



# *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**

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

*From the thoughts of the pastor . . .*

Last month, I kind of went long winded about something that seemed to bother me. So, this month I'll try and keep it shorter. Last month, I spoke about visitation and how I think visitations work. Basically, it's a "no news good news" idea and those who would like a visit from the pastor, should let the office or the pastor know. I do, however, understand that reaching out and asking for help (as a visitation request is a form of help) is difficult for some people, especially the men of society. Asking for help is construed and perceived as a sign of weakness and society, especially of the generation that is the majority of our congregation, has said men cannot be perceived as weak. I'm going to tell you flat out, I never see anyone as weak and I will not tolerate anyone criticizing or teasing anyone for asking for help, crying, or any signs of (this so-called) weakness. Asking for help is, sometimes, the hardest thing a person can do and takes a great amount of strength to ask for help.

However, this is my belief and education. As the pastor, I am here to make sure everyone is welcomed regardless of their emotional, physical, spiritual, or mental state. A story that I've told some of you is as follows:

Back in March 2003, the son of my pastor in Santa Fe completed suicide. I had just gotten back from a skiing trip with the youth group of the church my family was attending while living in Colorado Springs when we got the phone call from a congregant back in Santa Fe. It was a Saturday evening. The next day is when the news hit me pretty hard. I was used to going to the second service. My father went to the first service and came home saying going to church was helpful. So, my mother and I went to the second service. All was ok until the readings or the gospel (I honestly don't remember) when I lost control of my feelings and started crying and crying hard. We left the service. No one in the congregation criticized, told me to shush, or anything of the like to me or my family for crying and crying hard and loud. The service just went on and people worshiped.

I tell you this story, not to seek sympathy, but to say here in this church, all are welcome; crying, laughing, shouts of AMEN, children, all are welcome. You don't have to be strong to come and worship God because God is there to take your burdens from you. There is no expectation to sit and be stoic during a worship service; one heals faster and easier when surrounded by loved ones especially in a worship setting. Realizing that you have loved ones here around you makes bearing the burdens we carry easier and helps getting you to where you want to be.

So what does this have to do with visitations? Simple, it is not a sign of weakness to ask for a visit or a prayer or help in any way. As such, realizing that some aren't comfortable with asking in person, the Prayer Request Box has been turned into a Prayer and Visitation Request Box located in the Narthex. There are dedicated cards next to the box where you have the opportunity to write a prayer request (which can then be checked for publicized (prayer chain) or for the pastor prayers only). Then you have the opportunity to request a visit from the pastor or other (other being the visitation team yet to be formed). You can request a visit for another person if they are unable to come or call or ask for themselves. This box is checked only by the pastor and all prayer requests or visitation requests remain confidential unless otherwise opted.

For those who are able to make a phone call, visitation requests can be made by calling the office and speaking with the Administrative Assistant or asking to speak to the pastor.

Because of the nature of visitations (the travel time, time spent with the persons, etc.), visitations are made on request. Something I mentioned last month but didn't go into too much detail is why ordinary visitations are declining. (I should take a moment here and say the visitations I speak of are NOT funeral, end of life types of visits, rather regular congregant visits. Hospital visits can be included on these cards but should be called into the office.) Anyway, here are the reasons pastors don't and really should not visit much<sup>1</sup>:

