



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

NOVEMBER 2022

From the thoughts of the pastor . . .

The last few weeks have been a bit busy. From catching up from being sick for a week to preparing for a wedding to the everyday things, these last few weeks have been busy and a bit tiring. I mentioned in the sermon on Sunday, October 16th about being revitalized and recharged and how Sunday morning worship services are supposed to be a chance to be revitalized and recharged – at least for the week between services. But there's a different kind of revitalization – the revitalization of a congregation and community.

Over the, almost year, there's been this expectedness, a sense that when the pastor comes, he/she/they will automatically bring more people to the church and the church will be like pre-COVID or like when that other pastor was here. I'm sorry to say, it doesn't work that way; a new pastor doesn't mean automatic attendance increase – usually the opposite. The Church Council is currently being part of the Vital Congregation Training offered by the ELCA. As such, one of the key overlying themes is the pastor doesn't "fix" everything and a new pastor – whether first call or 4th call – won't fix everything. The "fix" comes from the congregation and within the congregation. One of the words that came about during one of the sessions was rebuilding and I wonder, what does rebuild mean.

We heard and hear about houses in Florida, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and other places about the rebuilding happening after Hurricane Ian. Rebuilding here might mean the physical rebuilding of the homes, new roofs or whole new homes. But what about rebuilding families? That isn't something that is physical and something that can be done with money or labor. Storms can certainly cause families to split apart and become distant.

Storms come in all ways – from physical storms like Ian to coming out of the closet or political differences or decisions made without consultation. Remember when the decision to _____ was made without letting the congregation know? How much division did that cause. And it's not just our church, it's Conneaut itself, the country and the world. Decisions are made by people who we either elect or appoint to make decisions on our part. We like to complain, rant and rave, even in the public newspaper about decisions that are going to affect us. Even though we had the opportunity to talk before the decision was made; we like to complain after the fact.

And that includes the congregation. In case you are not aware, you are now being informed – or re-informed – that all council meetings, all finance meetings, all committee meetings are open to the public. Yes, they are held in the evening to allow all those who work to attend, which does take away from family time. But you can no longer say you were not informed if you chose not to attend a meeting. However, the leadership of the church, including the pastor, could be more transparent on what is happening in the church, which as the pastor I will make more of an effort to make sure that happens. (This might mean more mailings or more emails, probably emails).

There are things happening in this congregation and will happen in this congregation that pushes us out of our comfort zone, out of the zone where we've always been, out of the zone of "when [that other pastor] was here...", out of the zone of what we think a Lutheran church should be (especially the 1950s or 60s or 70s Lutheran church). We are the post-pandemic 2020s Lutheran church which looks different and is going to look and act different.

So, we go back to the original question: what does rebuilding mean? Well, to me and a very personal opinion, not representative of council, of synod, of ELCA, rebuilding means to find out who we are and why we exist. Are we, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to be the Lutheran church in the area or are we here to promote the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the community? I can tell you, as the pastor and theological/Lutheran expert of the church, what it means to be Lutheran, but I can't tell you what it means to be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; this is something that needs to be found out by you all, especially post-pandemic.

So, here is something that might be coming down, provided council wishes to move in this direction. We might be having house meetings again to find what values we hold as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut and what we are called to do – our Mission here. Which means a revisiting and possible rewrite of our mission statement, which I would guess no one really knows – even I don't know. There is some work coming down the pike, and – alongside of this work, some serious changes might happen – cosmetic, organizational, and emotional. Something that I've been harping on in the sermons is faith in hard work. Having a church and a congregation and a place to worship God is hard work and potential changes are hard work. It is work, though, that can be done and joyfully done when we truly care about the congregation, community, and what the church is – why the church exists.

Therefore, something to begin to consider is a willingness to host a house meeting and attending a house meeting. We might be hosting some larger “house” meetings in the Fellowship Hall but other house meetings in people's houses limiting to a number (YTBD). We are now post-pandemic and we ought to take this opportunity with a new pastor who isn't going anywhere any time soon, to rebuild of who we are and what it means to be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The COVID pandemic is/was a terrible thing but it has offered a time to reboot, reset, restart what it means to be a church. We might have to let some things that we've held on for years go and we might have to let some things that we expect to happen go. The motto going on from here will be this: “doing things because we've always done them that way is not an excuse or a reason.” We will hold true to the core Lutheranism and Christian faith because that is who we are in our souls and our hearts.

