



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**ECHO** the love of Christ

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

**A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

## **OCTOBER 2022**

*From the thoughts of the pastor . . .*

It's October – or almost – as you read this. The leaves are beginning to change color and some are falling, fall decorations are coming out, black cats are seen everywhere (which in my mind is something that can happen year 'round), and our thoughts turn to fall and the preparation for the preparation for Christmas. (One wouldn't think I would mention the C-word in a message for October, but alas, it needed to be mentioned once.) Yes, there are other seasons before the season of *blank* including the remaining season of Pentecost, Reformation Day and Sunday, All Saints Day and Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christ the King, and the season of Advent – all of which happens before *blank*.

And yet, in our secular world, *blank* seems like it is right around the corner with decorations already being put on display to purchase and this and that happening. BUT IT HASN'T COME YET! It will, and when we get closer I'll write about it and it will be good. But for now, let's live in the fall, enjoy this wonderful season of fall, where some of God's greatest beauty comes to pass.

We recall to our high school or college or even middle school biology class where we learn the process and why the leaves change color. We remember (even through a quick Google search) that the Chlorophyll – the green pigment the leaves use to make food during photosynthesis – begins to break down as the days and temperature changes with the natural orange and yellow colors become more visible.<sup>1</sup> As the days and the temperatures change, the tree itself gets into hibernation mode to conserve what food it has to make it through the winter into the spring. What's fascinating about this is not necessarily the how – though interesting – but the why.

Science has been able to explain a lot of the world around us – been able to explain a lot of the how. But when it comes to the why question, it comes up short. Now, in full disclosure, I consider myself a person of science and faith – fascinated by the how, but believe God is the answer of the why. I love watching scientific documentaries about the creation of the universe, how there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches around the world, how we on earth are so miniscule in the grand scheme of things but important enough for God to take a very active and vital role in our lives and our existence.

My own conflict between science and faith is this: from a scientific and mathematical point-of-view, the universe is too large for us to be the only living creatures – that our world of Earth is the only planet to produce and support life which has evolved to become us and what we see in the world today. And so, if there are "intelligent life forms" in the universe, did God create them; and if so, does God take a special interest in their existence and do they have a Jesus like Savior. Believe it or not, this

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<sup>1</sup> Why Leaves Change Color (esf.edu)

is a specialized branch of theology called Astrotheology which is mysterious and fascinating at the same time. It's one of those things that if alien life came to Earth, what would that mean for our own theology and beliefs. My conflict of science and faith gets solved by recognizing that something happened at the beginning of it all and God plays a role in shaping what we've become.

So, I don't have a conflict between the theory of evolution and the theory of creationism – two stories to tell how we've become the way we are. I believe the stories of creation in Genesis are our ways of explaining why we got here and evolution explaining how we got here. A question that has been asked of me is this: if Adam and Eve were the only humans, and they had three Sons, where did Cain's wife come from (Genesis 4:16-17, NRSV), where did these people in the land of Nod, east of Eden, come from? Science tells us that humanity evolved from ape-like mammals. It would make sense that more than just two humans evolved from ape-like mammals as the perpetuation of the species continued. So, Adam and Eve, as well as the people in Nod, evolved and through the guiding hands of God, evolved to what we are today. The theory of creationism puts the age of the Earth at around 6-7,000 years old – to which there is too much evidence to say the age of the Earth is closer to 4.5 billion years old. However, this is not to say humanity as a civilization is not 6-7,000 years old (science agrees on this). And, reading both creation stories carefully from Genesis, one can say God "created" (helped form) civilization in Eden and other places 6-7,000 years ago.

So, why go into this long discussion about faith and science, why even bring up evolution and creationism, why discuss the age of the earth and civilization – or in other words – what does this all mean? It's an ongoing discussion and compromises that happens, just like what Martin Luther 500 years ago wanted to have with the Catholic Church. (And yes, of course being October we talk about the Reformation and Martin Luther.) What we have to remember about the Reformation Period is this: Luther DID NOT want to separate from the Catholic Church, did not want to form a sect, did not want to form a denomination (especially one that bears his name). Martin Luther wanted to have a discussion about the current practices happening in the church – specifically the selling of indulgences. We are familiar with Martin Luther posting the 95 theses on the Wittenberg door in 1517, but we've also over dramatized this importance, and even missed the point of why Luther posted these theses on the door in the first place.