- 1) It's unbiblical: according to scripture, pastors are to equip and train others to do ministry; pastors are not to be doing ALL ministry.
- 2) It deprives members of their roles and opportunities: ministry is for all in the church and all have the opportunity given by God to do ministry. When the pastor does all the ministry, it takes away such opportunities.
- 3) It fosters a country club (social club) mentality: offerings are donations and not dues. When people begin to say, "we pay the salary of the pastor and therefore he works for us" we diminish the offerings given which are intended to return a portion of what God has given us back to God.
- 4) It turns the church inward: when we begin to say "what is the pastor doing for them" we are forgetting that we are an outward service and forget how to serve others (not of this church or congregation) through the church.
- 5) It takes away from sermon preparation: all pastors have different ways and habits of writing sermons. I read the text and do other office things, walk around the building, all while focused on the sermon. Visitations either take away that focus or don't allow me to focus on the person I'm visiting.
- 6) It takes away from the pastor's outward focus: the pastors calling is to serve people in the congregation and the community. If the pastor is spending all their time visiting, it makes it impossible to get into the community and share the gospel.
- 7) It takes away vital leadership from the pastor: again the pastor is there to prepare and teach others to do ministry, which one cannot do if they are constantly visiting everyone.
- 8) It fosters unhealthy comparisons among the members: as pastors we love every member equally, though as humans we are drawn to others more than some. Thus, as humans, we would want to visit those we are drawn more to than others.
- 9) It is never enough: something that pastors understand going into congregations is the idea that we will fail to meet expectations and the entitlement mentality. There is a mentality that as "members of the church" we are entitled to certain perks including more often visits.
- 10) It leads to pastor burnout: there are just not enough hours in the day to do everything a pastor is required of them. This goes back to the expectations of the pastor and our failure to meet these expectations of everyone. It is impossible for pastors to maintain a pace to meet these expectations.
- 11) It leads to high pastor turnover: this is the result of pastor burnout. An unhealthy congregation is a congregation that has many short-term pastors.
- 12) It puts a lid on Great Commission growth of the church: Jesus instructed his disciples to go and do ministry, to spread the gospel. This is not a calling to just the pastors. If we rely only on the pastor to grow the church, we will be putting a cap on the potential we can be.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://churchanswers.com/blog/fifteen-reasons-pastor-not-visit-much/>

- 13) It leads pastors to get their affirmation from the wrong source: we pastors are called by God to lead people. When we lead others we please God. When we are doing only visitations, we please people.
- 14) It causes biblical church members to leave: going back to (1), many church members know that it is not biblical for the pastor to do all the visitations; they know the church isn't supposed to operate in this manner, thus causing them to leave for another church or leave the church all together.
- 15) It is a sign the church is dying: the two things that kill a church are the reluctance of change and a sole focus on visiting congregants. If pastors are not able to lead their congregation, are not able to train congregants, are not able to equip others for their callings and opportunities, and thus not able to be in the community to get new members, the church will die.

All this is to say I do like doing visits and want to visit and want to make the visit with all of you special without a time constraint or any other restrictions. I'd rather set up a visit with a congregant once a month and be able to spend a few hours (if desired) rather than having to rush from one visit to another. I also, though, need to be able to do the physical work of the church (sermon preparation, committee work, worship preparation, etc.). This is why I am trying this Prayer and Visitation Request Box which I hope will be utilized. For the more tech-savvy and website usage of you, on the church website ([www.gslcc.org](http://www.gslcc.org)) is a prayer request link which is sent only to my email box. On that form, you can request a visitation as well.

So, in summation, visitations (except funeral, end of life type of visitations) are requested based – no request means all is good and pastor will assume as much. The box in the Narthex is one place where a visitation request can be made privately, the website another. I strongly (and can't say it enough) STRONGLY encourage anyone to let the office (or me) know if you – or a loved one – is in the hospital. You don't have to be strong to request a visit, in fact I encourage you to seek the church during times of so-called "weakness". I will never judge, nor let anyone else judge, you. I want you to take leadership and initiative on your part for something simple. This will lead you to take leadership and initiative (later if at all) for other things in the church. This will help the church grow and fulfill our callings given to us by God.

