



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ECHO the love of Christ

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

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

OCTOBER 2023

From the thoughts of the pastor ...

It's that time of year again: the leaves begin to change, the mornings are cooler, pumpkin spice is everywhere including in things you really wouldn't think needs to be pumpkin spiced – fall is in the air. While the months towards the end of the year tend to be times when we look back at the past year, I invite you to take a look now as well as plan for the next few months.

This past year has been busy. We have increased our giving of our time to the food pantry and free lunches, we have completed the renovations of the Family Room, we have revitalized our Narthex space with new paint, we've upgraded our interior cameras to record better video quality for our services, we've installed new baseboard in the Fellowship Hall, we've upgraded our Sunday School equipment and curriculum, we've revitalized the Annual Church Picnic, and the list continues to grow. In the church leadership, the council went on a retreat at Hopewood Shores (Camp Luther) and came away with a Recommended Action Plan, which we are in the process of moving through,

beginning with the upcoming Listening Sessions.

I want to echo (no pun intended) what was written in September's ECHO Newsletter Article:

The Listening Sessions (or Cottage Meetings) are designed to allow you, the congregation, to voice your thoughts on: 1) this congregation and its ministries including our gifts and wants; and 2) this community including their gifts and wants. What we hope to do is find where our gifts match the needs and wants of the community. This will drive what we do for ministry at Good Shepherd.

I'll give you an example: if Good Shepherd had a gym full of treadmills (which we don't but this is a hypothetical) but the community has miles of sidewalks and trails nearby, then the gift of a gym full of treadmills doesn't fit the needs of the community. However, if where Good Shepherd is located is a food desert (a place where inexpensive food is difficult to obtain), which it does, and if Good Shepherd has a food pantry, which it also does, then these two things match: need for inexpensive/free food and gift of a food pantry.

What I hope to hear from you all is the gifts we have, the passions that exist, what people want to do AND hear from the community what they need. Our square peg should fit in a square hole (do ministry where it's needed); we cannot force our square peg into a round hold (do ministry where it isn't needed).

Also, in the September ECHO, I mentioned I have chosen not to attend these Listening Sessions to allow full and free opinions that may or may not be expressed if I was present. While I hope and encourage everyone to express their opinions regardless of my presence as Office of the Pastor, I feel this might cause one or two people to not freely express as I desire. As a pastor, this is unacceptable as all voices should be and need to be voiced and heard. If, however, this turns out to be a mistake, then it's a mistake that I will own and will attend future listening sessions.

I encourage you to take a look again at the September ECHO to see an explanation of what the next steps are after these sessions. The very end goal is to have a Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Values

Statement (see September ECHO for explanation of each statement). But the very next step after these sessions is to determine whether a consultant who is expertly trained in reading the responses (from the congregation and community), we, the church leadership, will begin to draft these statements – along with the consultant if deemed appropriate – and will present these statements to you, the congregation. While the church leadership drafts the statements, you will have opportunities to ask questions, present feedback, be active in this process. This will allow you

all to agree what Good Shepherd in Conneaut is called to do and what ministries to pursue or release. Some new ministries might be started that we can't think of; some ministries that have happened for decades might be released. Poking and hoping (doing things with the hope there's an effect) doesn't use the best of our resources and stretches out – and exhausts – all involved.

Yes, fall is in the air: the mornings are crisper, the sun sets sooner, and the views become beautiful golds, reds, and oranges. Before the

seasons of Advent and Christmas come and our lives become full of planning for family get-togethers and traveling, let us take this opportunity we have now to breathe in the crisp air, view the natural beauty around us, and reflect on what it means to be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Conneaut; a place where God has called us all to be.

Amen+

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(Peace be upon you)

The Reverend Joshua Krenz

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The Big Churchy Word



Burse (an envelope of stiffened fabric consisting of two 9-inch squares hinged together, in which the corporal and sometimes the pall are carried to and from the altar.)¹

Veil (also known as Chalice Veil – A square of material that covers the chalice and paten until they are needed for preparation of the altar at the eucharist. It typically matches the eucharistic vestments and

the liturgical color of the day. The chalice veil is placed on top of the pall, which rests on the top of the chalice and paten.²

We continue our education on the paraments of the altar with these two: burse and veil. These two paraments are the two matching seasonal colors that cover the chalice and the paten when on the altar or on the credence table. The idea behind the veil is to remember our Jewish traditions when the

temple existed and the holy of holies being hidden by a screen or a veil. We'll talk more about the chalice and the paten in future Churchy Words but it's enough to say cup and plate, respectively, of the body and blood of Christ – the holy of holies.

