



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

MARCH 2023

From the thoughts of the pastor . . .

Grace and peace to you from our Triune God and may your reflections and self-examinations be fruitful.

Amen+

A lot has been on my mind the last few days. I'm writing this on the 20th of February (thank you Kelly for your patience) just before Ash Wednesday and heading into Lent. I've mentioned in sermons, and perhaps previous writings, that Lent is a time of reflection, a time of self-examination, and a time of repentance.

Historically, Lent has meant giving up something or – as I mentioned last year – taking on something that you wouldn't normally do. Both this, giving up and/or taking on is meant to help you find a closer way to God, a closer path to God, so that you can truly rejoice on Easter Sunday. Giving things up, as one person writes, is a sign of sacrifice and self-discipline to represent or help us remember the sacrifices Jesus Christ made for us. But for what reason? Do we sacrifice our chocolate or coffee or snacks to make us feel what Jesus did for us? How does not having chocolate or coffee or snacks represent the sacrifice Jesus did? If we really want to feel, without dying, the sacrifice Jesus made for us, why don't we give up our coats, our cars, our homes, our possessions? Giving up chocolate or coffee or snacks is (in the broad understanding of things) pitiful and a pitiful excuse to try and feel a sacrifice. Give up your loved ones or those whom you want to be with gets closer to the sacrifice Jesus did for us.

Also, why do we want to try and represent what Jesus did? Are we trying to be Jesus by giving up our chocolate or coffee or snacks? We can never be Jesus, so why do we try.

I feel, sometimes, that during Lent where people are giving up their chocolate or coffee or snacks or whatever they think, "hum, I've given up something that I really like; now God will love me and I'll be closer to God." Well, I'll tell you, God loves you whether you keep eating chocolate or snacks or keep drinking coffee. I'll also tell you, though, you don't get closer to God by giving up chocolate or coffee or snacks; you get closer to God through prayer, introspection (self-examination), reflection, and repentance.

Some people can do this at home, in the car, at work, or outside. Others need a place to be (a church for example) where they've grown up knowing this is the place of God. Some people need others to talk to – trusted people to talk about their introspection and reflections. While others need silence and calm. Some people need a devotional book or bible to study and guide them through their reflections and help them repent. While others need emptiness, voidness (new word), except their own mind. Wherever, however, with whatever you need to do good self-examination, to do good reflection and repentance, to have good prayer moments and good God moments, do so this Lent.

For the season of Lent, the kneelers will be set up in the chancel if that is what you need, the sanctuary will always be available, bibles of different translations will be available, and some devotional books will be present. (I ask if you would like to remove them from the sanctuary, please let me know.)

I don't have a focus on what you should reflect about or repent about because I am not you. Some things might be (and not applicable to everyone):

- Feuds with other members of the congregation
- An obsession for control
- Need of possessions and wealth
- Feuds with family members or community members
- An obsession about the community or helping the community
- An unwillingness to be more active or less active
- Hurt feelings
- An unwillingness to confront those who harm you (emotionally, physically, or spiritually)
- Giving up a loved one

The resources available might cover some of these or none of these, might help you through your personal struggle(s) or might not, might give you an insight into something to reflect and repent about or might not. But we can never know unless we try – try to reflect, try to self-examine, try to pray, and/or try to repent.

The Mid-week Lenten Services will focus on Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”¹ with the theme By Faith. We will look in the Old Testament and the Gospel and read and reflect on the stories of faith in Old Testament people and Jesus and how, by faith, Jesus took up his cross and died for us.

This Lent is not for giving up chocolate, coffee, or snacks but to find our path closer to God, a path that will hopefully stay open through life after Lent, a path that you can follow every day. This Lent is to find our faith once again by reflections and repentance.

Amen+

السلام عليكم (Peace be upon you)





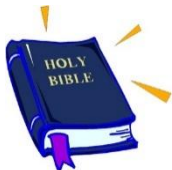
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¹ Hebrews 11:1, NRSVUE.