Amen+





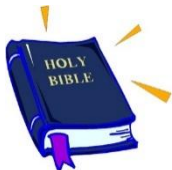
السلام عليكم (Peace be upon you)

*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</li> <li>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 – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

### Pastoral Staff

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

### Office Staff

Jennifer Best, Administrative Assistant  
[goodshepherd@gwcmail.net](mailto:goodshepherd@gwcmail.net)

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

# February Birthdays



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

Cindy Nelson  
David Nolan  
Morgan Owens  
Heidi Parkomaki  
Sophia Poff

Stacy Racut  
Emma VanNorman  
Mary Vidmar  
Levi Watson  
Caroline Watson



## GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

**\$10,015**

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%
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%
October	\$ 11,669	\$121,598	79.6%	\$ 12,457	\$ 146,074	92.4%
November	\$ 10,826	\$132,424	78.9%	\$ 14,819	\$ 160,893	91.8%
December	\$ 12,809	\$145,233	78.7%	\$ 16,201	\$ 177,094	92.9%



### ATTENDANCE

12/24 75  
12/25 9  
1/1 38  
1/8 69  
1/15 61  
1/22 56

## Prayer & Visitation

Prayer and visitation requests may be submitted in the box in the Narthex using the cards provided. Prayer chain requests can also be initiated by calling **Pearl Ann Curtis (440-593-2190)**. If you know of someone who is hospitalized, sick or needs a visit, you may also call the church office **(440-599-8908)** so that a visit can be arranged.



**Alice "Faye" Lampela**

December 24, 1961 – December 29, 2022

Alice "Faye" Lampela (nee Best), 61, entered eternal rest Thursday afternoon, December 29, 2022 at home while surrounded by her family. She was born in Ashland, KY on December 24, 1961 to Harold D. and Delores J. (Church) Best.

She is a 1980 graduate of Ashtabula St. John High School. Faye was a majorette and excelled in track in the long jump and hurdles. Following high school, she attended Kent State University- Ashtabula Campus and became a member of their women's cross country team.

After two years of college, Faye enlisted in the U.S. Army and graduated from Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. She then was stationed at the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC. Following her active duty, Faye enlisted in the Reserves as an Operating Room Technician but was reactivated during the Persian Gulf War. She was stationed at Fort Knox, KY for a year before being released back to the Reserves.

Upon return from her second time of active duty, Faye worked as a Medical Assistant at Dr. Gary Pagenkopf's office for 7 years. She also began working part time as a rural mail carrier. In time, Faye received a full time carrier position with the U.S. Post Office. She worked there 28 years until she retired December 31st, 2021.

Faye's hobbies throughout her life were: drawing, writing, cross-stitching, watching movies, photography, running, yard work, traveling, eating, volunteering, planning and hosting parties, organizing events, and watching the Cleveland Browns.

On June 5, 1999, Faye married the love of her life and best friend, Jerry E. Lampela. Jerry and Faye formed a beautiful family and enjoyed each other's companionship. They traveled extensively which included, many cruises, trips to the Caribbean, and two extensive dream vacations to the South Pacific. Faye was also very active at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church serving on many church councils, boards and other committees.

Faye will be deeply missed by: her loving husband of 23 years, Jerry; father, Harold Best; daughter, Jennifer (Matt Taylor) Best; step-children, Chris (Sam) Lampela and Paula (Chris) Hamric; grandchildren, Henry, Owen, Ben, Harper, and Luna; siblings, twin-sister, Janet Ferguson, Cindy (Mark) Nelson, Gary (Tracey) Best; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She is preceded in death by: her mother, Delores J. Best; sister, Debbie Best; and brother-in-law, Randy Ferguson.

Family and friends were received on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 at Marcy Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Pastor Joshua Krenz officiating. Faye's final resting place will be in Greenlawn Memory Gardens, North Kingsville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Faye's name are requested to be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Best Funeral Home, Middlefield, Ohio. Online condolences may be at [www.bestfunerals.com](http://www.bestfunerals.com).





**Sanctuary** (Lat. *Sanctuarium*, “holy place”) The area in a church where worship takes place – immediately around an altar, Communion table, or pulpit.<sup>2</sup>

So, back in October of 2022, I went into a further meaning of Sanctuary, which I encourage you to look at. All 2022 ECHOs are available on the website ([www.gslcc.org](http://www.gslcc.org)) under Newsletters/Events tab. This month, as we continue our education of churchy words and our places, we are going to define words and locations within the sanctuary.

