



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

SEPTEMBER 2023

From the thoughts of the pastor ...

It has been a busy couple of weeks. I am writing this article four days after it's due (sorry Kelly for the delay), and yet, I struggle a little bit about what to write. I guess I should focus on what's coming up in the near future.

By the time this has come out in print, the Church Picnic at Hopewood Shores at Camp Luther would have happen (unless it rained) and was a big success. However, rather than focusing on the events like this, I want to be transparent in what is happening in the Church Council. At the end of July, we had a retreat led by the former campus pastor of Capital University and campus pastor of Trinity Seminary, the Rev. Drew Tucker. He is now the Executive Director of Hopewood Outdoors (formerly LOMO) and facilitated discussion that led the council to a focus for the future of the council. If you haven't, I encourage you to read the council report from August posted on the Kiosk which has the Executive Summary given from Rev. Tucker.

In this summary, he suggested some immediate action items that the council has now taken the first steps towards. These first include listening sessions (aka cottage meetings) with the congregation. At the August Council Meeting, we decided to start with four (4) meetings all located in the church (either in the Fellowship Hall,

Family Room, or other appropriate rooms) with the following times:

- Monday September 25th at 2:00 pm
- Tuesday September 26th at 5:00 pm
- Saturday September 30th at 2:00 pm
- Saturday October 21st at 10:00 am

A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex with spots for 15 people maximum. We would like each person to sign-up for only one session and, if needs call, we will add additional sessions. Each session will be led by two council members and these council members will differ for each session. Council members are going to contact community leaders and have a listening session with them as well. The overarching goals of these sessions are:

1. What does the congregation think about Good Shepherd and it's ministries including our gifts and wants
2. What does the community think about Good Shepherd and it's ministries including their gifts and wants

In the August Council Meeting, we brainstormed question for the community leaders to help guide the council members in their discussions and in the September Council Meeting, we will brainstorm questions for the council members to guide discussions with

the congregation. I, as the pastor, have chosen not to attend these sessions to allow the congregation to speak openly and allow the discussion to go in any direction as deemed appropriate by the council members.

Once the community leader sessions are complete and once the congregation sessions are complete, we will begin to see where our gifts fit the needs of the community and build a new mission statement along with vision and value(s) statements. A little discussion on the difference between Mission, Vision, and Value statements:

- We'll begin with the broadest of the three: the Vision Statement. This is the broad vision for the church; the statement "looks forward and creates a mental image of the ideal state that the [church] wishes to achieve."¹ In other words, it's a statement of where we as Good Shepherd want to be in the future.
- The Mission Statement supports the Vision Statement and "is a concise explanation of the [church's] reason for existence...it communicates purpose and direction to [congregants and non-congregants alike]."² In other words, it's a statement of

¹ [What is the difference between mission, vision and values statements? \(shrm.org\)](#)
² Ibid.

why we exist and why we do what we do.

- Finally, the Values Statement is “the core principles that guide and direct the [church] and its culture... it’s the moral compass... that guides decision making and establishes a standard against which actions can be assessed. These are core values that are an internalized framework that is shared and acted on by leadership.”³ In other words, if the Mission Statement is why we do what we do, the Values Statement gives us checks on if we are following what we set to do in the Vision Statement and makes sure we hold true to what we say we are and why we exist.

This is something that the Church Council cannot do alone, nor should it. These are something that the congregation needs to have input on and needs to agree to. Once the council – with or without a consultant – puts theses together and agrees to them, the congregation will review, vote, and approve them. Once approved,

every decision, every ministry, everything we do either in the building or in the community will need to go through and see if they follow these statements. Doing things because we’ve always done them is not a reason anymore; we have to have good, concrete reasons that follow what we’ve agreed to do ministry.

This isn’t, by any means, meant to limit what is done or to erase our history, to stop doing what we’re doing, or to limit any ideas. Rather this is to help us focus ourselves so that we are not drawn in too many directions and get over worked; this is to also help people see who we are by showing what we care most about – to give new energy to the congregation and new people coming here; and to either give permission for ministries to die and allow new ministries to be born.