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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Preschool thru High School September thru May  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acolyte Training First Holy Communion Confirmation Vacation Bible School Youth Sunday Mission Trips Support Other Committees

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

876 Grove Street
Conneaut, OH 44030
440-599-8908 / www.gslcc.org

Worship Times

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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Pastoral Staff

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The deadline for ECHO articles is the **20th of every month.** Articles/notices received after the 20th will be saved for the following month. Submissions can be emailed to Kelly Anthony at klanthony@gwcmail.net.

A Moment in Faith

By Richard Tulino, a Layman's Interpretation



As we prepare for the Resurrection I thought I'd discuss some of the references in the Bible pertaining to it. From the Old Testament in Psalm 17:15 it is written: Because I am righteous, I will see you face to face and will be satisfied. David is praying to the Lord while he is being persecuted by Saul. Psalm 17 has a theme that was a plea for justice by David after he was being falsely accused and persecuted. He wanted us to realize that the true goal of life--To Know God--and the true reward of life is--To See God--one day! In verse 15 the word awake shows us that David believed in life after death. Belief in the Resurrection wasn't widespread in the Old Testament times but several verses show it was partially understood.

The Disciples didn't understand the purpose of Jesus' Resurrection. In Matthew 17:22-23, Jesus told them; "The son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." Upon hearing this, the disciples were filled with grief. Once again Jesus predicted His death, but more important He told of His Resurrection. All the disciples had heard was the first part of Jesus' words and they became discouraged. They couldn't understand why Jesus wanted to go back to Jerusalem where He knew He would walk right into trouble. They didn't comprehend the purpose of Jesus' death and resurrection until Pentecost. They didn't realize that the death and resurrection would make Jesus' Kingdom possible.

Like the disciples, we to shouldn't get upset at ourselves for being unable to understand everything about Jesus. They spent three years with him, saw his miracles, and heard his words and still they had difficulty understanding, but however they believed. We ourselves should do no less.

How did Jesus prove the reality of the resurrection? In Matthew 22:31-32 Jesus says "But now as to whether there will be a resurrection of the dead haven't you ever read about this in the Scriptures?" Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, Jesus said "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob." So He is the God of the living, not the dead. Because the Sadducees accepted the Pentateuch as the only source of God's divine word, Jesus answered them from the book of Exodus (3:6). There was no way God would have said, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" if God thought of them as dead. From God's perspective, they are alive! Jesus' use of the present tense pointed to the resurrection and eternal life that all believers will have.

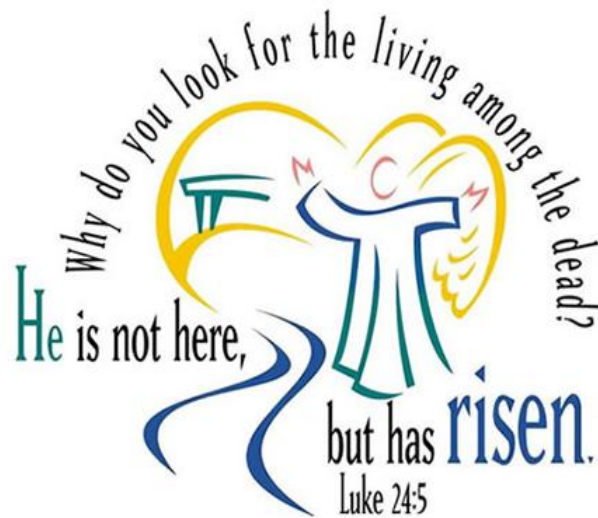
How could Jesus' Resurrection affect our daily lives? In 1 Corinthians 15:58 Paul says, "So, my brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." Sometimes we lack the emotion or interest in what we are doing for the Lord, because we don't see any results, but that doesn't mean our work is useless! Don't let discouragements over an apparent lack of results keep you from doing the work of the Lord enthusiastically!

Jesus' resurrection is the key to the Christian faith. Why?

1. Just as he promised Jesus rose from the dead, because of this we can be confident that He will accomplish all that He has promised!