Just like our TV in the Narthex, our email and phone announcements on OneCall, our Facebook feed, the Wittenberg door was the place for the community to get information and announcements. Many things were posted on this door for the community to see as the church was a central point in the lives of the people, and this door would get many views, shares, and likes. But what is different about this posting by Luther than other postings is the 95 Theses were written in Latin – a language only the university educated and church people could read. The general public had no idea what Luther posted. In them, Luther never rejects indulgences, nor purgatory, nor the sacrament of penance (aka sacrament of confession). Luther begins the posting "Out of love and zeal for truth and the desire to bring it to light..."<sup>2</sup> and not like out of my own issues with the church or with God and Christ. And it was only after the church took these theses (or points of discussion) as an attack on the Power and Primacy of the Pope and the proceedings at Augsburg that Luther began to retaliate with concerns of what the church was and is (in the days of Luther) becoming.

The proceeding at Augsburg is where Luther met Cardinal Cajetan, the place where Luther was given

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<sup>2</sup> 95 Thesis introduction, Martin Luther.

the chance to recant all his 95 Theses and be a good monk. But concerned with what the church was becoming, Luther wanted to debate in a scholarly manner. But was not heard or allowed to get clarification. After meeting with Cardinal Cajetan, Luther realized the church would not change and would not back down from their stance. Luther then began to write against the church and the teachings of the church in the language of the people, eventually translating the New Testament (then the Old Testament) into German, in 1521-22. (The infamous “Here I Stand” happens at the Diet of Worms some 3-4 years after the 95 Theses in 1521.) Luther stood up to the church, the power the church had over the people because Luther wanted to have a discussion and compromises.

What happens after Luther at the Diet of Worms in the general populous is tragic, what neither side wanted to happen. But after 500 years of casting dislike and distrust on each other, the Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church are finally having the discussions and compromises that Luther was aiming for. This fall, and especially during this Reformation season, let us remember what Martin Luther was trying to do: have conversations, give and take, be open to the possibility of change and acceptance. Lutheranism in its purest form is not about being resistant to change. Rather Lutheranism in its purest form is having the willingness and openness to change. The theology of Martin Luther isn’t based on practices or traditions, but the good news of scripture and the desire for conversations, debates, and compromise. This is most certainly true.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)






*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>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.</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

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Pastoral Staff

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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**



#### **How To Pray – Ten Simple Rules**

1. Pray where you are; God is present everywhere and ready to listen.
2. Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is well to fix your mind deliberately on God, away from distractions.
3. Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers from others.
4. Pray, remembering the good things that God has done for you. Think of all your blessings from time to time and give thanks for them.
5. Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things that you have done. God cherishes a humble and contrite heart.
6. Pray for things you need, especially those that will make your life finer and more Christ like.
7. Pray for others, remembering the situations they may face and the help they need.
8. Pray for the world in its need asking God to bring better things and offering your help to all in need.
9. Pray above everything else that God's will may be done in you and in the world. His purposes are deeper and wiser than anything we can imagine.
10. Pray, and then let God use you in answering your prayers.

I have mentioned the Book of Psalms before and would like to ask you to look at them as a great source of prayers. You can go to them for comfort of times of struggles and distress. By reading the Psalms, you can rise from the low points in your life to new heights of joy and praise, and then discover the power of God's everlasting love and forgiveness. Then you will be guided into a deeper and more genuine relationship with God.

There are 150 Psalms to choose from. This time I would like to point out Psalm 103. In it you will see God's great love for us and what God does for us tells us what he's really like. In 103 we see how David was focusing on the good things God was doing for him. It is easy to complain about life, but David's list gives us plenty for which to praise God. He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems us from death, crowns us with love and compassion, and satisfies our desires and gives righteousness and justice. We receive all of these things without deserving any of them. No matter how difficult your life's journey, you can always count your blessings, past, present, and future. When you feel as though you have nothing to praise God, read David's list.

Verse 12 shows us a symbolic portrait of God's forgiveness. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. What this means is that the east and west can never meet. When he forgives our sins, he separated them from us and doesn't remember them. No need to wallow in the past because God forgives and forgets. He wipes our record clean. If we are to follow God, we must model his forgiveness. If we forgive someone for a wrong doing, we must forget the wrong doing; otherwise we have not truly forgiven.

We also hear in Verse 13 how God is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate. Too often today, because of abusive and dysfunction of today's families many children are robbed of a loving



father. If that situation is in your life or someone you know, by praying to God you will see how God offers himself to be the Father, you or someone you know, never had or felt you needed. Even though you can't be with him physically to do things, you can receive his love in your heart by means of His Holy Spirit.

