wedding Anniversary	Pastor Josh
June 26		
Memorial Candle:		
June	In Memory of Kelsey Walters	Love Mom

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.

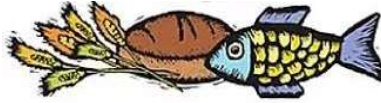
BULLETINS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fishes & Loaves



Ministry

Free lunches 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. Lunches will be delivered to the driver of the vehicles. Everyone should remain in their vehicles.



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

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

Pentecost Sunday
is June 5th

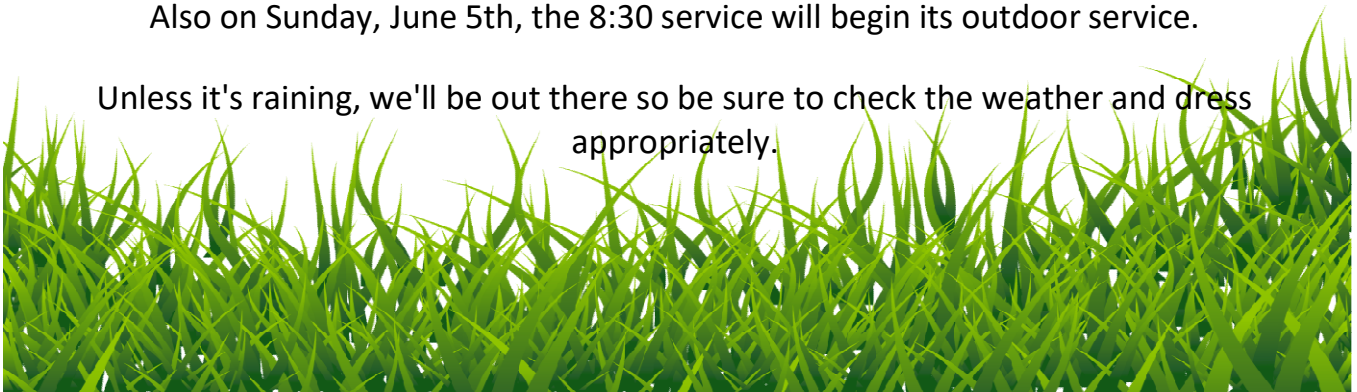
All are encouraged to wear red.

PS: a Guardians Jersey counts as red, just so you know

8:30 Worship Service is Back Outdoors

Also on Sunday, June 5th, the 8:30 service will begin its outdoor service.

Unless it's raining, we'll be out there so be sure to check the weather and dress appropriately.





Congratulations Grace!

The Patriarco family is pleased to announce Grace's graduation from Edgewood Senior High School.

An Open House will be held on **Sunday, June 19**, from 1-4 pm at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall.

All are invited.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you
to an evening of music

NIGHT OF PRAISE

**Believer's Fire/King Pins
with Special Musical Guests!**

June 26, 2022

7 PM

at GSLC



Donations will benefit Aid to Ukraine

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



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
and
CORPUS CHRISTI
440-599-8908

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 25-29, 2022 9 AM – NOON

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home E-mail _____ Work Phone _____

Child's Age _____ Child's Birthdate _____ Last grade completed _____

Home Congregation _____

In case of an emergency (when parent or guardian cannot be reached) please contact

Telephone _____

Relationship to child _____

Please list any allergies or medical conditions: _____

Person responsible for picking your child up after VBS each day

Name and relationship _____ Telephone: _____

I give my child permission to participate in Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I will not hold Good Shepherd, its staff, or congregational volunteers responsible for accidents, claims or damages arising from my child's participation in program activities. I also give Good Shepherd permission to use any photograph/video of me or my child, taken at VBS, in future promotional materials for its sites and programs. My child shall comply with all the rules set forth by Good Shepherd or be removed from this event and sent home.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____



Hospitality Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for hospitality after each service. It doesn't take much, a plate of cookies from the store and a jug of juice will do. Please contact Pearl Ann Curtis or see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



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. Volunteers are needed to help out with Fishes and Loaves for an hour on Saturday and/or an hour on Sunday. Please consider returning an hour a week of what God has given you back to God.