2. Jesus' bodily resurrection shows us that the Living Christ is ruler of God's eternal Kingdom, not a false prophet!
3. Since Jesus was resurrected we can be certain of our resurrection. Death is not the end. There is a future life!
4. If we believe the power that raised Jesus back to life, then we know that same power is available to bring our spiritually dead selves back to life!
5. The Resurrection is the basis for the Churches witness to the world. Jesus is more than a human leader. He is the Son of God!

He Is Risen Alleluia!



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March Birthdays



Colton Cameron
Donald Cummins
Leah Gallagher
Amy Gallagher
Marge Houy
John Hutchison

E. Jay Hybert
Michelle Jewell
Margo Kaihlanen
Jerry Lampela
Christopher Lampela
Suzanne Malys

Nickolas Mason
Pamela Moga
Todd Pew
Gary Randall
Nancy Sackett
Amy Warren



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023

						\$4,811
						%
MONTH	OFFERING INCOME	YTD INCOME	%ESTIMATE BUDGETED REVENUE	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	ESTIMATED OPERATING COST
January	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	90.1%	\$ 18,583	\$ 18,583	117.0%



ATTENDANCE

1/29 84
2/5 68
2/12 76
2/19 65

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.



Diane McCall

March 29, 1941 – January 31, 2023

Diane F. McCall, of Conneaut, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2023 at UPMC Hamot Medical Center with her family by her side.

Diane was born in Conneaut on March 29, 1941 to Matthew and Millicent Forsty. She was a lifelong resident of Conneaut. In 1959 she graduated from Conneaut High School being a member of the National Honor Society and the homecoming queen.

After graduation, Diane attended Baldwin Wallace College and Kent State University. While in college, she worked as a legal secretary and later worked for the City of Conneaut as the mayor's secretary and Board of Health secretary. She went to the accounting department of Trans Plastic and then to the Pittsburgh and Conneaut Dock Company.

When her children were young, she was a den mother and active in the school PTA. Her children were her most prized possessions, she was also member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Diane is survived by her two sons, F. Scott McCall of Conneaut, and Charles (Wynona) McCall of Daphne, Alabama, a daughter Millicent "Millie" (Bubba) Polchosky of Conneaut; grandchildren Nikki McCall and Charles Hunter McCall of Daphne, Alabama, Freddy McCall, and Courtney Polchosky both of Conneaut.

At Diane's request, there were no calling hours. A private service will be held for her family and burial will take place at the convenience of her children at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Kingsville, OH. Contributions can be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 876 Grove St., Conneaut, OH 44030. Envelopes are available at the Marcy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 208 Liberty St., Conneaut, OH, which has been entrusted with arrangements.



Alfred Carl (Al) Gee

April 5, 1933 – February 14, 2023

Alfred Carl (Al) Gee, 89, of Conneaut passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 14, 2023, in Pickerington, OH. He was born on April 5, 1933, to Bernard and Lulu (Hall) Gee.

Al was a proud 1951 Rowe High School graduate where he was an accomplished athlete in baseball, basketball and track. He enjoyed all sports and played basketball and baseball in the back yard with his children, coached youth baseball teams, golfed into his 80s and rooted for Cleveland professional sports teams.

He was a Korean War veteran having served in active duty in South Korea as a sergeant in the army. Upon returning home, Al worked on the surveying crew for Nickel Plate and Norfolk and Western Railroads until 1967 and retired from the General Electric Base Plant in Conneaut after 25 years.

Al was a faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut, where he was a member of the church choir for many years, assisted with operation Christmas Child, participated in the Eucharist Ministry by bringing communion to shut ins of the congregation and volunteered at the Ashtabula County Home.

Al was an "honorary Finn" and enjoyed the Finnish American Heritage Association and two trips to Finland with his Finnish wife, Ellen (Orrenmaa) Gee.