I sincerely hope everyone signs up and participates in these listening sessions. I want to have the problem of not enough sessions so that we must add additional

sessions. I want everyone to be part of this process to inject more new life here. Things are happening in this church – physically and spiritually. Yes, change is uncomfortable. But what is more worrisome is getting into a rut or a single mindedness that leads to apathy and death. Let’s inject rejuvenated life into this place; we’re already doing it physically with updates to the Family Room, the Narthex doors, the camera system, the internet, and very soon in the sanctuary.

Let’s get together to have these conversations, find a value system for ourselves, find a purpose that we can serve in this community, and build a vision for the future where more and more people are able to see the wonderful gifts God has given us in this world.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)

The Reverend Joshua Krenz

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From Shirley Harco: My sister Peggy and I had the chance to visit Pastor E. Richard Bowen at the nursing home. Although he was frail, his mind was still relatively sharp. He was so happy to see us and told us he missed his old friends in Conneaut. He will be 102 years old on September 9 and this is his 55th year in the ministry.

His address is:

Pastor E. Richard Bowen
Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home
1501 Tibbetts Wick Road
Girard, Ohio 44420

³ Ibid.

The Big Churchy Word



As promised, we are starting a new section of Churchy Words called Paraments

Paraments (Lat. *Paramentum*, “adornment”) Hangings or cloths used throughout a church to adorn it for worship. These may be special for particular seasons of the church year. The term is also used for vestments or miters.⁴

Basically, a parament is anything and everything that decorates the church and the worship space. The one that is clear – and needs no definition – is banner. But there are some paraments that we use every week that are important and surround the communion ware. We begin with these.

Corporal (Lat. *Corporale*, “pertaining to the body”) A twenty-inch-square white linen cloth that is placed on the altar in Roman Catholic churches and on which the elements and vessels for the Eucharist rest for consecration.⁵

In other words, the corporal is linen that is first placed on the altar on which the chalice, paten,

and trays are placed before the Thanksgiving at the table. (Note: these vessels will be defined at a later time.) The idea behind the corporal is mainly to “catch” any crumbs or drips from the Eucharistic Meal – bread and wine – as to keep said crumbs or drips from falling to the ground and being defiled. We must, though, separate the corporal from the altar cloth (aka altar linen) as these are definitely two different paraments.

Historically, linen – especially fine linen – was expensive and hard to get. And a number of altars were built with stone, a very cold and earthy substance. So, early church leaders would buy small linen – less expensive and more readily available – to place between the earthy stone and the holy elements. And the practice has remained. Today, in many churches, the altar linen is a fine linen and the corporal is a very fine linen as a reminder of historical churches.

Here, at Good Shepherd, the corporal is used to “catch” any

crumbs or drips and as a square of blessing. If you notice, everything for the Eucharistic Meal that needs to be blessed or that is blessed has some point of it on the corporal. The corporal is laid out first before any vessel “upside-down”. This is done so that, at the end of the meal, while everything is removed, the crumbs and drips remain inside the corporal for proper disposal and that the outside is available to be seen when folded back up. And, believe it or not, there is a proper way to fold the corporal; it is folded first in thirds – bottom then top – then in thirds again – right then left. Imagine you are folding the corporal and see what symbol it makes $\uparrow\downarrow\leftarrow\rightarrow$ gives you a + as a final remembrance of the meal and its meaning. While it may seem trivial to have this parament, especially when there’s an altar linen, it’s a reminder of the holiness of the meal and the holiness of the bread and wine and a reminder of the historic church where this practice and sacrament was introduced. The corporal is the “landing pad” for God’s blessing upon the meal.

⁴ McKim, Donald K. *The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms* 2 Ed. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky, 2014.

⁵ Ibid.