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 Pearl Ann Curtis or Shirley Harco.



world hunger

Can you help?

Donations made to ELCA World Hunger will be matched 100% by the ELCA up to \$100,000.

Checks should be made out to ELCA World Hunger and mailed to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P O Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-800



University Hospitals - Conneaut Medical Center

"Walk for the Cure"

September 18, 2022 11 am to 3 pm



This fundraiser dedicated to fighting breast cancer will be held at
Geneva High School on September 18.

*****ALL MONIES DONATED BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY*****

Sponsorship Levels will be recognized on the T-Shirts

Platinum	-	Over \$501
Gold	-	\$351 to \$500
Silver	-	\$201 to \$350
Bronze	-	\$75 to \$200

Please mail your check no later than Friday, August 26, 2022.

Mail to: UH Geneva Medical Center

ATTN: Paula Covell
870 West Main Street
Geneva, OH 44041

News & Updates



A Message from the President

Highlights of May 17th Council Meeting:

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the General Fund as of April 30th was \$33,466, a decrease of \$3,488 from March 31st. Here are the monthly and year-to-date offering income and expense numbers.

MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES	YTD SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
January	\$ 13,736	\$ 13,736	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,303	+ \$ 4,433
February	\$ 18,006	\$ 31,742	\$ 12,434	\$ 21,736	+ \$ 5,677
March	\$ 11,317	\$ 43,059	\$ 18,287	\$ 44,352	- \$ 1,293
April	\$ 12,546	\$ 55,605	\$ 15,966	\$ 60,318	- \$ 4,713

Based upon our 2022 budget, our average monthly offering income should be \$15,885. In the first four months we have achieved that only once and our average monthly offering is \$13,901.

448 Sandusky Street Rental Property Update

Good Shepherd owns a residential duplex at 448-450 Sandusky Street. The tenant at 448 Sandusky moved out of town and the unit is vacant. We are using this vacancy as an opportunity to make several improvements to it, including, new windows, new waterproof vinyl plank flooring, upgraded electrical service, and fresh paint in all rooms. We received multiple bids on everything except the painting, which will be done by two members. The electrical contract was awarded to licensed electrician Chris Briestensky and he is nearing completion of his work. The window and flooring installation work will be done by one of our own members, Rick Vidmar. Rick is an experienced carpenter who works for a carpenters' labor union. The windows have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive before June 1st. Installation will begin soon afterward. The last phase will be the flooring. We expect to have the unit available for rent by August.

Ashtabula Pride Donation

Ashtabula Pride will celebrate its second annual event on June 11th at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. Jen Best made a motion to support it with a \$100 donation. Pastor Krenz seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote. The funding will come from the Evangelism budget.

New Computer for Finance Committee

The existing computer used by our treasurer, Stacy Racut, and finance coordinator, Jerry Brookhouser, is 8+ years old and is reaching the end of its useful life. Its processing time has slowed severely which makes their work frustrating and much longer than it needs to be. Therefore, council approved the expenditure of up to \$1,200 to replace it.

Northeast Ohio ELCA Synod Assembly

For the first time since 2019, the Synod Assembly was a live event in Akron. Pastor Krenz, Michelle Logan, and I attended the Assembly on Friday, May 13th and Saturday the 14th. Each day began and ended with a worship service. On Friday there were various morning and afternoon educational workshops the attendees could choose from. Saturday was the synod business meeting with messages and reports from Bishop Laura Barbins, Assistant to the Bishop Mitch Phillips, the treasurer, and other officials. The keynote speaker was Rev. Raymond Guiao, president of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland. The theme of his speech was, "Be Centered in Christ." The afternoon session of business meeting was largely devoted to the elections of synod council members, committee representatives, conference bylaw change, and compensation standards. If you desire more information on those and other issues, you may get the details on the NEO ELCA Synod website or speak with Pastor Josh.

