



# "The Little Lutheran"

Greenford Lutheran Church

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*Our mission is to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known"*

## 2022



### "The Gray Days" of Winter and the Light of God's Son

Seasonally Affected Disorder or S.A.D. is an illness many people suffer from. The lack of sunshine in the winter months can have more than a passing effect on people's moods. It can actually produce profound negative physical effects on them. Symptoms of S.A.D. can include: tiredness, fatigue, crying spells, irritability, trouble concentrating, body aches, loss of sex drive, inability to sleep, decreased activity levels, and overeating. When left untreated it can lead to a state of depression deep enough to produce suicidal thoughts and acts. Thankfully, despite the long gray days of winter, there are treatments that reduce and sometimes eliminate the negative effects of S.A.D. Folks don't have to endure or succumb to this illness if they just seek appropriate help and accept proper treatments.

I sometimes wonder if there is a similar type of spiritual illness that comes from an overexposure to the world's constantly gray depressing messages combined with a prolonged lack of exposure to THE SON, God's Son. Perhaps it could also be called SAD, Spiritually Affected Disorder? Symptoms could include: lethargy in loving others, self-doubt, self-loathing, inability to forgive, lack of purpose or a sense of inner peace, and nagging negative memories. Left untreated Spiritually Affected Disorder can lead to more serious life issues like severely broken relationships and endangering the direction of your eternal life.

Thankfully, despite our prolonged exposure to the world's "gray days," there are ways for us to reduce and eliminate its negative effects. As a pastor, I've seen positive results in folks who engaged in a spiritual health regimen of daily "soul vitamins" and weekly heart healthy activities. As you might have guessed the daily "soul vitamins" consist of moments of prayer and meditation as well as regular doses of devotional and scriptural reading. The weekly activity of joining other family members in praising God at Sunday worship does a good job of getting us outside (of ourselves) to enjoy the light of God's Son. In addition, many Sunday gatherings allow us to nourish ourselves with the sharing of God's meal. The Lord's Supper not only flushes out the deadly toxins of sin from our spirit but also nourishes us to share the light of God's love with others. In theory, if enough spiritually nourished Christians shared the light of God's love we might be able to stop the spread of this debilitating deadening spiritual disease, SAD, in its tracks all together.

Let's agree to take precautions against "SAD" this winter,

See you Sunday,

Pastor Mike





## COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESIDENT  
**Angie Bowman**

VICE PRESIDENT  
**Brad Scheetz**

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
**Delaine DeChellis**

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
**Angie Bowman**

EVANGELISM  
**Vicky Elwood**

FELLOWSHIP  
**Delaine DeChellis**

FINANCE  
**Evan Schaefer**

MEMBER CARE  
**Ann Myers**

PROPERTY  
**Brad Scheetz**

STEWARDSHIP  
**Dave Chizmar**

WORSHIP & MUSIC  
**Madeline Hiner**

YOUTH  
**Ed Schaefer Jr.**

## CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR  
**Rev. Michael Knauff**

CHURCH SECRETARY  
*Vacant*

YOUTH MINISTER  
**Matthew Crutchfield**

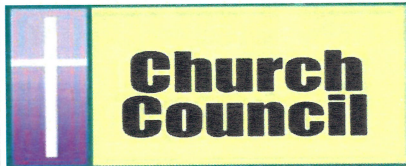
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**Fran Hall**

MUSIC DIRECTOR  
**Martha Rogowsky**

ACCOMPANIST  
**Alyssa Titi**

TREASURER  
**Shirley Martz**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
**Dorothy Conkle**



## COUNCIL NEWS:

The church council met on Tues., Jan 11 electing their officers for this year, assigning committee oversight to various council members, and appointing certain staff positions.

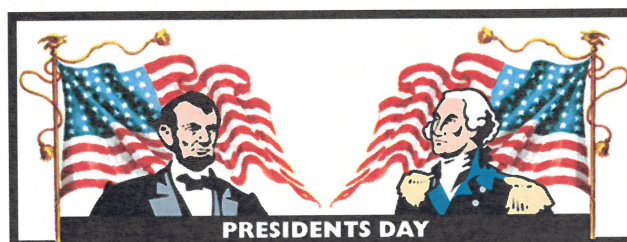
This year's council officers are: **President**– Angie Bowman, **Vice President**– Brad Scheetz, **Council Secretary**– Delaine DeChellis. Committee assignments are: **Christian Ed**– Angie Bowman, **Evangelism**– Vicky Elwood, **Fellowship**– Delaine DeChellis, **Finance**– Evan Schaefer, **Member Care**– Anne Myers, **Property**– Brad Scheetz, **Stewardship**– Dave Chizmar, **Worship & Music**– Madeline Hiner, **Youth**– Ed Schaefer, Jr. The council also approved the continuing staff appointments of **Financial Secretary**– Dorothy Conkle, and **Treasurer**– Shirley Martz, .

## JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 16, following worship. Fortunately, we had more than the necessary 32 members to constitute a quorum. We thank everyone that stayed to participate. The November congregational minutes were read and approved. Our new council president, Angie Bowman gave people time to read the annual reports while a power point presentation of "A year in the life of GLC" put together by Pastor Mike played on the overhead screens. Martha Rogowsky quietly played hymns on the piano while people watched the video or read the reports. When folks were done reading a motion was made to approve the annual report and it passed unopposed. Motion to adjourn passed and the meeting closed with Angie leading us in a final prayer.



**Congregational Meeting**



## **BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

Please send all bulletin announcements to the church office by **9:00AM** each **Wednesday** for inclusion in that **week's Sunday bulletin**.

Newsletter articles should be turned in no later than the **15th** of each month.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**





**YOUTH:**  
Ed Schaefer, Jr.,  
Youth Chairperson  
Matthew Crutch-  
field, Youth Director

### RURITAN DINNER A SNOWY SUCCESS

Despite blustery weather the Greenford Ruritan met at GLC on Mon. Jan. 24 and the youth were there to feed them. Almost 40 Ruritans attended the meeting and 7 youth and six adults helped put on the meal. Thanks to Jen Schaefer for organizing and the Ladies of the church for providing desserts.

### PLANNING MEETING RESCHEDULED

The youth and parent planning meeting set for Sun. Jan 23 got "snowed out." It is rescheduled for Sunday Feb. 6 after church. Our Youth Director, Matthew Crutchfield and our Council Youth Chairperson, Ed Schaefer along with Youth Sponsor Jen Schaefer are hoping to get some feedback from youth and parents about what's working (or not working) with the youth program as well as input on plans going forward. Is there interest in a summer mission trip? What should the next big fellowship event be? Join us for lunch on the 6th to talk over important aspects of your church's youth program.

## Confirmation **CONFIRMATION** CLASSES

Instruction in the Christian faith continues for our Junior High youth. This year's focus on the Old Testament and God's covenants has been slow going. Nevertheless we've completed looking at the books of Moses and now are on to the time of the Judges and Kings of Israel. Class will meet Sunday Feb. 13 and Feb. 27 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

### **LESLIE ANN MEMORIAL FUND**

The Leslie Ann Seidner-Jenkins Memorial Fund provides scholarships for GLC members within their first four years of high school graduation. Applicants must apply each year in order to be eligible for scholarships. For more information, applications, and/or deadlines contact:

**Sherry Taylor or Pam Hiner**



**Students  
interested in  
attending  
Wittenberg  
University.**



If you wish to take advantage of the Greenford Lutheran Wittenberg Scholarship for this fall's 2022 school year, turn in your application to the church council by Sun. February 28th. Applications forms are available in the church office or online at the church's website [www.greenfordlutheran.org](http://www.greenfordlutheran.org).

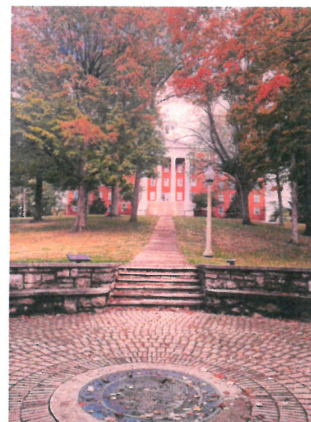
Our current Wittenberg scholar is Corin Turkovich and she sent us greetings:

*Dear GLC,*

*Happy New Year! I hope you all had blessed holidays and stayed healthy! Sorry I was unable to attend Christmas service I have a new niece who I was with during break in Cleveland. I'm just writing to fill you in on how fall semester went! I finished on the Dean's list and finally declared my major (sociology)! I've added some pictures of just how beautiful campus is in the fall and also some from trips the cross country team went on.*

*I'm so thankful to have the opportunity to study here and I couldn't thank you all enough! I can't wait to be back with you all in the summer and I'm looking forward to it! I hope everyone stays healthy this winter!*

*With love,  
Corin Turkovich*







**FELLOWSHIP NEWS:**  
**Delaine Dechellis,**  
 Fellowship Committee  
 Chair.

**Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) is Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Church council will be having a pancake and sausage supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All members and community are invited to attend. A free will donation is the cost.

**Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** and marks the beginning of Lent. Since Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fasting there will be no accompanying potluck dinner that night. However, there will be an accompanying potluck supper for all the following midweek Lenten services. Midweek potlucks will be in fellowship hall from 6:15 -7:00 p.m. prior to the Holden Prayer Service. The potluck will continue each Wednesday leading up to Holy Week. Dust off some of those favorite recipes you have been wanting to try. Beverage and table service will be provided by the fellowship committee.

We are looking for folks to host social time following worship service on Sundays. Plan to serve around 60 congregants. Donuts, cookies, muffins, fruit or any snack will be fine. Coffee is always provided. Sign up sheet is on the table near the kitchen.

**HAPPY  
 VALENTINE'S  
 DAY ♥**

## How To Spot A Live Church

- 1) Live Churches always have parking problems; dead churches do not.
- 2) Live Churches are constantly changing methodology; dead churches do not have to.
- 3) Live Churches have lots of noisy youth; dead churches are fairly quiet.
- 4) Live churches' expenses frequently exceed their income; dead churches take in more than they could dream of spending.
- 5) Live churches grow so fast that you don't know every members' names; in dead churches, everybody knows everybody's name.
- 6) Live churches support mission enthusiastically; dead churches only care for themselves.
- 7) Live churches are filled with tithers; dead churches are filled with tip-pers.
- 8) Live churches move out on faith; dead churches operate totally on sight.
- 9) Live churches evangelize; dead churches fossilize.

**HELP WANTED: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR.** This is a part time position paying \$15/hr with flexible office hours. Must have excellent people skills and be competent in Microsoft Office programs such as Word, PowerPoint, and Publisher. This is a good position for a second income parent who wants flexibility to care for their school age children. It's also a good option for recent retirees to supplement their income while contributing to their community.

Now  
**HIRING**





February Worship Volunteers

ALTAR CARE	COMMUNION STEWARDS
Andrea Hiner and Sherry Taylor	George & Carrie Toy
LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Bea Olson	Ann Myers
USHERS	OFFERING STEWARDS
John Lindquist and Ed Schaefer	Angie Bowman and Ann Myers
A/V CREW	ACOLYTE
Needed	Needed

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

**Madeline Hiner** Worship and Music chair  
Martha Rogowsky, Music Director  
Alyssa Titi, Worship Accompanist



**SEASON OF EPIPHANY:**

The church season between Christmas and the beginning of Lent is known as

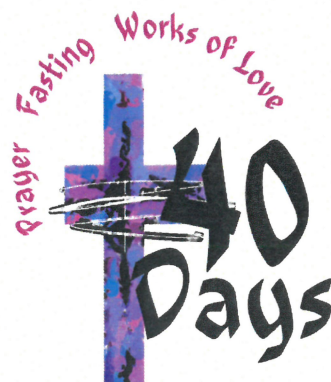
Epiphany. A time when Jesus begins to reveal who he is to the world by calling disciples, performing miracles, and preaching God's Word.



**SEASON OF LENT**

The season of Lent comes early this year with Ash Wednesday landing on Wed. Mar 2. Council at its recent meeting approved hold-

ing Midweek Lenten services with the traditional proceeding potluck meal. The meal will begin at 6:15 pm and the services will start at 7 pm using the Holden Evening Prayer Service.



**Riddles for Kids:  
Snow & Ice**



Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?  
A: In a snowbank!

Q: What is the difference between an iceberg and a clothes brush?  
A: One crushes boats and the other brushes coats!

Q: What vegetable was forbidden on the ships of Arctic explorers?  
A: Leeks!

Q: What do you call a smart snowfall?  
A: A brainstorm!

Q: What do snowmen ride?  
A: Ice-cycles!

Q: Why was the snowman nervous about getting married?  
A: He had cold feet!

Q: What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?  
A: Frostbite!





## STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

**David Chizmar**, Stewardship Committee Chair

	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING Weekly average needed for 2022 budget \$3,625.00
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26	40	\$5,435.00
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2	47	\$2,272.00
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9	44	\$3,483.00
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16	45	\$1,553.00
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23	40	\$2,005.00



### FEBRUARY BENEVOLENCE:

Gideons International will be the recipient of our February Benevolence. Gideons International began in 1899 as an association of businessmen distributing bibles free of charge and has evolved into a mission to provide scripture to all people in every facet of life. They distribute bibles in 200 countries, and they are printed in 108 different languages. Gideons are most known for distributing bibles in hotel rooms, but they also distribute to hospitals, colleges, military bases, as well as jails and prisons. Our own Brad & Mike Sheetz and Chuck McCabe are members.

### DECEMBER BENEVOLENCE: RESCUE MISSION THANK YOU.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your compassionate heart is really making a difference. As we begin this new year, I'm grateful for friends like you who reach out to those who are suffering—who show kindness for strangers you may never even meet—because it's the right and Godly thing to do. When you and others demonstrate your concern for the poor through your gifts and prayers, our entire community is lifted and made stronger.

The thoughtful care you've shown others through your \$765.00 gift is having a huge impact in hurting



**RESCUE MISSION**

*Food, Shelter, Safety  
and a Second Chance*

[RescueMissionMV.org](http://RescueMissionMV.org)

live! Thanks to you, hundreds of homeless and hungry neighbor is in the Mahoning Valley are receiving safe shelter. They're enjoying nourishing meals that restore their strength. And many are finding encouragement and renewal through classes, counseling and programs that surround them with God's love.

The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley is grateful for your gift.

In His Name.

John Muckridge III  
CEO/President

Dear Friends,

*Thank you* so much for having me for a "mission moment" at your Sunday service and for your continual faithful giving to help those in need staying here at the Rescue Mission! We appreciate you!!

God Bless,

*Crystal Eckman,*

Mission Volunteer Ambassador

PS: You all always make me feel like family







## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 2/6 ..... Youth/Parent Planning meeting  
Monday 2/8.....Council Mtg @ 7pm  
Sunday, 2/13 ..... Confirmation 5-7 pm  
Sunday, 2/27 ..... Confirmation 5-7 pm  
Tuesday, 3/1 ..... Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5-7 pm

### MEMBER CARE: Ann Myers Chair person

GLC has an active email prayer chain that our members are encouraged to participate in. The requirements are two fold. First, be willing to receive, read, and pray the prayer requests that Pastor sends out. Often these include not just the request but a prayer written by Pastor that you can pray before exiting your email. Second, keep the prayer chain information confidential. Often these requests include sensitive information that needs to be handled carefully and confidentially not just prayerfully. If you would like to serve on GLC's prayer chain contact **Pastor Mike**.



### Prayer List

#### PRAYERS FOR HEALTH &

**WHOLENESS:** Laura, Marti, Roberta, Sue, Brian Bair, Carolyn Bartell, **Tom Butts**, **Marge Cope**, Wayne Grier, **Stan Fishback**, Vickie Keene, **Sue Lotti**, **Cindy McCue**,

Emily Mead, **Raquel Scheetz**, Jason Schultz, **Ed & Suzanne Smith**, Kalani Tejedor, and **Carrie Toy**.

#### PRAYERS OF THANKS:

- ✦ Don DeChellis, recovered from a fall and broken ribs.
- ✦ Randy Schmidt, in remission from prostate cancer.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY:

**Lane Bowman**, Kasey Shidel, **Travis Toy**, and Matt Yarab



## CELEBRATE February BIRTHDAYS!

1 ..... Jeff Roller  
..... Angie Bowman  
2..... James Page III  
5 ..... Shirley Martz  
6 ..... Jerry Hendricks  
10 ..... Donna Harbin  
12 ..... Ayla Jacobson  
15 ..... David Hiner  
..... Lane Taylor  
18 ..... Mary Wilkins  
23 ..... Chris Kondas  
25 ..... Harold Everson  
27 ..... Harold McCue  
28 ..... Brant Rothbauer

Dear Donna,

Thank you for the mailings you send to me. And thank the Ladies for the goodies I receive during the year! They are appreciated!

With love,  
Dick Souder





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KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN*



**FALL SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER — MAY**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 A.M.**

**WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 A.M**

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