In the final three verses we learn how everything, everywhere, is to praise the Lord, and all his angels and all His works. Praising God means remembering all that he has done for us, fearing him and obeying his commands and doing his will. The next time you are praying, ask this question, "How in your life do you praise the Lord?"



# October Birthdays



Ariana Berry  
Glenda Betteridge  
Mike Bidwell  
Richard Borgner  
Lauren Cameron  
Susan Chapin  
Janelle Cole

James Crowl  
Sue Dildine  
Albert Guthrie  
Brielle Hathy  
Paul Hirsimaki  
George Lindgren  
Michelle Logan

Paul Mechling  
Clarissa Murtha  
Stephanie Patriarco  
Karen Randall  
JoAnne Seavey  
Jasmine Steighner  
Connie Woodring



## GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2022

**\$19,183**

							% ESTIMATED OPERATING
MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	%ESTIMATE BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE		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%
May	\$ 12,180	\$ 67,785	87.0%	\$ 15,509	\$ 75,827		94.1%
June	\$ 9,972	\$ 7,757	83.7%	\$ 16,895	\$ 92,722		96.7%
July	\$ 10,141	\$ 87,898	81.5%	\$ 12,356	\$ 105,078		94.5%
August	\$ 12,214	\$100,112	81.5%	\$ 13,716	\$ 118,794		93.2%



### ATTENDANCE

8/28 62  
9/4 65  
9/11 58  
9/18 66



To initiate a prayer on the prayer chain for someone, call **Pearl Ann Curtis (440-593-2190)**.

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.



## “Sanctuary”

**Sanctuary** (Lat. *Sanctuarium*, “holy place”) The area in a church where worship takes place – immediately around an altar, Communion table, or pulpit.<sup>3</sup>

Here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut, Ohio, we have a beautiful sanctuary, as defined by McKim above, a beautiful place where worship takes place, where the stained glass lets colorful light in, neutral colored light bricks allow the light to shine brighter, and a wonderful wooden ceiling. I think our sanctuary is one of the best I’ve been in as it feels modern and mature at the same time. There is something about that space.

But, you know this if you’ve been in the sanctuary. Here is what I am, hopefully, going to teach you – I don’t agree with McKim’s definition of sanctuary (or at least the way I described our sanctuary at Good Shepherd above). During this summer, we’ve been lucky enough to hold most of our worship services outside for the 8:30 a.m. contemporary service. I would submit to you that this area is also the sanctuary as we worship around an altar and a pulpit. I would also submit to you back on Good Friday during the Stations of the Cross on the beach is also a sanctuary.

Therefore, what is required for a sanctuary, at least in my definition? Worship; worship is the only thing we need to have a sanctuary. It doesn’t have to be a separate set aside special place, a sanctuary can be anywhere. Worship communities that gather in high school auditoriums or gymnasiums have a sanctuary in the auditorium or gymnasium. We wouldn’t walk in a high school gym and immediately consider this a “holy place” – even though some of us joke about Lambeau Field being a holy place. We think the sanctuary at this church is special and different than the gymnasiums or auditoriums. But I’m here to tell you, it’s not. Beautiful? Yes; absolutely beautiful. Special and holy? When we gather for worship, yes; but not afterwards.

God exists beyond our walls, beyond our sanctuary, beyond our “special holy places”. God exists in our hearts and in our minds and in our souls and in everything around us. The whole world is holy – each and every person on this planet is holy – because God created the world and each and every person. The sanctuary is within us and around us and between us.

Should this room that we – and McKim – call the sanctuary special, set apart from the rest of the building? Should this room be kept to a higher standard than the rest of the building? Should we do more in this room than in the rest of the building? From a thought of a special holy place, no; but from a thought where we should want to preserve the beauty – the aesthetics – of this room, absolutely. We have such a beautiful room to gather together for worshiping God. It’s not special in the sense of being especially holy, but it’s special in the sense of being our place to come together, safely, where all are welcome, and all should be welcome and safe, to worship the one true and most holy God.

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<sup>3</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>		
October 2		
October 9	In Memory of Our Fathers	Carol & Brian Allds
October 16		
October 23		
October 30		
<b>Flowers:</b>		
October 2		
October 9		
October 16	In Memory of Dick Johnston	Pearl Ann Curtis
October 23		
October 30		
<b>Memorial Candle:</b>		
October	In Memory of Marsha Taylor	Chris Murtha

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



## **Basket Raffle** **Saturday, October 1**

Hello members and friends. As you may know, FISHES and LOAVES plus the QUILTING ministries are holding a basket raffle on October 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will help fund both vital community outreach programs here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In order to make this a success, we need your help! Contributions can include money, gift certificates, complete baskets or items to help build a basket and food.