I've heard this analogy regarding the church and I agree with it: the church is like a rose bush, sometimes you have to trim the bush way down to get it to come back more vibrant and more beautiful than ever before. Let us make our church a rose bush again, trim back to let it grow again.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)

The Reverend Joshua Krenz

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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

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Conneaut, OH 44030
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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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Office Staff

Clarissa Murtha, Secretary/Financial Secretary
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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



Forgiveness

Did something ever happen in your life that made you feel that maybe you needed to be forgiven? Did you have an opportunity to forgive someone but let the moment pass without doing anything? A lot of people have trouble forgiving themselves for various reasons, usually because it has to do with family or friends. We find ourselves wishing we had done things differently.

Most of us can say that sometime in our lives we have hurt someone, and when you finally asked for forgiveness it was too late. The hurt may have gone so deep that an irreversible split developed between you and that person. After apologizing and asking for forgiveness and not getting any response, you may have to step back and accept the fact that the split can't be repaired and you just have to let it go. At this time we have to learn how to forgive ourselves and move on.

In the Jewish tradition when you cause pain to someone you have to do more than apologize. If you break someone's window, not only do you apologize, you offer to pay for fixing it. Most people are afraid to apologize to anyone, but once you do, not only will you feel a certain peace, the other person will too. Repentance means that not only are you sorry, but that you are sorry enough to change your ways. You have to move from feeling guilty, to changing your behavior.

You can't make anyone forgive you, but God will forgive us if we have genuine remorse. It's hard for some people to believe because most of us have had someone in our life who will not forgive us for something. In the book of Micah from the Old Testament (7:18-19) we hear this, "You, God, do not stay angry forever because you delight in showing unfailing love. You again will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under our feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob."

God delights in showing His unfailing love! He does not forgive grudgingly but is glad when we repent, and He offers forgiveness to all who come back to Him. Today you can confess your sins and receive His loving forgiveness. Don't be too proud to accept God's free offer!



We remember ...

Ernest "Ernie" Waid
James "Mick" Poff
Kenneth Pew
Kay Shannon
Ellen Gee

Christopher Harco
Ernest Taylor, Jr
Joan Richards
William "Bear" Ingersoll



Sunday, November 27

All hands on deck for the Hanging of the Greens! Social Ministry will have a pot-luck dinner after the 11:00 o'clock service on November 27th before the Hanging of the Greens. Please plan to attend, bring a covered dish and enjoy a meal and fellowship with folks from both services as we decorate our church for the Christmas season.

November Birthdays



Carol Allds
Pamela Anderson
Pearl Ann Curtis
Paul Brown
AnnaMae Cameron
Shelly Carpenter
Pamela Deemer
Aiden Hathy

Pam Hunt
Jerry Janco
Caroline Lytle
Carson Lytle
Susan McCarron
Kathy Mills
Dan Patriarco

Judy Pew
Cheryl Poff
David Punkar
Taylor Racut
Cameron Sorrell
Susan Tan
Ronald Young



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

\$15,746

| | | | | | | % |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | | 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% |
| September | \$ 9,817 | \$109,929 | 79.8% | \$ 14,822 | \$ 133,617 | 93.8% |



ATTENDANCE

9/25 68
10/2 60
10/9 65
10/16 59
10/23 51



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.



“Redevelopment”

no theological definition from our Theological Dictionary

Redevelopment is a word used in the ELCA church as a formal process of renewing congregations through scripture and internal evaluations with the help of a specialized leadership team. While it sounds like a good resource, this can be very hard for a congregation and usually happens after a long-term pastor has left. That being said, the formal process can be hard and would cause significant leadership changes, a redevelopment through the process of internal discussions and discovery of the nature of what the church is – the true identity of the church. As part of redevelopment, either formal or informal, we revisit what our mission statement is and find the values of the church. Let’s look at these words for a moment.

