



# News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2023

## From the Pastor's Desk:

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

This past month, we gathered together to remember Pastor Paul Haffly and the many ways he faithfully shined the light of Christ. We comfort one another in our grief. We celebrate our sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. We give thanks for the many ways Pastor Paul shined the light of Christ with his family, in the communities he served and as an ordained Lutheran pastor for 68 years!

Lutherans grieve but not as those without any hope. There is one church season every year when we remember and acknowledge our mortality and need for a Savior. It is called Lent. It happens every spring as the days lengthen, hence the name.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship when we receive ashes in the sign of a cross on our forehead. It marks the beginning of a 40-day journey toward the cross with Jesus. The cross is where we find our sure and certain hope of forgiveness and eternal life. At the cross and all that led up to it, we begin to understand the depth of God's unending love for us.

This month is also Valentine's Day. The word Lent is in the middle of the word Valentine. Lent is a time to remember the amazing love that God has for you and all people. It is a time to hear Scripture proclaim boldly the nature of God's heart and the nature of the human heart. Lent is a time to consider the nature of God's heart and the nature of our human hearts.

On Ash Wednesday, we hear a call to fast and to return to the Lord. Many people will fast from candy or swearing or something else. That is fine and can be helpful. It can also help to add something during Lent, like adding five minutes to your day to pause and read Scripture and/or pray. Reading a Psalm or a chapter of a gospel every day can be a beautiful practice to add.

In the Bible, we learn of God's never ending love affair with humanity even though we sin and always fall short. Lent is a season to pause and remember how much God loves us. Jesus stopped at nothing to show us how much God loves each and every person, not because we are good but because God is good.

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### Continued from the Pastor's Desk

Lent is a wonderful time to clear our minds of distractions that this world brings and return to God and God's word. Remember just how much God loves you, how precious you are in God's eyes. You are claimed as God's beloved child. God was willing to go to any length or depth to tell us, show us that we are loved. That we have value and purpose. We are able to shine the light of Christ knowing these truths. And we are able to grieve the loss of loved ones like Pastor Paul with hope in the promise that we will one day be at rest with him in the arms of God.

+ with much love, Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

**Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:30 pm on February 22.**



### Our Council:

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**Our next First-Wednesday Dinner will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 pm.**

### Council Corner:

Things are going well for the Council under the leadership of our new President, Alison Bauch. She is doing a great job! Also, we elected, installed and welcomed our new Council member, Ethan Miller. There is a lot of positive energy and joy on our Council as we move forward leading the congregation into this new year. We are looking forward to welcoming Randy Stephens to tell us about the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Getting this completed is a big step forward in the Call Process. We thank Randy and all of the Call Committee for their faithfulness in this process.

+gratefully  
Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

**Daily Bread Needs:  
Hot Hands  
Fruit  
Paper Towels**

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



Join us for Bible Study on Sundays after church.  
We also have Bible Study following dinner on our First-Wednesday Evenings. This study takes a closer look at scripture that we will hear in worship. Join us for this on February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## A Thank You:



To the Congregation of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,  
 We are so blessed and thankful to each and every one of you for your caring and kind thoughts after the death of our father and grandfather, Pastor Paul.  
 The many gestures of love you shared with us during our time of mourning will forever be remembered and appreciated. It is so comforting to have such a caring and generous church family. Without such a loving congregation this time would have been much more difficult.

Everyone's love for our father, Pastor Paul, has always been very evident and especially so during these past days. We are a blessed family and will never forget all of your many acts of kindness.

Sincerely,

The Family of Pastor Paul

## After Service-Fellowship:

Our next After-Service-Fellowship will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can host this event, please let Shirley Sneddon know at [sjsneddon@att.net](mailto:sjsneddon@att.net).



## Call Committee:



The Call Committee is putting the final updates into the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) with a next step of presenting to Church Council. Thank you all for your support as we work through the call process, and as always, please reach out to the Call Committee if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

**PASTORAL  
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

## Daily Bread Ministry:

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"* **Matthew 25:40**

We have 19 residents at Sheena. Ten have jobs and two receive aid checks... three have applied for disability.

