



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
April 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Near the beginning of Lent, we had a Holden Evening Prayer Service. After I read this verse and the call story of Abram, we talked about the call of Good Shepherd. When Good Shepherd was called to be a community of faith, the following Charter was written to describe the purpose of this church:

Charter of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is a warm and loving community of Christ our Lord, serving all people. We are a family connected by love and faith gathered from all people, called together in the fellowship of the Kingdom of God.

We renew our faith through God's Word and Sacrament, teach His way to everyone, and help each other within the community. We will give hope to those without hope, reach out in word and deed to find people who need us, and serve as an example of Christianity.

We are called to serve as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Douglas County and surrounding areas.

This charter was written many years ago, but it has been my experience this past year that you are living out this purpose and call statement. One way that Good Shepherd does this is through the Daily Bread ministry. It has been 20 years this month since Leila went out with several sandwiches looking for hungry people and Daily Bread ministry began.

The Holy Spirit sustained and grew this ministry to what it is today. Thousands of pounds of food are delivered each month. Camp Shinnah hosts folks without a place to stay. Thank you to Leila and Butch and all the Daily Bread volunteers. It is amazing how so many people and churches come together as one to serve.

We will have a special celebration of the 20th anniversary of Daily Bread on Mother's Day, (Sunday, May 14), since Leila has served as a mother to many people in need. She has been called the Mother Teresa of Douglasville as well. Pastor Mike will join us to help celebrate! If you can help us prepare for this special celebration, please let me know.

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of the
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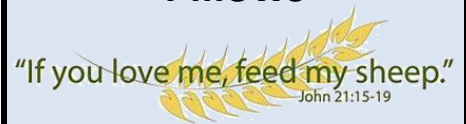
Continued from the Pastor's Desk

The month of April begins with Holy Week. We will remember the joy and shouts of hosanna as Jesus entered Jerusalem and hear the stories of how that quickly changed to betrayal, arrest and the cross. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter, April 9th at 9:30 am. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments after the service on Easter morning. The Wednesday Night Supper will be on April 12th at 6:15 pm with Bible Study to follow the supper at 7:00 pm.

+ We have been blessed by God so that we can be a blessing to others!

Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

**Daily Bread Needs:
Canned Fruit
Canned Protein
Pillows**



Our Council:

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**Bring your kids for our
Sunday School and
Youth Activities the first
Sunday of each month,
starting April 2nd
following the service.**



Council Corner:

Hello Good Shepherd,

I hope everyone had a great March! We had so many exciting things happen. Get ready because April will be an amazing month.

Holy Week starts this week and we will be having a service for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday both at 7:00 p.m. We also get to look forward to Palm Sunday and we can't forget EASTER. "Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed."

We will have an Easter Egg hunt after the Easter service. Stay after church for food, drinks, and all the eggs you can find. It's a great activity for family and friends.

We will also have Sunday School/Youth Activity starting April 2 and will continue on the first Sunday of every month. Every age welcomed and invited!

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**Order your
Easter Lilies
by April 2nd.
Use the
order form in
your Sunday
Bulletin.**



Easter Egg Hunt!



**Come join the fun
following our Easter
Service**



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Continued from Council Corner

Thank you all who attended the Hunger Walk! We can all give Don Larsen a big round of applause for all of his help getting volunteers and donations! Although it was cold and rainy, it looked like a great time!

We also now have a YouTube account where you can find our Sunday and other services. You can find the link in this month's newsletter or on our website. For others we have also begun an Instagram account to reach out to younger families. We think this will be a great way to branch out to the community and let people know all the wonderful things we have going on here at Good Shepherd!

One last thing, in April, The Daily Bread Ministry will have its 20th anniversary! We will celebrate this milestone on May 14th. We cannot put in words how much we appreciate all of Leila's and the whole team's love and effort that goes into Daily Bread. This Ministry is such a pinnacle in this community and we could not be prouder of what they do! Thank you Leila Myers and the whole Daily Bread Ministry Team!

God Bless Good Shepherd
Council President,
Alison Bauch



April 12th

**Please Sign Up on the Sheet
on the Fellowship Hall Door**

**Our next After-Service
Fellowship Hour is
April 16th. Join us for good
food and fellowship!**



Fellowship



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service: April 6th at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service: April 7th at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service: April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Order your Easter Lilies by April 2nd:

April 2nd is the last day to order your Easter Lily to grace Sanctuary for our Easter service. Plants will be \$15 apiece and can be given in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Please fill out the order form you will find in your bulletin and put your completed form and your payment in the offering basket. Be sure to indicate Easter Lily on your payment.



Council and Finance News:

Next Council meeting will be Monday, **April 10 at 7 p.m.**, with the Finance committee meeting before at 6 p.m. Your first quarter giving statements will be sent via email during the second or third full week in April.

COME JOIN OUR



Bible Study:

Join us for Bible Study after the service on April 23rd and 30th.

Bible Study on the First-Wednesday Evenings will be taking a closer look at scripture that we will hear in worship. Join us for Bible Study at 7 p.m. on April 12th.



