



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
August 2023



This is an exciting time for Good Shepherd! We are starting the next phase of our journey as a congregation with our new Pastor, the Reverend Jamie Witt. Pastor Jamie was unanimously recommended by both the Call Committee and the Church Council, and the vote to call her as our Pastor at the Congregational meeting on June 25th was also unanimous. Pastor Jamie wrote the

following biography for the synod:

"I am a baptized child of God, originally born and raised in Oconomowoc, WI. I've spent the last 15 years living just east of Atlanta, GA. During that time, I felt a strong call to ordained ministry while working as the Music & Worship Director at Community of Grace Lutheran Church. I answered that call in 2018 and completed my MDiv. degree at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, via their distributed learning program in December 2022, after completing my internship at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Marietta, GA.

During my time in seminary, there were many challenges that I faced. The biggest of those was the loss of my husband of 15 years, Brian, to cancer in December 2021, leaving me the single parent of our then 13-year-old daughter, Anna.

God worked so strongly in my life and through my grief that I was able to finish my degree and be there for Anna, who is now a strong and thriving 15-year-old excited to start her sophomore year in high school this fall. God has brought people into my life that have nurtured my call, laughed with me in my excitement, and dried my tears in my sorrow.

I now celebrate with God and with them my call to serve the beloved people of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as their pastor.

God is so good! All the time! Amen!"

Pastor Jamie was ordained on July 8th, at Community of Grace Lutheran Church in Grayson, Georgia. She will start serving as our Pastor on August 1st, with her first Sunday on August 6th. Her Installation Service will be on Sunday, September 24th.

We celebrate and welcome Pastor Jamie and Anna as new members of our Good Shepherd Church family!



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Wednesday Night Dinner

--August 9th at 6:15--
 This will be Pastor Jamie's first Wednesday Night Dinner with us.
 Come for delicious food and fellowship.

Council Corner:

As one door closes another one opens! It has been bitter sweet saying our goodbyes to Pastor Bonnie but soon we will be saying Hello to Pastor Jamie!

We are so grateful for all Pastor Bonnie has done for us and we will miss her dearly!

Pastor Jamie's first Sunday will be August 6th with a celebration to follow! New and wonderful things are happening for LCGS!

Praise be to God!
 Council President
 Alison Bauch



Fellowship
 Our next After-Service-Fellowship Hour is August 20th.

What if for just one day everything stopped?
 And we all just listened to the music...



August 26, 2023
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Featuring the West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble

Join us on the porch at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Air Conditioner Update

Exciting news! We have purchased and installed a replacement for the expired air conditioning unit in the sanctuary. This has involved cutting a hole in the back wall of the sanctuary to allow for the new unit to be installed. Brad Dennis and Stephen Austin are volunteering their time to do this construction work. They are hoping to have the wall repaired, as soon as possible. However, this work may take a few weeks. Please excuse any mess during this process.

The purchase of the new unit was made possible by those who donated to our AC/Parking fund. Thank you to all who donated to that fund and thank you to Stephen Austin and Brad Dennis for volunteering their time to do the construction work involved. Cooler days are ahead at Good Shepherd!



You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Alison Bauch and Kobie Webb in the Fellowship Hall on August 27, following our worship service. They are registered on Amazon.

**Daily Bread Needs:
 Fruit and Water**

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

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Thank you to Pastor Bonnie!

We are ready to start a new chapter in the life of Good Shepherd thanks to Pastor Bonnie guiding us during this time of transition. We are grateful for the wisdom, kindness, and leadership Pastor Bonnie shared with us during her time as our Interim Pastor. We wish her well with whatever assignment God has in mind for her next.

Wednesday Night Dinner:

Our next Wednesday Dinner will be Wednesday, August 9th. This will be Pastor Jamie's first Wednesday Night Dinner with us. We will be dining on Italian and Greek delights! Dinner will begin at 6:15 pm. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall door and let Shirley Sneddon (sjsneddon@att.net) know if you can bring something. Come join in for good food and fellowship.