**Nave** (Gr. *naos*, Lat. *navis*, “ship”) The main part of a church between the narthex [defined January 2023] and the chancel. The term derives from the image of the church as the ark (ship) of salvation or the nave’s shiplike appearance. *See also* ship.<sup>3</sup>

**Chancel** (Lat. *cancellus*, “a screen”) The part of the church in which the altar or Communion table, clergy, and choir are found. A screen often separated this area from the nave in medieval times.<sup>4</sup>

There are two main bodies that make up the sanctuary in a church building, the Nave and the Chancel. At Good Shepherd, the nave is the area where the congregation sits (where the pews are) up to the point where communion is distributed. The chancel, then, is the tile area including the steps to where the altar is located. At Good Shepherd, the chancel includes the pulpit, lectern, baptismal font, organ unit, and other musical instruments. In some other churches, the altar rail used to separate the chancel from the nave. Regardless, the chancel is always raised higher than the nave floor to allow people to see the ministers lead worship. (In medieval times, with the exception of the most wealthy, you wouldn’t be able to see the worship leaders, only hear them. The wealthiest individuals – through donations made to the church (buying their seat) – would sit in the chancel area or choir areas.) The screen, though, went away before the time of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

The idea of the nave and chancel (though by different names) goes back to the synagogues which goes back to the Tabernacle as described in the book of Exodus where God would meet with Moses and Aaron and people would direct their worship. The nave is where all the people gathered and the chancel was the Holy of Holies, the place God came to dwell. Over the centuries, the reverence for the chancel has been diminished and, in some worship spaces, has become a stage where people perform (sometimes not of a worship/holy oriented performance). Even here at Good Shepherd, our reverence for the chancel has taken a back seat to other activities that I would not consider worshipful and reverent of the chancel. In the congregation where I grew up in Santa Fe, the chancel was sometimes used as a path to get from other parts of the church building to the offices without going outside. Possibly a design flaw but the chancel did end up not being revered as it ought.

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

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

It is an old practice that we have forgotten or forget to do in this day and age – even I many times go up the chancel steps without reverencing the area. But perhaps this is a practice that we should consider keeping or at least acknowledge the Holy of Holies Chancel idea is no longer relevant. During the season of Lent, I am considering trying the old practice to make the chancel the Holy of Holies again. (Now I can't make the whole chancel this because of the way the church is constructed, but I can move some things around to, perhaps, make this work; it's still in thought process.)

The sanctuary is the holy place where we worship God and we at this church have the prime example of the two areas that comprise the sanctuary – the nave and chancel.

# NOTICE

The Prayer Request Box in the Narthex has been revitalized to be a Prayer and Visitation Request Box. There are cards next to the box where you can write your prayer request and/or visitation request and you can check whether you'd like your prayers to be publicized (prayer chain and worship service) or whether you'd like only the pastor to see. You can also check whether you'd like a visitation by the pastor or other (e.g., Eucharistic Minister).

Prayer chain requests can still be initiated by calling **Pearl Ann Curtis (440-593-2190)** and if you know of someone who is hospitalized, sick or needs a visit, you may also call the church office **(440-599-8908)** so that a visit can be arranged.





Memorial Candle



## Our Sponsors

Date	In Honor/Memory of	Given by
<b>Bulletins:</b>		
February 5		
February 12		
February 19		
February 26		
<b>Flowers:</b>		
February 5		
February 12	Richard & Mona Taylor	Chris Murtha
February 19	Evelyn Peterson	George & Kay Peterson
February 26		
<b>Memorial Candle:</b>		
February	Michael & Victoria Anthony	Chuck & Kelly Anthony

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

### **FLOWERS**

Cost is \$40 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the Nathex hallway, by the bathrooms. 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 Nathex hallway, by the bathrooms. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