Al is survived by his children Brenda (John) Griesser of Easton, PA, Bradley (Becky) Gee of Pickerington, OH, Julie Gee (Michael Adams) of Athens, OH and Kevin Gee of Columbus, OH; grandchildren, Amanda (Josh) Wilkins of Lancaster, PA, Aaron Griesser of South Bend, IN, Kristen Kettlehake of Columbus, OH, Seth (Kelsey) Gee of Upper Arlington, OH, Ashley Gee of Columbus, OH and Melissa Gee of Columbus, OH; great grandchildren Quinn Kettlehake, Lincoln Gee and Adalynn Church; siblings William Gee of Birmingham, AL, George Gee of Boiling Springs, SC and Pearle Brand of Conneaut, OH; and many nieces nephews and more distant relatives.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife of 68 years Ellen Gee, and siblings Jerald Gee, Barbara Barnes, David Gee and Arlene Carpenter.

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 876 Grove St., Conneaut, OH with Al's son, Pastor Bradley Gee of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pickerington, OH, officiating.

Calling hours were held on Friday, February 17, 2023 at the Marcy Funeral Home, 208 Liberty St., Conneaut, OH, and on Saturday prior to the funeral service at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made in Al's memory to the Abiding Memorial Fund for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home as well as the church.



Vestment (Lat. *Vestimenta*, from *vestis*, “garment”) Garments worn by worship leaders in church services.²

We are now moving away from the places within the building to the garments that we wear during the church service. The general term, before getting into the individual items, is vestment. Vestments include (and will be discussed in more detail): clerical, alb, stole, chasuble, pectoral cross, cassock, surplus, cincture, and crozier. The majority of these vestments are used in this church where a few are not. Still, it’s good to know what these are and what they are used for. This month, I’m going to begin with the most used vestment in the church, one that is worn by all ministers (both ordained and lay), the alb.

Alb (Lat. *Alba*, “white”) A white vestment worn by a minister at the Eucharist.³

An alb is not just a garment that is worn by the pastor or assisting minister but by all who participate in the worship service – the acolyte, crucifer, book bearer, etc. An alb can also be worn by musicians, readers, and communion assistants. However, some musicians wear a choir robe and since readers and communion assistants (at least in this congregation) are mostly from the people, it wouldn’t make much sense.

The alb is a long (about ankle-length) white vestment that is the first vestment that we put on over our clothes before everything else. In other churches, there is another garment that makes the neckline that is worn before the alb, but newer albs have no need for this other garment (which, by the way, is called an amice). The alb is white and is used to symbolize the garment of the newly baptized, as well as the purity of soul required for worship, and a reflection of the garment Pilate ordered to clothe Christ at the crucifixion.⁴ We wear an alb to remember our baptism – where we were made clean and our sins forgiven. We also wear an alb to remember the purity of Christ when he was crucified.

Over the years, albs for worship assistants have been going away for regular clothes. Some in the ELCA have begun wearing cassocks rather than albs, or even wearing black albs, to distance the idea of white being the color and symbol of purity. Also, albs have become more general in cut and fit – like a “one size fits none” idea – which makes it both uncomfortable and, perhaps, unflattering to wear. But we have to remember as worship leaders, we are not there to look good or get compliments for our albs or vestments or how the fit is. We are there to help the congregation worship God. We come together to worship God. Does it really matter what we wear? Not at all. But I wear the vestments as a respect of the history, respect of the tradition, respect of everything that has happened in the past

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

³ Ibid.

⁴ Do You Know What Is The Significance Of The Vestments Priests Wear (harcourts.com)

for worship leaders. I wear an alb to remember my baptism, that I am a sinner and a saint. Does it make the worship service feel a bit more formal? Absolutely. And that is acceptable.

As I write this, we are just about to enter Lent which will be followed by Easter. In modern society, there are two major Christian seasons, Christmas and Easter. For this season of Easter, both I and the assisting minister (and acolyte if present) will wear albs at both services because we are made clean in baptism and given eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus our Christ.

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
Bulletins:		
March 5		
March 12		
March 19		
March 26	In Honor of Nickolas Mason’s 19 th Birthday	Steve & Michelle Logan
Flowers:		
March 5		
March 12	No Flowers in March or April	
March 19		
March 26		
Memorial Candle:		
March		

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 Narthex. 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 Narthex. 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 Narthex. 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



Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

March 1 – April 5

at Good Shepherd

The focus this year is By Faith – a reflection of Hebrews 11:1
Soup and sandwiches provided by committees will be served at 6:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, **March 22**, 12 — 5 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall



EASTER PLANTS

Tulip and lily plants will be available at a cost of \$10.00 for each plant. Payment, along with this form, may be placed in the offering or mailed to the church office. Checks can be written to GSLC.