September Birthdays



Nancy Altman
Kelly Anthony
Bryce Douglas
Kip Douglas
John Hutchison
Aurelia Huya

Craig Huya
Natalie Huya
Susan Lytle
Madeline Owens
Tammy Owens

Aaron Reed
Robert Reed
Olivia Sorrell
Martha Jayne Thompson
Annie Vendetti



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2023

\$509

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%
February	\$ 16,505	\$ 30,005	98.4%	\$ 15,958	\$ 34,540	114.2%
March	\$ 10,409	\$ 40,414	88.8%	\$ 14,636	\$ 49,176	102.9%
April	\$ 11,939	\$ 52,353	84.8%	\$ 15,915	\$ 65,091	104.3%
May	\$ 11,695	\$ 64,048	83.6%	\$ 16,215	\$ 81,154	101.3%
June	\$ 10,482	\$ 78,350	83.1%	\$ 14,627	\$ 95,781	100.9%
July	\$ 10,863	\$ 89,588	81.8%	\$ 14,717	\$ 110,497	101.0%



ATTENDANCE

7/30 61
8/6 50
8/13 72
8/20 54
8/27 30

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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
2023-2024**

Student's Name _____

Student's Birthday _____ Student's Age _____ Grade _____

Baptized YES _____ Date _____ NO _____

First Communion YES _____ Date _____ NO _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

In case of emergency (when parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name and Relation _____ Phone # _____

I give my child permission to participate Sunday School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC). I will not hold GSLC, its staff, or volunteers responsible for accidents, claims, or damages arising from my child's participation in program activities. I also give GSLC permission to use any photographs or videos of me or my child taken during Sunday School classes and events in future promotional materials for its sites and programs. My child shall comply with all the rules set forth by GSLC.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

**FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY,
PLEASE COME TO THE CLASSROOM AT DISMISSAL.**

Student's Name _____

Please list any medical conditions or allergies that your child may have
AND include all steps to care for the child during a medical situation/allergic reaction:

Please list any learning needs that your child may have:

RETURN THIS FORM TO: GSLC office or Mary Vidmar-Christian Education Director

SEPTEMBER 10th

(GRANDPARENTS' DAY)



*Registration forms are available in the Narthex
and on the preceding pages.*

*Class will start at 9:45 Sunday morning, in the
fellowship hall with snack.*

Class will end at 10:45, in the education wing.

News & Updates



A Message from the President

Financial Report

June Income

Offering Income	\$10,863
Fellowship Hall Rental	375
Miscellaneous Income	0
Total Income	\$11,238

June Expenses

\$14,717

Deficit

- \$ 3,478

Year-to-Date Income

Offering Income	\$83,984
Fellowship Hall Rental	2,950
Miscellaneous Income	1,245
Total Income	\$89,588

Year-to-Date Expenses

\$110,497

Year-to-Date Deficit

- \$20,909

Projected full year

- \$35,844

\$500 Donation to Conneaut High School Theater Group

The CHS theater group requested a donation to support its theater productions. At the \$500 level all programs would include the name of our church. The donation was unanimously approved. The money will come from our Family Center Endowment fund.

New Mission Statement Initiative

Pastor Krenz proposed a series of meetings of our members for the purpose of developing a mission statement that fits our purposes and ministries. Instead of one meeting as a large group as we do for a congregational meeting, we will offer several smaller sized meetings on various dates and times to accommodate

everyone's schedule. We anticipate that the smaller meeting size will allow more people to share their thoughts about our mission. Each meeting will be hosted by at least two council members. Sign-up sheets for the meetings will be displayed in the narthex and also available in the office.

Peace to you,
Mark Lytle
Council President

Committee News

Cover Girls

Quilting resumes on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us as there are many jobs to be done. We need helpers in all areas from cutting squares to sewing quilt tops. It is a fun time to get together, have good fellowship and do good ministry in the world

Thank you,
Shirley Harco

Evangelism

A huge thank you to Susan Combs, Jerry Lampela, Gary Anderson, Lori Punkar, Mike Malys, Susanne Malys, Janice Boyle, Ruth Brown, Pastor Josh, and Emily McQueeny. Their help made D-Day parking a huge success.