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Youth Group:

Starting in April, the Youth Group will be changing their meeting times to the first Sunday of every month after the service. Youth are invited to join on **April 2nd** in a conversation about Holy Week while decorating Easter eggs and enjoying Easter snacks!

Easter Egg Hunt:



Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be slightly different this year. Instead of on a Saturday, it will be held after our Easter Service on **Sunday, April 9th**. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor kids etc. and their baskets to join the fun. Please consider donating plastic eggs filled with candy for the hunt. Just leave them in the kitchen. We will also need some volunteers to help hide the eggs. Please let Alison Bauch know if you can help.

Wednesday Night Dinner:



Our Wednesday Dinner for April will be held **April 12th**, instead of the first Wednesday of the month, due to Holy week. We will be having pizza, salad, and desserts. Please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall door, so we can estimate the attendance. Also if you can help with the dinner, please let Marge Schulhof know at mschulhof93@aol.com.

After-Service Fellowship Hour:

Our next After-Service Fellowship Hour will be on **April 16th**. Plan to stay after the service to share some good food and bonding time.



You can now watch our services on YouTube!

Exciting news! You can now see our services on YouTube, in addition to Facebook. Follow the link below to find our page on YouTube. Note that the Facebook videos can be watched in real time. The videos on YouTube will be delayed, as they require uploading after filming is complete.

<https://www.youtube.com/@LCGSDouglasville>

Call Committee:

The Ministry Site Profile, which describes who we are as a congregation, was approved by Council and submitted to the Synod and has been approved by the Synod! This completes the Study Phase of the call process. We are now entering the Interviewing Phase where candidates will be matched to us and presented for consideration. Please reach out anytime with questions.

Sincerely,

Your Call Committee: Randy Stephens (Chair), Laura Austin, Heidi Dennis, Joanne Craton, Don Larsen, Skip Welch



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**



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2023 Hunger Walk/Run:

Despite the cold and stormy weather forecast, nine of our Daily Bread team members participated in the Atlanta walk / run and had a blast. Thanks to Pastor Bonnie & Dave Lanyi, The Dennis family, Lois Waldmann and my wife Joan Larsen for strolling with me through the streets of Atlanta. Team members who couldn't make the trip are planning a local sunny day walk in the weeks to come. Thanks to the members of our church family as well as the many friends and family members for their generous donations. In all, we received \$2,775 in donations and \$500 in matching corporate donations for a total of \$3,275. We also thank the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Inspiritus (Formerly Lutheran Services of Georgia) and Good Shepherd Daily Bread Ministry for the lasting partnership that has given so much to those most in need in our community. And lastly, we thank God who makes all things possible.Don Larsen



Our Fabulous 2023 Hunger/Walk Run Team

ELCA Advocacy News:

God's presence was felt as these religious leaders from many faiths came together to advocate for transgender and non-binary kids, to fight a dangerous bill being pushed through the GA legislature, and to share God's love and affirmation with the trans kids in the room. Kevin Strickland, Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, was one of these incredible faith leaders. Bishop Eaton has also made a statement against these harmful laws. You can read her statement here: [Bishop Eaton Issues Statement on Anti-Transgender Legislation - ELCA](https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8191). (<https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8191>).



Georgia Equality Prayer Vigil, March 20, 2023; Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta



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Daily Bread Ministry:

20 Years of Service!

This month, Daily Bread has been serving those in need, within Douglasville, for 20 Years Can you believe it? Where has time gone. Thank you for your twenty years of continuous service, showing love and support!!!! You make a difference!!!!

Praise be to God!!! We have gone from riding the streets of Douglasville with 12 sack lunches, looking for hungry people to serving over 150 individuals every week and managing a legal supervised, men's community of 23 sites.

We currently have 19 men living at Shinnah.

Four men moved into housing this month.

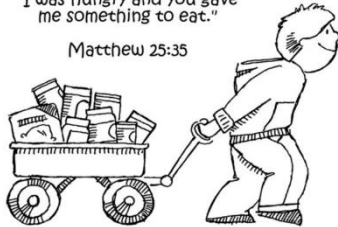
A man Daily Bread has served for over 10 years, recently decided to make a change in his life and he move in to our community.

Ten men in our community have jobs.

This month we received a letter from a mother in Florida saying that Daily Bread had served her son in the past and that he is now living with her, trying very hard to remain sober, and is taking his medications. She thanked God and Daily Bread for keeping her son alive.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



Our needs for this month are pillows, canned fruit, and canned protein.

Thank you for all you do and have done in the past twenty years to support Daily Bread!

Leila

Our April Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

- April 01 Lynn Bauch
- April 01 Paulette Bovingdon
- April 01 Tara Lynn Douds
- April 02 Chris Martin
- April 05 Erica Parker
- April 09 Jamie Schad
- April 10 Allison Ryan
- April 11 Mallorie Brenemen
- April 12 Mary Anne Rankenburg
- April 16 Thomas Shick
- April 16 Erica Stephenson
- April 20 Levi Harris
- April 21 Laura Austin
- April 28 Kathy Stingle



Happy Anniversary

- April 02 Sam and Susan Duke
- April 03 Leah and Spencer Titzmann
- April 18 Bonnie and Michael Garrett
- April 27 Lutissa and Richard Parker