We were blessed to be able to receive birth certificate for individual that was born abroad. His parents were in the service.

One of our residents moved into housing this month.

We're still waiting on information when we will be able to begin our move. The needed funds for road, water, etc. have not been approved.

Our needs for this month are canned fruit, hot hands and paper towels.

Leila Myers

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**In-Person and Virtual Event: Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**In-Person Event at The Home Depot Backyard**

**Event Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

This year marks the 39th anniversary of Hunger Walk Run - taking steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

Hunger Walk Run -- an annual 5K walk and "fun run" started in 1984 -- is an event of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local nonprofit organizations that support food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other programs for neighbors in need of food assistance. These benefiting partners help recruit participants and receive a percentage of the funds raised to support their direct hunger relief programs.

**In its 38 years, Hunger Walk Run has raised over \$11.7 million for hunger relief - enough to help provide over 46 million meals!**

This year Hunger Walk Run 2023 will again be a hybrid event! Whether you choose to walk or run, in person or virtually, you'll join thousands of participants coming together to support our neighbors in need and celebrate achievements already made in the fight against hunger.

This year, you can help make a real difference in the lives of your fellow Georgians by helping us exceed our fundraising goals. **Take the next step and join us for our event!**

**Good Shepherd will be walking to support the Daily Bread Ministry. Don Larsen will be captaining our team. If interested in walking, running, or donating please contact Don at [donlarsen43@gmail.com](mailto:donlarsen43@gmail.com).**

## West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble:



Aloha..... The West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble members and our Director, Peggy Killian, would like to express sincere thanks to the congregation, council and pastor of The Lutheran Church or the Good Shepherd, Douglasville. We appreciate the use of the fellowship hall on Saturday mornings to practice and prepare for our community performances. As we move into 2023, we can confirm that we intend to practice at 11:00 AM on January 8 – 15 – 22 – 29, assuming that the fellowship hall is available on those dates. We will update our schedule monthly. All are welcome to join us on Saturday mornings to play-along, sing-along or just listen. Extra ukuleles are always available for anyone interested in learning. Check out our Facebook page for updates and song listings.

Mahalo..... Don Larsen



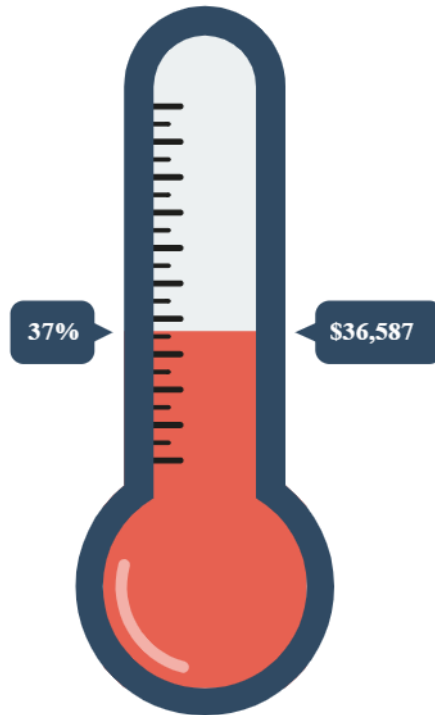
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## Our Air Conditioner and Parking Lot Repair Fundraiser:

**GOAL: \$100,000**



**\$36,587 as of  
January 31, 2023**

## Our February Birthdays and Anniversaries:



### Happy Birthday

Mary Graham	7-Feb
Lynn Shick	14-Feb
Kevin Bauch	19-Feb
LeAndra Douds	20-Feb
Leonard Murphy	20-Feb
Philip Welch	25-Feb
Amanda Parker	26-Feb

### Happy Anniversary

5-Feb Tim and Cindy Wilkie