In some traditions and other ELCA churches, the cup and plate are on the credence table off to the side (or like the church in Santa Fe, on a special shelf) to help us focus on the two parts of the worship

¹ *Manual on the Liturgy – Lutheran Book of Worship*. Augsburg Publishing House:Minnesota, 1976.

² [Chalice Veil – The Episcopal Church](#)

service: the word and the sacrament.

Imagine, if you will, the worship service like a football game (or any sport with halftime). The service begins with the word – the reminder of our wrongs and hearing of the good news of the saving grace of Jesus and God’s gift of grace and forgiveness. This takes us (in a “normal” worship service) through the sermon to the Prayers of Intercession, where we arbitrate or request God to listen to the prayers of the church, our world, and our neighbors. This is the “first-half” of the service with the Passing of the Peace the “halftime” and where we as worshipers shift from word – hearing God’s good news – to sacrament – literal ingesting God’s good news. It is at this time where we unveil the chalice and the paten (cup and plate) and prepare ourselves for

the consecration of the elements. The *Manual on the Liturgy – Lutheran Book of Worship* says,

In many places it is customary to place the vested chalice [the cup with the burse and veil] on the altar before the service [our practice here except during Lent], but it is [acceptable] to keep it on the side table until the table is set at the offering and the focus of the service shifts from the reading desk to the altar.³

We first set the table with the corporal (which we learned last month) and then everything goes on top of the corporal. Then the burse is removed, the veil is removed, then the vessels are set in their positions. Currently, we set the chalice, purificator, paten, pall stacked on the altar then cover

with the veil topped with the burse which contains the corporal. When setting the table, I move the stacked vessels and paraments aside – still under the veil – then take the corporal from the burse and lay it out then put vessels and paraments on the corporal. I then unveil the stack, put the pall in the burse, fold the veil and hand both to the assisting minister if present. (Note: at the first service, while outside, we don’t have a burse and veil.) Now everything is ready for the elements.

These two paraments are pretty simple but, like many things in the church, have a deeper meaning. We use these two paraments to remember our holy of holies, that Christ presence is in, under, and around the elements, that it is the body and the blood of Christ given and shed for you.

³ *Manual on the Liturgy – Lutheran Book of Worship*. Augsburg Publishing House:Minnesota, 1976.

A Moment in Faith

By Richard Tulino, a Layman's Interpretation



Matthew 5:14-16
This Little Light of Mine

"You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill can't be hidden. Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house. Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Scripture teaches that God created us in his image. We're born in the image of God to reflect God's glory. The beauty of God's holiness—God's perfect light—dwells within us all. You may not think you have a lot to offer, but you do. God has instilled in each of us the light of his grace and love. Whether yours is a search light, a flood light, or a 40-watt bulb, you are called to rise above the crowd and stand up for Christ and let your light shine, so that others may see

the way that leads to salvation.

Think of that light bulb, it burns, but doesn't put out much light. That's because it's covered with a thick layer of dust. As you grow in faith a layer is washed away, making the light shine more brightly. In our Christian faith, that layer of dust keeping the light of Christ from shining brightly is our sinful nature. We're the ones holding Christ back, we're the ones standing in the way, and the truth is we do it by choice. The more we give in to our sinful nature and follow the crowd, the more dust accumulates on our light bulb and blocks the light of Christ within us. There becomes less difference between us and the darkness of the world around us.

The Good News is, the more we say no to sin and turn to God, the brighter the light of Christ shines within us, and

the more we are able to block the forces of evil and wash away that dust from our light bulb so that we are able to let the light of Christ shine in us in such a way that when others see our good works, they will give glory to God. It is up to us to let "this little light of mine" to shine brightly and block the darkness and bring a glimmer of hope to the world around us. John says it best in John 1:5, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it."

A prayer for you all is this, Gracious God, you've entrusted your Word to us and filled us with your spirit. The world is so dark, and, at times we feel so powerless to do anything about it. Strengthen our witness and give us courage, that we may be a shining example of your grace and love, for we ask it in the name of your son Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

October Birthdays



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

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

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



GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

\$1,645

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%
August	\$ 11,053	\$ 101,192	81.0%	\$ 14,194	\$ 124,692	99.4%



ATTENDANCE

9/3 52
9/10 73
9/17 55
9/24 58

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.

