



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
January 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**

One of my favorite holidays is New Years. It is good for us to reflect on the past year, give thanks for the ways God was at work through all the highs and lows that come and go. It is good to dream about what may happen in the new year and to make goals. As the years go by, change is inevitable. It can be really hard, and it can be really good as well. Good Shepherd has been through some significant changes this past year.

Pastor Mike retired after many years of serving Good Shepherd. We restarted many things that were put on hold during the pandemic. Inside and outside the church, much work has been done so that it looks awesome! A Call Committee was formed, installed and is well on their way to being able to have the Ministry Site Profile ready. In this upcoming year, the Call Committee will be interviewing pastors. Please pray for them as they prepare to call your next pastor.

I am grateful to be with you in this interim period. It has been a joy to witness the ways that the light of Christ shines through you individually and as a congregation. Thank you so much to everyone who has had a positive "can-do" attitude!!! It makes such a tremendous difference, especially as changes come and go!

It is our mission as God's people to shine the light of Christ! We are meant to do that as individuals and as the body of Christ together. Each member is important and gifted in unique ways meant to uplift the body of Christ. We work together to carry out God's mission at and through Good Shepherd with our time, our talent and our treasures. The church is all of us working together to uplift God's mission of light and love. If Good Shepherd is going to grow and thrive into the future, this is where our focus must be.

The last few years have been difficult for all of us. We give thanks that we are able to gather together inside the church to hear God's sacred story of how much God loves us. We rejoice in the ways that we have been able to gather in fellowship and enjoy being together.

Human beings are hardwired for connection with God and with each other. We rejoice to hear how much God loves and cares about us that God was willing to come down to this messy world to show us that love and care.

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Continued from the Pastor's Desk

We rejoice in the mission we share to spread that love and care with a world that really needs it. We do that in many ways with each other and outside the church doors in our community and beyond. One major way we do that is through Daily Bread Ministry which serves those in need in powerful ways.

If you have been a part of Good Shepherd but the pandemic and other things have been preventing you from being fully involved, I hope that you will get more involved as we move forward into the New Year. For those that have continued to serve and be a part through it all, I am also deeply grateful! God is up to good things here and will be in the New Year!

Let us make it a top priority in this new year, to let the light of Christ shine through us and through this congregation.

+ with much love and appreciation
Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

**Come make a joyful noise onto the Lord!
All are welcome to join the choir.
Practice is at 9 a.m. before the service.**



Our Council:

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Our next First-Wednesday Dinner will be February 1st at 6:15 pm.

Council Corner:

We regret to see our Council President Joe Sneddon resign due to health reasons. Joe has served as Council President several times during the last years of Good Shepherd and has always served with the utmost dedication. Joe led us through the crisis of Pastor Mike's illness and the congregation came out stronger on the other side. We are very grateful for the tireless work he has done and the hours he has put in on behalf of this congregation. Thank you, Joe Sneddon!

Following Joe's resignation, Alison Bauch will serve as acting President.

The Council has asked Ethan Miller to join as a Council member. He has agreed and will be meeting with the Council starting with the meeting in January.

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

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



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A Thank You From Pastor Bonnie:

Dear ones of Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for your generosity! So many people offered their time, talent and treasures to make our Advent and Christmas seasons so special! Thank you for the beautiful card and generous Christmas gift! I am so grateful!

+ with much appreciation, Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

Help Needed:

Your help is needed to take down and put away our Christmas decorations after the service on Sunday, January 8th. If you can help with this task, it would be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!



Call Committee:



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your participation in the congregational survey. We had 26 members respond with valuable feedback. The Call Committee is currently drafting the Ministry Site Prolife (MSP), which describes our congregation to help match potential pastoral candidates with our congregation. This is an important step in the call process. As always, please feel free to reach out to the call committee with any questions or comments about the process.

Sincerely,

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

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 currently have 16 residents at Shinnah.

This past month, one resident was reunited with family members in Connecticut.

Thank you to First United Methodist Church for opening up their building as Warming Center during this brutal, cold weather. And also, thank you to the Good Shepherd Council for opening our church during the day so our guys in the woods to get out of the cold on Christmas Day.

Praise be to God we were granted our \$5000 request from Greystone operation round up.

Donations from all over Douglasville have been unbelievable this year ...We have been so blessed with so many donated items and monetary gifts.

Thank you for all your support during 2022 and your continued prayers and support as we move forward into 2023 serving God's people in need.

Leila



Bible Study will resume on January 8th, following the service. Bible Study will also resume after our First-Wednesday-Dinner on February 1st.



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Bishop's Commemorative Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service:

You are invited to gather at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 4pm Eastern for the Bishop's Commemorative Martin Luther King Jr. Worship service.

This will be an IN-PERSON service, with live streaming available on the Southeastern Synod's YouTube and Facebook pages.

Worship will include presentations by the Trey Clegg Singers and Atonement Liturgical Dancers. The Reverend Senator Kim Jackson will be preaching.

**Bishop's Commemorative
Martin Luther King Jr.
Worship Service**

**Sunday, Jan 15, 2023
4pm ET**

**Lutheran Church of the
Redeemer, Atlanta
and livestreamed via
ELCA-SES.org**

**HONORING
THE DREAM:
Pursuing
Justice
Proclaiming
Hope
Providing
Help**

Preaching:

**Rev. Senator
Kim Jackson**

Featuring:

**TREY
CLEGG
SINGERS
MMXXVI**

**SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA/ELCUSA**

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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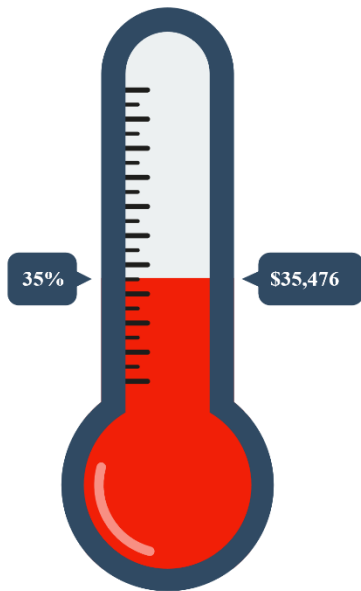
Quilting Club:

The Douglasville Quilting group will meet at Good Shepherd on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. This month, they are meeting at 9 a.m. on January 12th and at 6:30 p.m. on January 26th. All are welcome to join them. If you have questions, please contact Mary Graham at mjgcrafts34@gmail.com.



Our Air Conditioner and Parking Lot Repair Fundraiser:

GOAL: \$100,000



\$35,476.66 as of December 21, 2022

Our January Birthdays and Anniversaries:



Happy Birthday

1/03	Joanne Craton	1/11	Chad Kelley
1/03	Isabell Parker	1/18	Diana Calhoun
1/03	Shirley Sneddon	1/18	Susen Sanders
1/04	Andrew Alexander	1/19	Joan Larsen
1/04	Tim Carder	1/20	Susan Murphy
1/07	Bonnie Garrett	1/21	Leah Titzmann
1/08	Lisa Schad	1/25	Amanda Smith
1/08	Tim Wilkie	1/29	Jill Zuehlke
1/09	Steve Fulton	1/30	Tahryn Stephenson
1/09	Rebecca Kigwana	1/30	Cindy Wilkie

Happy Anniversary

1/1	Anne and Randy Stephens
1/5	Gayle and James Cole