Mission statement is the “formal summary of the aims and values of a company, organization, or individual.”¹ In other words, in no more than 12 words (goal) people can look at a mission statement and see what the company, organization, or individual exists for. For example: this is the mission statement of the ELCA, “We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.”² Mission statements can be confused with Statements of Purpose (which got me while writing this) which is why the company or organization exists. For example: the primary purpose statement of the ELCA is, “The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God’s creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.”³ We can get pretty deep in the weeds but it is enough to say a Mission Statement is the “What” and the Statement of Purpose is the “Why”. Now for the other word, values.

Value is the “the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.”⁴ In other words, this is what the company, organization, or individual holds as truly important, unchanging, or fixed. For example: the ELCA values are: “Forgiveness and reconciliation; dignity, compassion and justice; inclusion and diversity; courage and openness to change; [and] faithful stewardship of God’s creation and gifts.”⁵ Each one of these values has a brief description of why they are important to the ELCA. Every synod and every church congregation has a mission statement and a set of values, but not every congregation knows their mission statement, values, or perhaps knows them but doesn’t follow them.

¹ <https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>

² <https://www.elca.org/>

³ ELCA Constitution, Chapter 4, Section 01.

⁴ <https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>

⁵ <https://www.elca.org/About/Mission-and-Vision>

Mission statements and values are not mottos. A motto, going back to the ELCA again, is “God’s Word. Our Hands” or from the American Red Cross, “Give Blood”. Mottos are very informal ways of getting the message across but don’t have any substantive meaning behind them. All those bumper stickers you see, especially the political ones, they are all mottos, not mission statements. This is what is missing here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, a mission statement that everyone knows and everything we do follows, and a set of values that we check and recheck ourselves against. “Do these [new] ministries apply to our mission statement” is a question we should be asking ourselves when and before we do something and “not because we’ve always done it.”

So what? What is the next step? Well, the initial next step is a leadership discussion regarding looking into and forming a new mission statement committee – the church council will have some say in this but not exclusively be leading this committee. Then, this new committee (probably 4-5) will begin to formulate ways to get the information they need, one of which can be home meetings – cottage meetings if you will. These meetings will have the ultimate goal to find what the values of the congregation are and from these values a mission statement will be written. The mission statement, along with a report will be presented to the church council then the congregation where a vote will occur to approve or reject the new mission statement. Through this whole process, conversations will continually be happening and ample opportunity will occur for everyone to participate – including our pre and post-confirmation students and young adults.

Once a new mission statement is approved, it will be everywhere and everything we do will be applicable to this statement. This is not a short-term process; this will take a few years. But, as the saying goes, strike the metal while it’s hot; now is the time to begin the process as we are coming out of the pandemic with everything else changing.

I know there will be fears and concerns, believe me, I have them too. I really didn’t plan coming into a first-call and rewriting a mission statement for the church. But the Holy Spirit moves and God’s plans supersede our own plans. Too many things have happened to make me believe God is moving here and we should be moving with God. After all, a stagnant pond will eventually dry up where a flowing lake is constantly refreshed – so is it with the church. We can stay where we are, doing what we do until we are all dried up and forced to close, or we can redevelop ourselves into a flowing lake where new faces, new ideas, and new energy comes and recharges every one of us. We are called by God to serve and share God’s word.



Memorial Candle



Our Sponsors

| Date | In Honor/Memory of | Given by |
|-------------------------|---|----------|
| Bulletins: | | |
| November 6 | | |
| November 13 | | |
| November 20 | In honor of Emily McQueeney's 17 th birthday | Family |
| November 27 | | |
| Flowers: | | |
| November 6 | | |
| November 13 | | |
| November 20 | | |
| November 27 | | |
| Memorial Candle: | | |
| November | | |

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



Order Your Nisua

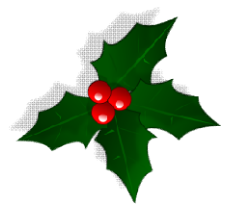
Nisua bakers are back! **Sign up by Sunday, November 6**, after either worship service, or call the church office at (440) 599-8908 during the week. Cost is \$5 per loaf. Your ordered nisua will be available for **pickup at noon on Saturday, November 12.**





It's Christmas Shopping Time!

Black Friday is November 25
Consider using **AmazonSmile!**



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

How can I learn more about AmazonSmile?