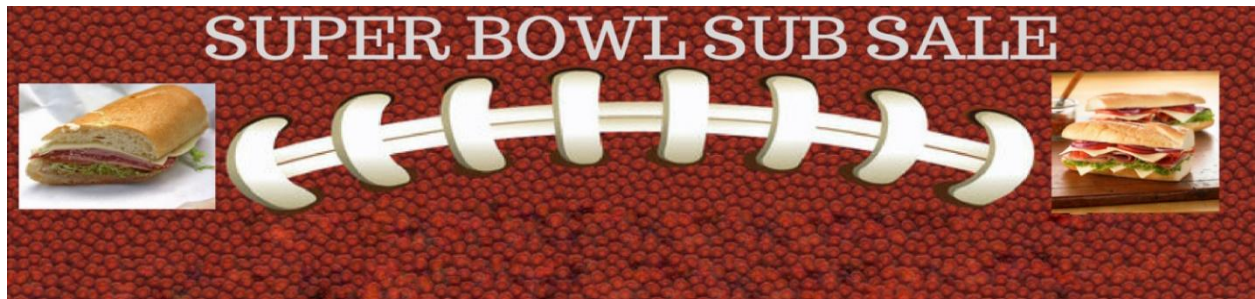
### **BULLETINS**

Cost is \$10 for each Sunday. Sign up poster is in the Nathex hallway, by the bathrooms. You may also call the office to sign up for a certain Sunday and mail your check to the office.

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Subs are \$5.00 each.  
Orders will be taken until end of day Wednesday, **February 8, 2023**.  
Subs will be available for pick-up Sunday, February 12, in time for the game.

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## Congregational Meeting

**February 12**

After 11:00 Service

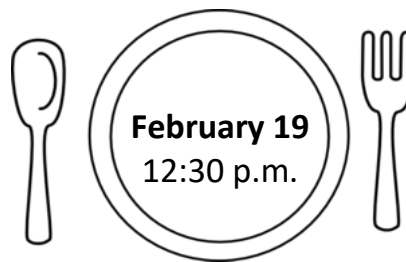
- Discuss and approve the Annual Reports
- Discuss and approve the updated GSLC Constitution. (To save paper, copies of the updated Constitution will not be mailed but is available on the website under Forms and Forms/Documents.)
- Update on properties.



Note: We will be done long before the good Super Bowl pre-game stuff and definitely before the game starts!

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## Congregational Dinner



There will be a Congregational Dinner on February 19, 2023, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This dinner is free of charge and a way to get together to have good fellowship and a good meal. This meal will be catered and, to avoid not having enough or having too much extra, we are asking for RSVPs with number attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and a Google Form at <https://forms.gle/7MLPj1xYTedNc5jS6>. YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND! Gluten-Free and Vegetarian Options will also be available.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday services with Imposition of Ashes will be held on February 22 at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.

We are having Lenten Soup and Sandwiches prior to the Mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays this year, 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. with services beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The first night will be **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, with soup and bread only provided by members (or family members) of the Church Council. Other Committees will provide soup and sandwiches for the other 5 weeks. Committee leaders will contact their committee members, and other people who would like to make/bring soup and/or sandwiches.



Watch your inbox in February for emails regarding training for worship servers (greeters, ushers, altar guild, communion assistants, etc.) as well as a training for Eucharistic Ministers. Pay attention to the emails and announcements both here and in worship.



Have news or updates 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).

# News & Updates

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## A Message from the President

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Highlights of the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting

### **CONGREGATION MEETING @ NOON FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

The main item on the agenda is the discussion and vote on the amendments to our church constitution. That document has been posted on our website so you can read it well before the meeting. Yes, we realized this is the same date as Super Bowl Sunday but we decided to keep it the 12th for two main reasons.