October 7th we are holding our basket raffle. Tickets will go on sale Sept 1. Cost is \$10 pre-

sale and \$15 at the door. If you would like to make a basket for the raffle see either Michelle or Martha Jayne Thompson.

October 14 from 4-7 p.m. Nickolas will be hosting a free community dinner. This will be free to anyone who attends.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the free lunch program on either

Wednesday or Saturday. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Serving Christ,
Michelle Logan
 Chair

Social Ministry

D-Day is over! It was a busy, busy week for GSLC committees and all volunteers who stepped up to help. We don't have the final totals yet, but we are working on that. We served well over 200 fish dinners in the short time we were open. Thanks to all who worked so

hard. We could not have done it without your help.






I think the people parking cars did a fantastic job. We have a few days to recoup, and it will be picnic time at Hopewood Outdoors. You all know it as Camp Luther. I hope to see all of you there.

I took the opportunity to attend Pastor Krenz's class about Martin Luther's Small Catechism. I learned that you are never too old to learn, and the pastor is an excellent teacher. He has agreed and

invites the whole congregation to continue learning and invites everyone to attend confirmation class as he teaches about our history (Christian, Lutheran, and ELCA).

Finally, we are considering a congregational dinner on the first Sunday of Advent in conjunction with the hanging of the greens. More news will be forthcoming.

God's Blessings,
Pearl Ann Curtis
 Social Ministry Team

Evangelism	Property	Social Ministry	Worship & Music	Christian Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Outreach Fishes & Loaves Nick's Closet Promote Events Maintain Website Family Events Event Parking Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain building and grounds Snow Removal 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 Christmas Families Cooks for Christ Fish Fry Holy Communion Home Visits Card Ministry BINGO at Ashtabula County Home Nisua Bakers Quilting Hospitality Funeral Ministry Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Music Special Services Ushers Assisting Ministers Altar Guild Abiding Memorial Pastoral Support Acolytes Greeters Readers Communion Assistants Video Recording Support Other Committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School 9:45 am Sept-May Pre K-High School Acolyte Training Confirmation VBS Youth Sunday Mission Trips Back to School Rally Support Other Committees 



September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	2 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet
3 8:30 Service 11:00 Service	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	5 9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilting	6 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	7 <i>5:30 Line</i> <i>Dancing</i>	8 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	9 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet
10 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	11 <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	12 9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Committees	13 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	14 <i>5:30 Line</i> <i>Dancing</i> 6:00 Finance	15 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	16 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet
17 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	18 Echo Articles Due <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	19 9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Council	20 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	21 <i>5:30 Line</i> <i>Dancing</i>	22 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	23 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet
24 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	25 <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	26 9:00 3M's 9:00 Quilting	27 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	28 <i>5:30 Line</i> <i>Dancing</i>	29 OFFICE CLOSED <i>9:00 & 10:30</i> <i>YMCA Fitness</i>	30 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet

Key: *Italics* = Non-GSLC Programs & Events

Lord, we are your servants . . .

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER
9/3/2023 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Susan Combs		Dolores Pelow	Amy Gallagher
11:00	Mark Lytle	Ruth Brown	Greg & Glenda Betteridge		Greg Betteridge
9/10/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Katrina Pavolino	Pearl Ann Curtis Kathy Mills	Nancy Altman	Richard Tulino
11:00		Mark Lytle		Bob & E. Jay Hybert	Mark Lytle
9/17/2023 8:30	George Peterson	Susan Combs	Wes & Susan Combs	Shirley Harco Peggy Harco	Kay Peterson
11:00	Paul Mechling	Ruth Brown		Mary Lou Moisio	Janelle Cole
9/24/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Budd Brookhouser	Katrina Pavolino	Shirley Brookhouser	Richard Tulino
11:00	Jennifer Best	Greg Betteridge	Glenda Betteridge		Jennifer Best

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Brown, Sue Chapin, Susan Combs, Mary Lou Moisio



OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD: Kelly Anthony, Ruth Brown, Robin Bryant, Susan Combs

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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

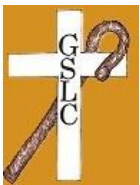
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