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876 Grove St, Conneaut, OH 44030

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 26, 2023

We ask that ONE NAME OR ONE COUPLE be honored or memorialized for ONE PLANT ordered.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Donor's Name _____ Envelope No. _____

No. of Plants Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Tulip _____ Lily _____

Plants need to be picked up after the late service on Easter: Yes _____ No _____



FREE COMMUNITY EASTER BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
8 AM - 11 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
876 GROVE STREET, CONNEAUT

MENU:
PANCAKES
SCRAMBLED EGGS
BISCUITS
SAUSAGE
FRESH FRUIT
COFFEE, ORANGE JUICE & WATER



Scholarship Applications are now available in the flyer box outside the office. High School graduates and first-year post-secondary school students are encouraged to apply.

News & Updates



A Message from the President

Highlights of February 21, 2023 Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Our checking account balance on December 31, 2022 was \$10,015 but at the end of January it had decreased to \$4,811. Offering income for January was \$13,500 but the expenses were \$18,583. At one point our checking account balance dipped to only \$179. Please be faithful with your financial stewardship to Good Shepherd.

Sandusky Street Update

Good progress is being made at 448 Sandusky Street. The new vinyl plank flooring has been completed and it looks and feels great. All walls, ceilings, doors, and woodwork have been painted. The interior is much more attractive than before. The roof and gutter leaks have been repaired, a basement window was sealed with concrete block, and the east basement wall mortar joints have been tuck pointed. The new kitchen cabinets have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they come in.

Council Officers Elected

The new constitution approved by the congregation on February 12th changed how officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) are elected. Previously they were elected by the congregation. Now they are elected by the council. At this February 21st council meeting the following officers were elected to a two-year term:

President	Mark Lytle
Vice President	George Peterson
Treasurer	Stacy Racut
Secretary	Kay Peterson

Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA)

Michelle Logan, chairperson of our Evangelism Committee, was contacted by GOBA organizers to inquire if Good Shepherd would be interested in being a lunch Food Stop for a large group of recreational bicyclists who will be passing through the Township Park area on Monday June 19th. This is GOBA's 34th annual week-long, family oriented cycling ride that is coming to northeast Ohio for the first time. This is not the **MS150** (multiple sclerosis) charity ride that concludes its event at Township Park. The GOBA group will begin at the Jefferson Fairgrounds and, over the course of the week, cycle to Conneaut, Ashtabula, Geneva, Willoughby, Kent, and Burton before returning to Jefferson. Upwards of 1,500 cyclists are expected. It is estimated that each cyclist will spend between \$8 - \$10 on lunch. Michelle said Corpus Christi is considering partnering with us. She sees this as being a great

fund-raising opportunity. Council did not need to vote on this but there was unanimous approval for her to pursue organizing a team of volunteers and to coordinate this with GOBA and Corpus Christi.

Church Policy Updates

Pastor Josh has been busy reviewing all of our church policies (for example, weddings, funerals, baptism, committee functions, nursery, tables and chairs usage, Fellowship Hall usage, etc.) and revising them as appropriate. Many of those revisions were approved by council but some are still being studied and will be under consideration at future council meetings. One of the approved revisions was the Fellowship Hall usage. Going forward the following fees apply:

	Due at Reservation	Refund
Members	\$150	\$100 janitorial fee if hall is cleaned by member
Full kitchen use is available. Member is responsible for cleaning kitchen and utensils.		
Non-Members	\$200	\$100 janitorial fee if hall is cleaned by non-member
Limited kitchen use such as coffee and other beverage preparation. Kitchen must be cleaned.		

For more complete information, please inquire with our administrative assistant, Jen Best, or Pastor Josh.