I was delighted to see former pastor, Clyde McGee, as well as Rev. David Anderson and Rev. Stephen Fisher at the Assembly. Pastor McGee said he and Peggy are doing well, enjoying their children and grandchildren and he wishes God's continued blessing to us.

Pray for Peace,

Mark Lytle

Council President

Committee News

Evangelism

This month has been a busy one for us. We continue to serve on the average 150 to 175 lunches per weekend. What a blessing it is to serve so many. The new food pantry is coming together nicely. The new flooring has been installed and shelving is being put together. A huge thank you to the 3M'S. Their hard work is making the new food pantry possible.

We are always in need of volunteers to help either Saturdays or Sundays to distribute lunches. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

We are in need of the following items for Nick's Closet: Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo for men and women, laundry soap, dryer sheets, floor cleaner and many other items. If you would like to donate some items please bring them to the church. We are still looking for 8 more people willing to give \$10.00 per month to help buy the needed items. We are shopping at the Dollar Tree and the \$1.00 aisle at Dollar General.

Mark your calendar for October 1, 2022! We are hosting a Chinese Auction/Craft Fair. We are seeking donations of baskets to raffle. If you would like to donate please contact either Michelle or Martha Jayne Thompson. Proceeds to benefit the ministries of the church.

Serving Christ

Michelle Logan

The Evangelism Team, Chair

Property

“Men’s Maintenance Ministry” is changing their name!!! We will become “Member’s Maintenance Ministry”!!!!

What we would very much like to do is put together a team of members that meet at the church twice a month in the evening to do some maintenance tasks. These tasks can include assembly or maintenance of equipment, cleaning windows, cleaning and polishing furniture and fixtures, painting doors and walls, and other light tasks around the church. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex.

We also need people willing to drive FAST!!!! We have a very nice ZTR lawn mower that moves right along with seatbelts and a roll bar. Sounds cool, right? It really is!!! Bring the family, bring a lunch and a blanket. When you have finished, sit among the flowers at the feet of The Good Shepherd and enjoy some family time after cutting the grass, trimming, and cleaning up the church grounds. Your heart will grow bigger! Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex for this as well!

Ok, so what has been accomplished so far and what is next?

- 1) The carillons (yes I know “church bells”) are working again. The unit was most likely struck by lightning again, so they were sent out for repair, returned and installed. Turns out they were under warranty until October 2022, so the repair was free. Pastor has been having fun programming in different songs from time to time. Maybe we should put together a name that tune contest?
- 2) After attempting to clean the carpet in the sanctuary several times, including Stanley Steemer and then our own “Mr. Clean” (Ron Young), it was determined we were not going to be able to get out the dirt that was coming up through the carpet due to the degrading of the padding under the carpeting. We received quotes to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary, the music room and the flooring in new Food Pantry. It has been installed!
- 3) The WiFi was a bit of a “rat’s nest” of wires and very old technology. Great Wave (our service provider) has been upgrading Conneaut’s old technology coax cable with fiber optics. We did not have the hardware available in the church to support this new technology. We do now! This new installation will allow us to take advantage of the convenience of our remote access installed in the new AC units in the Fellowship Hall. We can now do live streaming from our sanctuary and fellowship hall. In addition, we can now upload in the sanctuary the services recorded in the sanctuary instead of loading them onto a thumb drive and taking them to another computer somewhere in the church office area or home to be uploaded to be broadcast to shut-ins. Oh, and this sets up the church for future expansion that we never could have accomplished under the old system.
- 4) We are now recycling all corrugated boxes and dividers. They must be knocked down flat before placing in bin.
 - a. Can disposal..... NO steel cans (soup, fruit and vegetable)!!! Aluminum cans only (pop, beer and most single serve juices)!!!!
 - b. Plastic will be next as soon as we can find an outlet for recycling!!!