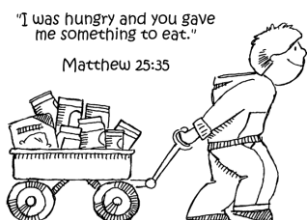


After-Service Fellowship Hour:



Our next After-Service Fellowship Hour will be on **August 20th**. Plan to stay after the service to share some good food and bonding time.

Daily Bread Ministry:



We currently have 19 residents at Shinnah, 12 have jobs, one veteran, and four have applied for disability. We helped two receive food stamps and two received Social Security cards. Every week continue serve approximately 46 who live in the woods... outside of Shinnah...we serve approximately 106 who live in boarding houses and or in extended stay hotels. Our current needs are water and fruit, please. Thank you for your continued support.

-Leila



You are invited!

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Thank you! Lynn Bauch

Church Cleaning and Yard Work:

Since we let our cleaners go, a group of dedicated congregants have taken over the cleaning of the church. Lead by the Dennis family, they have been cleaning the church every other Saturday. Those who have been cleaning include: Joe and Shirley Sneddon, Diana Calhoun, Lois Waldman, Susan Duke, Laurie Ritchie, Leila Myers, Laura and Stephens Austin and Heidi, Abby, and Evelyn Dennis. Thank you to all of them!

In addition, our lawn care is being done by volunteers. A big thank you to Brad Dennis, Neal Ochs, John Lester, and Ethan Miller for keeping our yard in shape.

If you can help with the church cleaning, contact Heidi Dennis at hdennis23@live.com or watch for emails announcing a cleaning day and just show up. If you can help with the yard care, please contact bdennis@fastenal.com.





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SAVE THE DATE! Good Shepherd will be hosting a performance by the West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble on August 26 as part of the Worldwide Play Music on the Porch Day. The Ensemble will perform on the church porch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Encouraged by recently retired, Pastor Mike Bovington to participate, the West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble is excited to be part of this worldwide message of peace and harmony. The conductor, Ms. Peggy Killian, is a multitalented professional musician and retired Douglas County music teacher. She is preparing a program of music that will delight all music lovers and will no doubt encourage audience participation.

Check out this link to learn all about the worldwide celebration of music that will take place on Saturday, August 26th: <https://playmusicontheporchday.com/>

Come join in the fun and share this day of music and peace!

-Don Larsen - OLU
(Old Lutheran with a Ukulele)



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ELCA News:



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), announced the launch of the ELCA's **Truth and Healing Movement** in April of this year. The focus of the initiative is to increase the church's understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous people in past generations and in the present.

The **ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement** is an opportunity for the church to increase our understanding of our colonizing impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. The truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us.

The ELCA has developed information, classes, and suggestions for congregational activities to educate people on issues dealing with the church and its relationship with Indigenous People in the past, present, and future. The next "Introduction to the Truth and Healing Movement" class will be August 29th at 10-11 a.m. Central time. This workshop will explore the truths we seek to learn and the healing we hope to experience, as well as how the movement began, among Indigenous people and within the ELCA. It will also explain the work the ELCA has done recently and how you can participate in this justice movement. To join the class go to the link on the Truth and Healing Movement page linked below.

Visit the Truth and Healing Movement page to find more classes, get involved, and share the Truth and Healing movement with others. [Truth & Healing Movement - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/truth-and-healing-movement)

Our August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

Gab Austin	8/ 01	Heidi Dennis	8/ 16
Paul Austin	8/ 03	Rebecca Kinzer	8/ 16
Tavis Kigwana	8/ 04	Robert Addington	8/ 23
Lutissa Parker	8/ 04	Kristin Martin	8/ 24
Tony Ritchie	8/ 05	Jessie Welch	8/ 26
Jacii Kelley	8/ 07	Gayle Cole	8/ 27
Mike Bovingdon	8/ 12	Evelyn Dennis	8/ 28
Beth L'Hoste	8/ 12		

Happy Anniversary

Gab & Paul Austin	August 23
Rick & Tara Lynn Douds	August 15
Christian & Noelle O'Hara	August 27
Allen & Susen Sanders	August 31

