



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
April 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"..." John 20:18a.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! In this season of Easter we celebrate that as Christians we are Easter people all year long. We declare in our words and actions that we have seen the Lord and our lives have been changed immeasurably for the better because of it. We live with a knowledge of love and grace given freely to us by our Creator. We live in the knowledge that all things can be made new; and life can come from death. We live knowing that there will be dark days, difficult times, and sorrows but that God is close to us and bears it with us until we come through and find joy again. We are Easter people that know that we don't reach Easter Sunday without going through Good Friday, the promise is that God is always with us, always extending grace and forgiveness, always loving beyond measure, always bearing our sorrows and joys with us; all of this is encompassed by the Cross. The Cross clearly demonstrates the enormous depth of God's love for all of humanity in the promise of forgiveness, grace, and eternal life. We celebrate all this and more during the season of Easter. The happiness and excitement of the Incarnation at Christmas turns to pure awe and joy in the Resurrection at Easter. Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Let this be our joyful cry this season and all year long as we go forward as Easter people!

Pastor Jamie



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**Come celebrate the
31st Anniversary of
Good Shepherd on
April 14th**

Council Corner:

Hello Good Shepherd,

I hope you all are enjoying the warm weather; I know not so much the pollen!

The church council has chosen myself and Randy Stephens to accompany Pastor Jamie at the Synod Assembly this year and we are very excited for the opportunity to represent Good Shepherd.

We are excited to be celebrating the 31st anniversary of Good Shepherd on April 14th. Please plan to come to worship with us that day and join us for a reception celebrating this congregation's past and vision for the future.

We continue to pray and keep faith in this church and its congregation.

God Bless Good Shepherd!

Council President,
Alison Webb

Council Meetings

The next Finance Committee Meeting is April 11 at 6 p.m.
The next Council Meeting is April 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.



**Mexican Night
Wednesday, April 3rd
at 6:15 p.m.**

**Daily Bread Ministry
needs this month are
tuna, soup, Vienna
sausages, canned
foods, and water.
Your plastic grocery
bags are also needed.**

"If you love me, feed my sheep."
John 21:15-19

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Anniversary Celebration



All are invited to come and celebrate the **31st Anniversary of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 14th**. In worship at 9:30am we will give thanks and praise to God and rejoice in the birth of this congregation and look back on its beginnings while also sharing visions for the future. After worship, plan to stay for a reception with birthday cake, refreshments, and a time to share stories of how God has worked in this place for the last 31 years and what excitement we hold for the future ahead.

Scam Alert:

Please be aware there are many scams that prey on people's goodness and willingness to help. There has been a repeated scam that has hit many churches, including Good Shepherd, where scammers text congregation members, while pretending to be the pastor of their church, asking for gift cards to be purchased and the numbers texted back to them. If you receive any text or email from "Pastor Jamie," please check with her or the church before making any purchases or sending any money. Do not reply to any such texts or emails and ask if you are unsure.

First-Wednesday Night Dinner:

Our First-Wednesday-Dinner for this month will be on April 3rd at 6:15 p.m. This month's theme is Mexican. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall door and bring your favorite Mexican dish. Come join in for good food and fellowship.



Church Calendar:



Need a listing of church activities, meetings, and events? Want to know what time something starts? Please check out our Church Calendar on our website: <https://www.mylcgs.org/calendar>.

Prayer Team:

Our Prayer Team meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join us as we pray through the church prayer list. This is an opportunity to intentionally make space for prayer each week as a faith community. **Please note the prayer team will not meet on April 3rd.**



Adult Education Class:

Our Adult Education Class, will resume our study of "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism" on April 7th. On that day we will discuss the first half of Chapter 5, pgs. 123-135 (top of page) of the "By Heart" book. You can join the class anytime. Books are available from Pastor Jamie for \$13.99.



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Daily Bread Ministry:

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

Matthew 25:35



Camp Shinnah is currently full with 21 residents. Of these residents, eight have jobs, and two received their Social Security cards, two birth certificates and 1 a Georgia ID this month.