This exciting event will offer an entry ticket for \$5.00 that also includes 20 raffle tickets and a chance to win a \$250.00 cash door prize!

Also being offered are 50/50 tickets as well as larger prize chances. A light lunch will be available for purchase and we are asking for baked goods to serve as dessert.

Do this as a family project or buddy up with a friend to build a basket and use your imagination. Especially popular are offerings for pets, children, teenagers and men as well as gardeners, cooks and hobbyists. It can be any size. If you cannot afford to make a complete basket, we are accepting donations of cash or new items to help us fill baskets. Or if you wish to donate your time, we would greatly appreciate workers to help us accomplish our goal. If you have beautiful writing skills maybe you can label the baskets from donors? If you have a flair for decorating, we need your help wrapping baskets and presenting them in an attractive manner. Should baking be your talent, consider making a pie, cake, cookies or brownies to sell. Holding an event like this will take a lot of people to man the ticket tables and registration plus food sales. Think about how you can contribute to this worthy fundraiser. It's going to be fun!

Need more information or wish to contribute? Call Martha Jayne Thompson at (440) 593-4873 Michelle Logan at (440) 265-8727 or Shirley Harco at (440) 594-3873.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

## **Congregational Meeting**

**October 9**

After 11:00 Service

- Presentation of the 2023 budget
- Receive nominations of persons to serve on council

Other potential business.



## Blanket Sunday

**October 16**



Blanket Sunday will be October 16. We will have quilts from our quilters and blanket donations from our congregation for distribution to those in need in our community. If you have new or gently-used blankets or quilts, please bring them in for the blessing.

Thank you!



### Order Your Nisua

Nisua bakers are back! **Sign up by Sunday, November 6**, after either worship service, 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, November 12**.

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).





## 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 weekly lunches. Sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk. Volunteers are needed to help out with Fishes & 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 Shirley Harco or Pearl Ann Curtis.

# News & Updates



## A Message from the President

### Highlights of September 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:

#### Treasurer's Report

Our offering income of \$12,214 in August rebounded back to its average after a slump in June and July. Yet, it is still well below the \$15,885 monthly average we need to keep pace with the budget. At the beginning of the year our General Fund checking account balance was \$35,036 but now it is only \$19,183. Fortunately, expenses have been about \$8,700 less than budget and we will continue to be very careful about managing those costs. One of our largest monthly bills is our electricity which is typically \$775 - \$833 a month. Please turn out lights when not needed and be very careful with the A/C in Fellowship Hall. All of us need to do our part with faithful stewardship.

MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT
January	\$ 13,736	\$ 13,736	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,303	+ \$ 4,433
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August	\$ 12,214	\$100,112	\$ 13,716	\$ 118,794	- \$ 18,682

### October 9<sup>th</sup> Congregation Meeting

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a congregation meeting following the 11:00 service. The purposes will be to 1) present the 2023 budget and 2) receive nominations of persons to serve on council. No vote on these issues will occur until the December congregation meeting. We want you to have ample time to discuss and consider the budget and council nominees. Soon you will receive a copy of the proposed budget in the mail. As for the council members, four of the current members are concluding their first three-year term at the end of December. They are eligible for one more three-year term if they are nominated and accept. Those persons are Jennifer Best, Kay Peterson, Pearl Ann Curtis, and Mark Lytle. Additional candidates can be nominated at this meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### ELCA Vital Congregation Training

For the past several decades, mainstream Christian denominations have experienced sharp declines in membership and participation. This trend was accelerated by the COVID shut-down.



Our congregation is no exception to the decline but we will be fighting back. The ELCA is conducting a **Vital Congregation Training** that is designed toward congregation renewal or revitalization. This is a fast paced co-creative and co-experimental training facilitated by leaders with steep experience in redeveloping congregations, as well as added guest presenters from a variety of settings. There will be four 1½ hour virtual meetings to be held October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. While the program details have not been fully disclosed, council unanimously supported our participation. Look for more on this in the November ECHO.