A Message from the President

Financial Report

August Income

Offering Income	\$11,053
Fellowship Hall Rental	525
Miscellaneous Income	<u>26</u>
Total Income	\$11,604

August Expenses **\$14,194**

Deficit **- \$ 2,590**

Year-to-Date Income

Offering Income	\$96,446
Fellowship Hall Rental	3,475
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,271</u>
Total Income	\$101,192

Year-to-Date Expenses **\$124,692**

Year-to-Date Deficit **- \$23,500**

Projected full year **- \$35,250**

Category	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	Difference
Christian Education	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$0
Worship and Music	\$3,780	\$5,180	\$1,400
Stewardship	\$400	\$450	\$50
Staff Salaries	\$92,885	\$99,132	\$6,247
Staff Benefits	\$26,728	\$28,084	\$1,356
Property	\$32,735	\$33,664	\$929
Parish Administration	\$9,185	\$9,565	\$380
Finance	\$105	\$30	-\$75
Congregational Council	\$20,347	\$16,100	-\$4,247
Grand Totals	\$187,465	\$193,505	\$6,041

News & Updates

Good news! John Chapin is slowly getting better. Cards are welcomed and may be sent to him at his daughter's address:

John Chapin
c/o Tiffany Blom
16306 Dolton Dr.
Chesterfield, VA 23832








Nisu – The next nisu bake will be Saturday, October 28. Last day to order is Sunday, October 21. The cost of a one-pound loaf is \$7.00. Sign up can be done after church services or through the church office.

Volunteer Opportunity – If anyone is willing to offer rides to people who are interested in coming to worship but don't have transportation, please contact Jennifer in the church office. She'll give you the phone number to make arrangements. We currently have an elderly lady who lives off of Clark St. who is asking for a ride to (and from) the 11:00 service.




Watch Your Mail – Coming soon the 2024 budget and congregational meeting notice/agenda will be sent out, as well as time and talent sheets (and a letter explaining the time and talent sheets) and pledge cards (and a letter status). In our computer system, we have some people listed as members who no longer meet the requirements; and we have some people who meet the requirements but were listed as visitors, so these letters are reaching out to make sure we have everyone listed where they should be. It is especially important to know who our voting members are, since we have a congregational meeting in about 2 weeks. It shouldn't be this intensive in future years, but we're doing a deep dive this year to make sure we are consistent explaining the pledge cards, and if they did not complete a record form, they'll be sent a record form (and a letter explaining the record form/membership and compliant with our constitution). The letters will explain the perks of being a member, but member or not, everyone is always welcome here. Having the filing system consistent and organized helps us serve our congregation better. So please read all the information, complete the necessary forms in a timely manner, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the office.

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 



October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	2 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	3 9:00 Quilting	4 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i> 10-2 Pet Blessing	5 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i>	6 OFFICE CLOSED <i>10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	7 8:00 3M's 10-2 Basket Raffle 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet
8 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service 12:30 Congregational Meeting	9 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	10 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Committees	11 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	12 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i> 6:00 Finance	13 OFFICE CLOSED <i>10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	14 8:00 3M's 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet 5-7 Community Dinner
15 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	16 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	17 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Council	18 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	19 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i>	20 Echo Articles Due OFFICE CLOSED <i>10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	21 8:00 3M's 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet Nisu Order Deadline
22 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	23 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	24 9:00 Quilting	25 9-2 Food Pantry & Free Lunches <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	26 <i>5:30 Line Dancing</i>	27 OFFICE CLOSED <i>10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	28 8:00 3M's 11-12:30 Free Lunches Food Pantry & Nick's Closet Nisu Bake
29 Reformation Sunday (wear red) 8:30 Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Service	30 <i>9:00 & 10:30 YMCA Fitness</i>	31 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Quilting	Trunk or Treat Kid Crawl October 28, 5:00-7:00 			

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

Lord, we are your servants . . .

DATE/ TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	GREETERS	READER
10/1/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Kathy Mills	Pearl Ann Curtis	Nancy Altman	Richard Tulino
11:00	Mark Lytle	Ron Young	Ruth Brown	Janelle Cole	Ron Young
10/8/2023 8:30	Richard Tulino	Katrina Pavolino	Wes & Susan Combs		Richard Tulino
11:00		Mark Lytle		Bob & E. Jay Hybert	Mark Lytle
10/15/2023 8:30	Mike Malys	Susan Combs	Suzanne Malys	Susan Combs	Dolores Pelow
11:00	Paul Mechling	Glenda Betteridge	Greg & Glenda Betteridge	Joanne Mechling	Greg Betteridge
10/22/2023 8:30	Amy Gallagher	George Peterson	Kay Peterson	Nancy Altman	Amy Gallagher
11:00	Jennifer Best	Ruth Brown	Michelle Logan	Mary Lou Moisio	Jennifer Best
10/29/2023 8:30	Amy Gallagher	Katrina Pavolino	Wes & Susan Combs		Amy Gallagher
11:00		Ron Young	Michelle Logan	Mary Lou Moisio	Ron Young

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



NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD: Ruth Brown, Sue Chapin, Janelle Cole, Mary Lou Moisio, Katrina Pavolino

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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

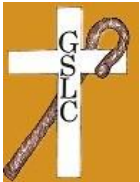
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