Complete AmazonSmile program details are available at smile.amazon.com or phone the church office, (440) 599-8908.



Someone on your Christmas list hard to shop for? Give them something that's hard to wrap! Sponsor a gift in honor of a friend or loved one and support projects of one of many churchwide ministries. Visit ELCA.org/goodgifts for all the details.



Christmas poinsettia plants are available at a cost of \$10.00 per plant. Payment along with this form may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church office.

We would ask that one name or one couple be honored or memorialized for each plant ordered. Thank you!

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Donor's Name _____ Envelope No. _____

LAST DAY FOR ORDERING WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022.



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 October 18th Council Meeting

Review of October 16th Congregation Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold.

1. Present the proposed 2023 budget.
2. Receive nominations for the 4 council seats that will become open.

No vote was taken on either issue because this was an information meeting only. The vote will take place at the next congregation meeting in December.

The proposed 2023 budget is \$187,465 which is actually \$3,158 lower than the 2022 budget. The primary difference is that we reduced the number of paid office workers from two to one. Chris Murtha has been handling most of the office duties this year but she plans to retire ASAP in 2023. We are currently seeking a new Administrative Assistant to be trained by Chris and Pastor Josh.

The four council seats that are expiring at the end of December are held by Vice President Jennifer Best, Ministry Team Leader Pearl Ann Curtis, Secretary Kay Peterson, and President Mark Lytle. All four of the council members are concluding their first three-year term and are eligible to serve one more three-year term, if they agree to be re-nominated and are elected by the congregation. At the congregation meeting the four members were re-nominated and agreed to serve a second, and final, three-year term. Jennifer Best has decided to relinquish her position as vice president but will serve as councilperson-at-large, if elected. Additional nominations can be made prior to the December congregation meeting.

Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Luncheon

Good Shepherd is a member of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce and has been invited to attend its appreciation luncheon at New Leaf Event Center November 2. Pastor Josh and Mark Lytle will represent Good Shepherd.

Handbell Choir May Reform

I believe it was in the late 1980's that Nancy Guthrie organized and directed our handbell choir. After a couple of decades of excellent music, she stepped down and the choir was directed by various other persons. Probably the two longest serving ringers were Phyllis Waid and Bob Hybert. In recent years it has been inactive but that might be changing. There is some interest in reforming the choir. We have lots and lots of handbell sheet music to choose from and the bells have been kept in excellent condition. If you have an interest in being part of the choir, please tell Pastor Josh or Chris Murtha.

Peace and love be with you,

Mark Lytle

Council President

Committee News

Cover Girls

The quilters have been keeping busy this fall. Thank you to all the quilters for all their hard work. A special thank you to Carol Allds for packing all the quilts to be shipped. We are grateful to Ruth Brown and Susan Combs for setting up the quilts and boxes in the altar area. We sent 56 blankets of love to Lodi as a part of Lutheran World Relief. Once again Susan and Wes Combs volunteered to deliver them. Sadly we bid Susan and Wes a safe trip as they head to their winter home in Florida. You will be missed.

We will be delivering quilts and blankets to the Human Resource Center for local needs. A final count will be posted in the next Echo.

In His Service,
Shirley Harco
Cover Girls

Social Ministry

Time is flying by, it was Summer for a few days, or so it seemed to me. I am not looking forward to what is on the horizon; snow and a lot of clothes layered on to keep us warm. I am already waiting for Spring.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and **Advent** is on its heels. Social Ministry will have a pot-luck dinner after the 11:00 o'clock service on November 27th before the Hanging of the Greens. Please plan to attend, bring a covered dish and enjoy a meal and fellowship with folks from both services as we decorate our church for the Christmas season. As we have done in the past, we will be putting the ornaments on the giving tree. If you take a gift ornament, please return the gift wrapped with the tree tag by December 18th. If you know a family that needs some help this year, contact me, Susan Chapin, Shirley Harco, or the office before November 23rd.

We will be having a congregational dinner in February next year. There is not a lot going on then. Ash Wednesday is the 22nd and lent begins. We hope to have a date for the next Echo.

Thanks to the committee that did the basket raffle. It was a success and a lovely time. If you couldn't attend this year, we hope to see you next year.

You can find the church announcements posted on the TV in the gathering space. Check them out.