### **New Security Company**

For the past several years, **Vector Security** has been serving Good Shepherd. However, in 2022 we have experienced numerous malfunctions but Vector has not been responsive to correct the problems. Property chairman, George Peterson researched the field of security companies and heartily recommended **Electronic Fortress** of Painesville. The monthly cost for protection from Electronic Fortress is slightly less than Vector but there is a set-up fee of \$3,475. The new system will have more features than the present one which we believe will provide important enhancements. Council unanimously approved the selection of Electronic Fortress. As of now there is no time table for the new installation.

### **Doors to be Re-keyed**

Presently, the key to lock and unlock the office entrance door is not the same as the key to the main entrance door. Plus, because there are numerous other keys needed for office doors, storage closets, etc., we think it is time to simplify the locks in the church. Furthermore, we are not sure how many keys are held by individuals who no longer need to have one. By re-keying the locks, we will improve our security and make it easier for authorized persons to have access throughout the building. The cost to re-key is \$1,507.

### **Sandusky Street Update**

The electrical upgrade is done, eighteen new windows have been installed, the interior painting is nearly done and may be completed by the time you read this, and the new flooring is being installed. Next on the list is to tuck point some of the basement mortar joints, paint the basement, have the heating ductwork cleaned, install a new tub/shower-surround, and remove numerous saplings that have grown around the foundation of the house. Presently we are within the approved \$25,000 budget and, if there is enough money remaining, we will also replace the kitchen cabinets. I know you will be proud of that property when the job is finished.

If you have any questions about or wish to discuss decisions made by council or any other activities within the church, please contact me at your convenience. My cell phone number is 440 228-7912 and my email address is [mdlfm2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mdlfm2002@yahoo.com).

God's Peace to you,

*Mark Lytle*

Council President

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# Committee News

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## Evangelism

We were able to serve 635 lunches for the month of August and 47 families in the food pantry. A huge thank you to all those who have helped with the lunches. We do not know what we would do without all your love and support for this ministry.

Evangelism, along with Christian Education, would like to host a Trunk-or-Treat event on October 31. This event is for the entire community. We have hosted this before COVID. It was very well attended and over 100 children took part. The event will be held in Fellowship Hall. In order to host this event we are in need of people who would host a table, set up and run the games, and help in the kitchen with the food. We also will need donations of candy and small trinkets for prizes. If you would like to help with this event please contact either Michelle or Mary. We will need a commitment by October 10th so that we can plan and publicize the event to the community.

Blessings,

*Michelle Logan*

The Evangelism Team, Chair

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## Property

It's no secret the clock keeps running and for each of us time marches on! Every trip around the sun we each get another year older! The people that have been working on church maintenance over the years still have a very strong will but our ability to do the physical work around the church is becoming very limited! We have about 450 years of experience.... not bad if you're talking about 10 people. We are actually only talking about 6 people. Most weeks we have maybe 3 people and that usually means it's raining otherwise it's 1 person.

Help Needed!!! We have several projects we need to get accomplished:

- 1) Install trash dumpster enclosure.
- 2) Replace damaged downspouts around the church.
- 3) Replace spot light fixtures in sanctuary with fixtures to use LED bulbs. Increasing light while reducing cost of lighting.
- 4) Clean gutters around church (some are growing small tree farms).
- 5) Seal entrance aprons into parking lots.
- 6) Replace floor tiles in areas on both sides of the stage in Fellowship Hall.
- 7) Clean and paint wall in Family Room (Former Library).
- 8) Paint walls in the areas on both sides the stage in Fellowship Hall.
- 9) Paint all interior doors (Make all the same color).
- 10) Repair and refinish both Men's and Woman's restroom stall walls.
- 11) Repair floors in education wing where bubbled.
- 12) Fabricate walls and doors for areas on both sides of stage in Fellowship Hall.

\* This is a Partial list

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These items are the projects and do not include the regular maintenance items that need to be handled on a weekly basis.

This cry for help does not need to be just on Tuesday mornings. We want to do whatever we can to work into your schedule! If you are interested in helping out please text or call George Peterson (440) 344-7953 or email at [pgeorge229@gwcmail.net](mailto:pgeorge229@gwcmail.net). Let me know what days and times work best for you! Bring the family! Instead of donuts we could have pizza! 3M's=Members Maintenance Ministry.

Be Blessed!