Church Insurance Policy

Pastor Josh and I met with our church insurance agent, Colleen Desmond, of Church Mutual. Our existing policy is due to renew at the end of April. We have been with Church Mutual for five years and have had no claims. We looked at the coverages we have on our real estate, personal property, and liability. You will be amazed to learn that the replacement cost of our church building as calculated last year is \$4.3 million!! That figure may increase due to the high inflation in building materials and labor. We won't know the limits of coverage and the associated premium until the new policy is issued. We have already started the process of seeking quotes from other insurance companies to compare with our existing policy. We want to have the right insurance protection at the best possible cost.

God's Peace and Blessings to you,
Mark Lytle
Council President

Committee News

Evangelism

Thank you to all who attended the congregation dinner, and all those that helped with the setup and clean-up of the hall for the dinner. Thank you Pearl Ann for such a wonderful idea!

Mark your calendars—Nickolas is planning a free pre-Easter Breakfast on Saturday, April 8th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee and water. This will be a sit-down meal in Fellowship Hall.

Over the month of January we served a total of 510 lunches and served 42 families for a total of 100 individuals in our food pantry. Nick's Closet continues to serve about 20 families per weekend. We are seeing more people coming to the food pantry as well as more families with children.

There is a Spa Day being planned during the month of May. Watch for more details to come!

Serving Christ,
Michelle Logan
Evangelism

Social Ministry

Spring can't be too far off, and it is two days before Ash Wednesday. Social Ministry planned a catered dinner for our congregation, a friendly gathering. The food was tasty and plentiful. Thank you, Evangelism and Nisua, for sharing the cost with Social Ministry and all of you who set up and took down tables and chairs and spent all the time prepping and cleaning up.


We will be serving soup and sandwiches before our Wednesday evening services. Ash Wednesday will be soup and bread provided by the council. Christian Ed (Suzanne Malys) will offer the second week; week three, Social Ministry; week four, Evangelism; week five Altar Guild (Ruth Brown). If you can make soup or sandwiches, contact Suzanne or Ruth. They can use your help.

Mark your calendars for Easter Saturday. Nick Mason will chair a community breakfast. It will be at no cost. More information to come in the April Echo.

Serving in faith,
Pearl Ann Curtis
Social Ministry Team



March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9-2 Food Pantry <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i> 6:00 Soup & Sandwiches 7:00 Service	2 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i>	3 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i> 11:45 Gentle Yoga	4 11:30-12:00 Food Pantry, Free Lunches & Nick's Closet
5 8:30 Service 9:45 Sun. Sch. 11:00 Service	6 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	7 9:00 3M's 9:00 Cover Girls	8 9-2 Food Pantry <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i> 6:00 Soup & Sandwiches 7:00 Service	9 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i>	10 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i> 11:45 Gentle Yoga	11 11:30-12:00 Food Pantry, Free Lunches & Nick's Closet
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"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on March 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days."



Fishes & Loaves



Ministry

FREE LUNCH

Pickup: Saturdays 11:00 to 12:30



Hours: Saturday 11:00 to 12:30

Wednesday 9:00 to 2:00

After hours & Emergency 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
(Donations of these items are greatly appreciated.)

Lord, we are your servants . . .

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER
3/5/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Jerry Brookhouser	Pearl Ann Curtis Kathy Mills	Nancy Altman	Richard Tulino
11:00	Mark Lytle	Ruth Brown	Ron Young	Mary Lou Moisio	Janelle Cole
3/12/2023 8:30		Jerry Brookhouser	Shirley & Peggy Harco	Peggy Harco	Shirley Harco
11:00	Paul Mechling	Ruth Brown		Bob & E. Jay Hybert	Mark Lytle
3/19/2023 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Rich & Julie Kantola	Rich & Julie Kantola	Janet Maenpaa	Dolores Pelow
11:00	George Peterson	Greg Betteridge	Glenda Betteridge	Michelle Logan	Kay Peterson
3/26/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Katrina Pavolino	Pearl Ann Curtis Kathy Mills	Janet Maenpaa	Richard Tulino
11:00		Ruth Brown	Michelle Logan	Bob & E. Jay Hybert	Ron Young

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