1. The meeting will be shortly after the 11:00 service and it is not expected to be a long meeting. Kickoff time for the game is not until 6:30. That should allow everyone plenty of time to enjoy the pre-game programs and the game with family and friends.
2. There is a conflict with the next Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, because that is when we are having a catered congregational dinner. We cannot delay the meeting beyond the 19th because our constitution requires us to hold the February congregation meeting no later than the third Sunday of the month.

### **AMENDED CHURCH CONSTITUTION**

Pastor Josh and council have been working together the past several months revising our church constitution to be in conformity with the ELCA model constitution. At our January meeting, council approved the new constitution and placed it on the agenda of the February 12th congregation meeting. You can read the document on our website in advance of the meeting. If you have questions about the constitution, please contact Pastor Josh.

### **448 SANDUSKY STREET NEARING COMPLETION**

Last year the congregation approved a major improvement project to the 448 Sandusky Street side of the duplex.

#### **WORK COMPLETED:**

ELECTRICAL: The apartment already had 100-amp service which the electrician said was sufficient. However, a new electrical circuit breaker panel was installed, all wall outlets and switches were replaced, two lights and one outlet were put in the attic, additional lights installed in the basement, and a light put in the kitchen pantry. The apartment had ceiling fans in the dining room and in the master bedroom. We added ceiling fans to the living room and the other two bedrooms.

WINDOWS: This house is approximately 100 years old and the windows were original, single pane and drafty. We replace all 15 windows with energy-efficient double-pane vinyl windows plus 3 of the basement windows were replaced.

**PAINTING:** The ceilings had yellowed and the walls were a mismatch of ugly colors. All water stains were sealed and the ceilings were repainted with a flat white. Now the ceilings are clean and white. All walls had nails and screws removed, patched, washed, and then repainted with a very pleasing soft gray color. The woodwork and doors had a varnish finish. All drapery hardware, nails, and screws were removed and the woodwork was patched then sanded, washed and primed. The doors and woodwork were painted with a white semi-gloss which gave them a crisp, clean look.

**WORK STILL IN PROGRESS:**

**FLOORING:** All carpeting was removed. New waterproof, vinyl plank flooring is going in all rooms. So far, two bedrooms and the hallway are done and they look great! Next will be the third bedroom, bathroom, and the downstairs rooms.

**KITCHEN CABINETS:** Replacing the cabinets was not in the original plan but they were in such poor condition and we had room in the budget to replace them with a much higher quality cabinet. The kitchen with new, white cabinets, new flooring, freshly painted walls, doors, and trim will look terrific. The cabinets will be installed after the flooring is laid.

**BASEMENT:** We have hired a contractor to use concrete block to seal a window that was covered with plywood. He will also remove loose brick mortar on the east wall and tuck point it to restore the integrity of the wall. Once that is done the walls will be power washed and painted.

**ROOF AND GUTTER REPAIR:** The roof is leaking around the chimney and another spot. The roofer will re-flash the chimney and seal the other spot. The corners of the gutters will be repaired so the water will drain properly. Currently, with moderate to heavy rain the water spills over the gutters.

**INSULATION:** The attic has no insulation. Once the roof leaks are fixed, R-30 rolls of fiberglass insulation will be laid. This will be a quick and easy job.

**COMPLETION DATE:** We are aiming toward a March 1, 2023 completion date. Upon completion this apartment will be safer, cleaner, more comfortable, and much, much more attractive. You will be proud and pleased with the results.

#### **DETROIT STREET TENANTS**

Over the past few years, the Detroit Street tenants have struggled to pay the rent. We have been patient and given them extra time to bring their payments up to date. Previously they were able to do that but presently they are hopelessly delinquent. Furthermore, they have not taken good care of the property. We were granted an eviction through the Conneaut Municipal Court. The tenants must vacate the property by noon on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Afterward we will make an assessment of what needs to be done with the house.