I have applied for the opportunity for individuals to complete their community service hours at the camp.

We are planning a spread the rock work day at the Shinnah Community Saturday April 6, beginning at 9 am ... please bring your Wheelbarrow, shovel, and stone rake if you can help. We

will be making walkways at the camp, replacing tarps, and spraying for mosquitoes. Hudson's BBQ is donating sandwiches for the workday.

Our current needs are tuna, Vienna sausages, soup, canned foods, and water. Thank you so much for your prayers and your support.

-Leila

2024 Hunger Walk/Run:



This year's Hunger Walk was very successful. Our Daily Bread/Good

Shepherd Douglasville team raised a total \$4,727 to support the ongoing work of The Atlanta Community Food Bank, Inspiritus and Good Shepherd/Daily Bread. Thank you to all who participated and supported our team!

Our on-scene and virtual participants included Pastor Jaime Witt, Leila Myers, Alison & Kobie Webb, Joan & Don Larsen, Erica, Emma & Colin Durso, Johanna & Skip Welch, Jill Zuelke, Anna Walker & Ethan Miller.



Come Support Our Own Artist:

There is still time to see Cliff Stephens' art exhibition at the Mable House Art Center, 5239 Floyd Rd, Mableton, GA 30126. The exhibit is open Monday to Friday from 9am - 5pm until April 13th.





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ELCA Southeastern Synod News:

Synod Prayer Team:



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything make your requests to God...by prayer, thanksgiving and placing your request to God, the peace of God will guard your heart and mind fully beyond understanding (Phil. 4: 6–7).

Greetings! Our synod prayer team gathers monthly for a time of prayer and thanksgiving via zoom. We pray for the needs of ourselves, our neighbors locally and globally, the needs of the church and world, and for what else might be in need that day of prayer. Please feel free to sign up at any time. You will then receive the zoom link for the prayer team. We will meet 11:00-12:00noon ET / 10:00-11:00am CT on the 4th Monday of every month. Sign up at: <https://se-reg.brtapp.com/SynodPrayerTeam>.

The Southeastern Synod Assembly will be held from Friday, May 31, 2024 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center. Alison Webb and Randy Stephens will be going as our delegates, along with Pastor Jamie.

Online Book Discussion with Author Ross Murray:

You are invited to join the Southeastern Synod and Deacon Ross Murray for an online discussion about his book *The Everyday Advocate* on April 9th at 7:30pm EST. In *The Everyday Advocate*, Deacon Ross encourages Christians – through stories and of his own experiences – to discern their call to advocate for justice and shows them how to respond faithfully by taking practical steps in everyday life. He also helps faith leaders guide people through their calling to advocacy and to connect with communities that can use their passions and talents. Sign up at: <https://se-reg.brtapp.com/TheEverydayAdvocateOnlineBookDiscussion>.

Please read the book prior to the online discussion. You can read more about Deacon Murray, *The Everyday Advocate*, and purchase your copy at his website rossmurray.org

Racial Justice, Now is the Time - Study Guide:

"Now Is the Time" stresses realism, self-examination and accountability as the church acknowledges and apologizes for the history and impact of slavery and systemic racism. The study guide focuses on deepening our understanding of this history as participants engage in often-difficult conversation and reflection to move the church toward racial healing and justice.

The five-part study resource, with a guide and participant materials, is available at: elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice.



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Our April Birthdays and Anniversaries:



Lynn Bauch	4/01	Mallorie Breneman	4/11
Paulette Bovingdon	4/01	Mary Anne Rankenburg	4/12
Tara Lynn Douds	4/01	Thomas Shick	4/16
Chris Martin	4/02	Erica Stephenson	4/16
Faika Phanor	4/04	Levi Harris	4/20
Erica Parker	4/05	Laura Austin	4/21
Jamie Schad	4/09	Kathy Stingle	4/28
Allison Ryan	4/10		

Happy Anniversary



Sam and Susan Duke	4/2
Leah and Spencer Titzmann	4/3
Bonnie and Michael Garrett	4/18
Lutissa and Richard Parker	4/27