Environmentally Friendly Church!!!!

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- 5) Have you noticed all the floor space in the Fellowship Hall? Where did everything go? There were several items that we have been hanging onto for too many years that just were not being used anymore. We had piles of chairs and tables in many places around the church. We worked with the Quilters and organized and consolidated their items and fabric into one general space. We were able to consolidate the nisua making equipment and get rid of some stuff that was no longer being used or was broken or non-functional to make room to store the new tables and chairs off the Fellowship Hall floor. Lots of people have been working together to accomplish these much needed improvements.

Stay tuned! There is much more to come so jump in and become part of the improvements coming this way to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Conneaut!

Be Blessed!

George Peterson

Property Committee

IN OTHER News

Library Closing

The library is closing, and everyone is welcomed to check out the collection for any books that you might like. There is one section for Church Use that will remain, including bibles and commentaries, but everything else on the shelves are yours.

Weekly Announcements

In addition to being shared via One-Call phone messages and emails, weekly announcements are now being displayed on the screen in the narthex. So be sure to check that out while having your coffee/juice and snack after Sunday worship.

Rummage Sale

We are sorry to say there will be NO rummage sale this year. Maybe next year, God willing...

Nisua

The nisua bakers baked May 21 for the last time for the season. The group is dedicated to continuing this tradition and anyone interested in helping would be appreciated. Many hands make light work. We're looking forward to starting back up in October. See you then!

Pub Theology

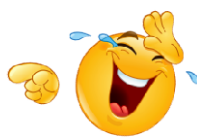
What's Pub Theology? It will be introduced soon, so watch for more information to come!

Mask Policy Revised

We have lifted our requirements on masks for the time being, though we still strongly recommend masks for worship services.



June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	2 5:30 Line Dancing	3 OFFICE CLOSED 9&10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	4 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
5 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	6 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	7 9:00 3M's	8 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	9 5:30 Line Dancing	10 OFFICE CLOSED 9&10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	11 No Free Lunch
12 8:30 Service 11:00 Service No Free Lunch	13 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	14 9:00 3M's 6:00 Committees	15 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	16 5:30 Line Dancing 5:45 Finance	17 OFFICE CLOSED 9&10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	18 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
19 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	20 Echo Articles Due 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	21 9:00 3M's 6:00 Council	22 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	23 5:30 Line Dancing	24 OFFICE CLOSED 9&10:30 Enhance Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	25 11:00-12:30 Free Lunch
26 8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:00-1:30 Free Lunch	27 9:00 & 10:30 Enhance Fitness	28 9:00 3M's	<p>From a compilation by Max Bowen of announcements that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services</p> <p>The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."</p> 			



- All services and activities at our area nursing homes are cancelled until further notice.
- Choir practice is cancelled until further notice.

Lord, we are your servants . . .

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION SERVER	USHERS	GREETERS	READER	HOSPITALITY	ACOLTYES	PROJECTION
6/5/2022 8:30	Brandon Vidmar	Katrina Pavolino	n/a	Susan & Wes Combs	Jerry Brookhouser			
11:00	Mark Lytle	Joanne Mechling	Kay Peterson	Joanne & Paul Mechling	Mark Lytle			
6/12/2022 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Kathy Mills	n/a	Nancy Altman Dolores Pelow	Tim Moga			
11:00	Jennifer Best	Stacy Racut	Ruth Brown	Ruth Brown	Janelle Cole			
6/19/2022 8:30	Richard Tulino	Susan Combs	n/a	Sue & John Chapin	Richard Tulino			
11:00	Janelle Cole	Kay Peterson	Stacy Racut	Robin Bryant	Janelle Cole			
6/26/2022 8:30	Amy Gallager	Suzanne Malys	n/a	Mary & Rick Vidmar	Mike Malys			
11:00	Jennifer Best	Glenda Betteridge	Kelly Anthony	Bob & E.J. Hybert	Greg Betteridge			

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

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