God's Peace and Blessings to you,

*Mark Lytle*

Council President

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# Committee News

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## Social Ministry

I can't believe we are already looking at February activities! We are planning our last event for January—a small thank-you reception for Chris Murtha on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00 service. Her last day in the office will be January 31<sup>st</sup>.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a catered congregational dinner following the 11:00 service. It is R.S.V.P. So please sign up in the narthex. The last sign-up will be on February 12th.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the imposition of ashes at noon and 7:00 pm services. There will be soup and bread at 6 P.M. in the fellowship hall, serving until 6:45. In the following weeks, Lenten services begin at 7:00p.m. We will have soup and sandwiches at 6:00-6:45. If you want to make soup or sandwiches, please sign up in the narthex.

Gods Blessings,  
*Pearl Ann Curtis*  
Social Ministry Team

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## Congratulations Chris Murtha!

Thank you for your years of dedicated service to GSLC. Wishing you all the best and many blessings in your retirement!





# February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>  Food Pantry 9-2 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>2</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>3</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>4</b>  Food Pantry, Lunches, & Nick's Closet 11:00-12:30
<b>5</b>  8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service	<b>6</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>7</b>  9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilters	<b>8</b>  Food Pantry 9-2 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>9</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>10</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>11</b>  Food Pantry, Lunches, & Nick's Closet 11:00-12:30
<b>12</b> <b>Sub pick-up</b> 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service <b>12 Congregation Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>14</b>  9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilters 6 Committees	<b>15</b>  Food Pantry 9-2  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>16</b>  6:00 Finance  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>17</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>18</b>  Food Pantry, Lunches, & Nick's Closet 11:00-12:30
<b>19</b>  8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service <b>12:30 Fellowship Meal</b>	<b>20</b>  Echo Articles Due  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>21</b>  9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilters 6:00 Council	<b>22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Noon &amp; 7pm Service</b> <b>Soup 6-6:45</b> Food Pantry 9-2 9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>23</b>  5:30 Line Dancing	<b>24</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness 11:45 Gentle Yoga	<b>25</b>  Food Pantry, Lunches, & Nick's Closet 11:00-12:30
<b>26</b>  8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. School 11:00 Service	<b>27</b>  9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness	<b>28</b>  9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilters	From a compilation by Max Bowen of announcements that actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:  "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the base-ment on Friday afternoon." 			

*Lord, we are your servants . . .*

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER
<b>2/5/2023</b> <b>8:30</b>	Richard Tulino	Julie Kantola	Pearl Ann Curtis	Nancy Altman	Richard Tulino
<b>11:00</b>	Mark Lytle	Paul Mechling	Stephanie Newsome	Mary Lou Moisio	Susan Tan
<b>2/12/2023</b> <b>8:30</b>	Amy Gallagher	Katrina Pavolino	Peggy Harco		Shirley Harco
<b>11:00</b>		Mark Lytle	Greg Betteridge	Bob & E. Jay Hybert	Mark Lytle
<b>2/19/2023</b> <b>8:30</b>		Kathy Mills	Peggy Harco	Janet Maenpaa	Dolores Pelow
<b>11:00</b>	Jennifer Best	Janelle Cole	Glenda Betteridge	Michelle Logan	Janelle Cole
<b>2/22/2023</b> <b>Ash Weds.</b> <b>12:00</b>		Janelle Cole	Peggy Harco		Shirley Harco
<b>7:00</b>		Paul Mechling	Ron Young	Joanne Mechling	Paul Mechling
<b>2/26/2023</b> <b>8:30</b>	Richard Tulino	Katrina Pavolino	Kathy Mills	Peggy Harco	Richard Tulino
<b>11:00</b>	George Peterson	Kay Peterson	Michelle Logan	Ron Young	Kay Peterson

**JANUARY (to FEBRUARY 12) ALTAR GUILD:**

Pearl Ann Curtis, Stephanie Newsome,  
Amanda Sanford, Stephanie VanNorman



**FEBRUARY 17 (to FEBRUARY 28) ALTAR**

**GUILD:** Ruth Brown, Pearl Ann Curtis, Mary  
Lou Moisio