*George Peterson*

Property Committee

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### **Social Ministry**

Fall is in the air, but I continue to hope for warm fall temperatures. When the first snow falls, I will consider hibernation. I have been exploring alternatives to going out in the snow. The best I can do now is to schedule everything around the dog's grooming appointment every six weeks. It is in Ashtabula, near Walmart, Aldi, and Tractor Supply. The three places that get the bulk of my budget. It's all about the groceries, first for the dog and the cats, house and barn cats, horse and myself. If I make and keep a list, I can do it in two hours once every six weeks. That does not include visiting the aisles. So if you see me and I appear rushed, I am running late.

The Fish Fry was a success! Now we are helping with the Basket Raffle, a joint effort of our committees. We will adopt families for Christmas again. Look for a congregational meal and continuation of the food pantry and lunch ministries. Watch the announcements for these things to be published.

Blanket Sunday will be October 16<sup>th</sup> and we will have quilts from our quilters and blanket donations from our congregation. If you have new or gently used blankets or quilts, please bring them in for the blessing on Sunday.

If you are interested in joining one of the committees, don't hesitate to contact me, Michelle Logan, or the office. We are always happy to see new faces.

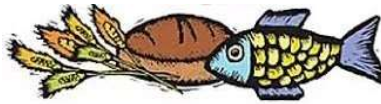
The prayer chain has been quiet for a while; I will be the new person to call with your requests: (440) 593-2190. If I don't answer, please leave a message or your number so I can call you back. We will be following the same rules.

Serve the Lord with gladness,

*Pearl Ann Curtis*

Social Ministry Team

## Fishes & Loaves



### Ministry

#### FREE LUNCH

Pickup: 11:00 to 12:30 Saturday

Lunches include: Dinners, as well as vegetable, chips, fruit, and drink, plus a special treat



Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

Wednesday 9:00 to 2:00 and 5:00 to 7:00

After hours Food Pantry phone number: (440) 381-1018



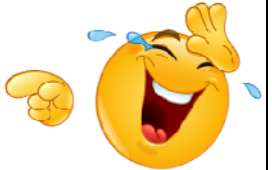
Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

#### Essential Cleaning and Hygiene Items

Items include paper products, household items, and hygiene items



# October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>1</b> <b>10-3 Basket Raffle</b>
<b>2</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>3</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>4</b> 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls	<b>5</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>6</b> 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>7</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>8</b> <b>Pet Blessing</b> 11-12:30 Free Lunches
<b>9 Bible Sunday</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service <b>Congregation Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>11</b> 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls 6:00 Committees	<b>12</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>13</b> 5:30 Line Dancing 6:00 Finance	<b>14</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>15</b> 11-12:30 Free Lunches
<b>16 Blanket Sunday</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>17</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>18</b> 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls 6:00 Council	<b>19</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>20</b> Echo Articles Due 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>21</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>22</b> 11-12:30 Free Lunches
<b>23</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>24</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>25</b> 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls	<b>26</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>27</b> 5:30 Line Dancing	<b>28</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>39</b> 11-12:30 Free Lunches
<b>30</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	<b>31</b> 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<p>From a compilation by Max Bowen of announcements that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:</p> <p>"The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I upped My Pledge—Up Yours'"</p> 				



*Lord, we are your servants . . .*

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER	HOSPITALITY	ACOLTYES	PROJECTION
10/2/2022 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Susan Combs	Katrina Pavolino	Shirley Brookhouser	Jerry Brookhouser			
11:00	Faye Lampela	Mark Lytle	Ruth Brown	Ruth Brown	Kay Peterson			
10/9/2022 8:30	Richard Tulino	Kathy Mills	Julie & Rich Kantola	Nancy Altman Dolores Pelow	Richard Tulino			
11:00	Jennifer Best	Paul Mechling	Stacy Racut	Stephanie Newsome	Janelle Cole			
10/16/2022 8:30	Mike Malys	Shirley Harco	Janet Maenpaa	Peggy & Shirley Harco	Mike Malys			
11:00	Mark Lytle	Greg Betteridge	Stacy Racut	Bob & EJ Hybert	Stacy Racut			
10/23/2022 8:30	Richard Tulino	Amy Gallagher	Suzanne Malys	Sue & John Chapin	Richard Tulino			
11:00	Jennifer Best	Janelle Cole	Kelly Anthony	Joanne Mechling	Paul Mechling			
10/30/2022 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Jerry Brookhouser	Mike Malys	Katrina Pavolino	Amy Gallagher			
11:00	Mark Lytle	Michelle Logan	Glenda Betteridge	Mary Lou Moisio	Greg Betteridge			

**OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD:** Kelly Anthony,  
Ruth Brown, Susan Combs

Serving  
from the  
Heart