God's Blessings
The Social Ministry Team
Pearl Ann Curtis

Evangelism

Our first Basket Raffle was a success. We were able to raise \$2,025. This will be shared equally between Fishes and Loaves, Nick's Closet, Social Ministry and Quilting. Thank you to all those who either or both donated, brought tickets and helped with the raffle. We have been truly blessed. Mark your calendar for next year's raffle. It will be held the first Saturday in October.

I would like to take the time to thank Martha Jayne Thompson, Janice Boyle, David Thompson, Robin Bryant, Ruth Brown, Mary Lou Moio, Betty Monday, Amy Gallagher, Peggy and Shirley Harco, Nickolas Mason, Katrina Pavolino, Emily McQueeney. Without these many hands our Fishes and Loaves cannot be possible.

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Fishes and Loaves ministry. We meet at 9:30 to start preparing the lunches and we end at 12:30. You don't have to stay the whole 3 hours; any amount of time is greatly appreciated. We also need help with the food pantry on Saturdays from 11 to 12:30. Signup sheets are in the gathering space.

Serving Christ

Michelle Logan

The Evangelism Team, Chair

Thank you! Thank you!

TO ALL THOSE THAT MADE OUR BASKET RAFFLE A HUGE SUCESSS

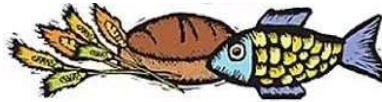
SHIRLEY HARCO
PEGGY HARCO
RUTH BROWN
CAROL ALLDS
LORI BIDWELL
JANELLE COLE
PEARL ANNE CURTIS
JULIE KANTOLA
ROBIN BRYANT AND FAMILY
AMY GALLAGHER
JAN UVEGAS
GREG AND GLENDA BETTRIDGE
SUSAN COMBS
SUE CHAPIN
KATLIN FULLER
SHERI WALLRIDGE
COVER GIRLS
RON YOUNG
MARTHA JAYNE THOMPSON
AND ALL THOSE THAT WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS



November 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| | | 1 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls | 2 9:00 &10:30 YMCA Fitness 9-2 Food Pantry | 3 5:30 Line Dancing | 4 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 &10:30 YMCA Fitness11:45 Gentle Yoga | 5 11-12:30 Free lunches |
| 6 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service | 7 9:00 &10:30 YMCA Fitness | 8 9:00 3M's 6:00 Committees | 9 9:00 &10:30 YMCA Fitness 9-2 Food Pantry | 10 5:30 Line Dancing 6:00 Finance | 11 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 &10:30 YMCA Fitness11:45 Gentle Yoga | 12 Nisua Bake 11-12:30 Free lunches |
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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

Dinners are included with lunches



Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

Wednesday 9:00 to 2:00

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

Lord, we are your servants . . .

| DATE/ TIME | ASSISTING MINISTER | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | USHERS | GREETERS | READER | HOSPITALITY | ACOLTYES |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| 11/6/2022 8:30 | Amy Gallagher | Katrina Pavolino | Julie Kantola | Pearl Ann Curtis | Shirley Harco | | |
| 10:30 | Mark Lytle | Janelle Cole | Stacy Racut | Joanne Mechling | Paul Mechling | | |
| 11/13/2022 8:30 | Mike Malys | Kathy Mills | Rick Vidmar | John & Sue Chapin | Dolores Pelow | | |
| 11:00 | Kay Peterson | Mark Lytle | Kelly Anthony | Bob & E.Jay Hybert | Mark Lytle | | |
| 11/20/2022 8:30 | | Amy Gallagher | Kathy Mills | Nancy Altman | Amy Gallagher | | |
| 11:00 | Jennifer Best | Michelle Logan | Stacy Racut | Mary Lou Moisio | Janelle Cole | | |
| 11/27/2022 8:30 | Richard Tulino | Jerry Brookhouser | Suzanne Malys | Shirley & Peggy Harco | Richard Tulino | | |
| 11:00 | George Peterson | Glenda Betteridge | Michelle Logan | Ruth Brown | Greg Betteridge | | |

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD:

Katrina Pavolino, Ruth Brown, Stephanie
Newsome, Janelle Cole, Sue Chapin

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