



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
July 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

*"{Jesus said to the twelve:} Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."*

Matthew 10:40

Sincere thanks to all of you who have been so welcoming to David and me. We are so very grateful for you, your warm welcome and your faithfulness. We shared some laughter and some tears. We celebrated good things and lamented difficult things. There were reflections on the history of this congregation and dreaming and preparing for the future. There was a lot of clearing out of closets and unnecessary things. The property was dramatically transformed. We restarted a lot of things that stopped during the pandemic. We did a lot to prepare for the next chapter!!!

I am so very grateful to all of you who participated, supported and served so faithfully in this interim period. So many of you have such a positive can-do attitude and that has made such an amazing difference.

It is almost time for David and me to say farewell and for you to welcome your new pastor and her daughter. It is bittersweet for David and me. We are so grateful to have served with you these last 15 months! We will NOT miss the commute, but we will miss you and this congregation!!!

You have called a wonderful new Pastor, Jamie Witt! It is time for you all to do what you do best, welcome her and her daughter into this church family. Do your best to love, support and serve alongside them! I know that you will be a blessing to each other.

Please know that we will hold you all in our prayers as this new chapter in the story of this congregation unfolds! We know that God is with you! You've got this! Remember that Jesus will always love you!

+ with much love and appreciation,

Pastor Bonnie Esther and David Lanyi



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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Our Council:

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We will have a
**Congregational meeting to
 elect Council members on
 June 9th following Worship.
 Please plan to attend.**

Council Corner:

Hallelujah!! Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has called Pastor Jamie Witt to be our new pastor! We cannot thank the Call Committee and Council enough for all their hard work during this challenging time!

Pastor Jamie will be ordained July 8th! You are invited to the Ordination Service. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by July 2nd, using the link in the article below.

Praise be to God!
 Council President
 Alison Bauch

**Our next After-Service-
 Fellowship Hour is July 16th**



**Join us for good food and
 fellowship!**

Congregational Meeting:



Our **Congregational Meeting** to elect new Council members will be **July 9th, following the service**. Please remember to be eligible to vote, you must be a confirmed member of the church, and have taken communion and made a contribution of record within the past or previous calendar year. Please plan to attend.

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 new unit installed and 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!



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Update on our Pastor Call Process:



At the Congregational Meeting on June 25th, the congregation voted unanimously to call Jamie Witt as our pastor. She joyfully accepted the call! She will be ordained on July 8th at Community of Grace Lutheran Church (see below for information) and will start at Good Shepherd in August on a date to be determined. Please watch your email for announcements about her start date.

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

Jamie Witt has many skills that the Call Committee felt would enhance and grow the ministry and outreach of Good Shepherd. We are excited that she has accepted the call and about this new chapter in the life of Good Shepherd.

Thank you to our Call Committee, Laura Austin, Heidi Dennis, Joanne Craton, Don Larsen, Skip Welch, and Randy Stephens, our Treasurer, Steve Pulver and the Finance Committee, and the Church Council for all their work during this process.

You are invited to the Ordination of Jamie Witt:



The Rite of Ordination
for
Jamie Witt

Saturday, July 8 ~ 2:00pm ET
Community of Grace, Grayson, GA

*With joy and thanks to God you are invited to
The Ordination of
Jamie Anne Brendemuehl Witt
to the ministry of Word and Sacrament
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

*Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm
A reception will follow the service.*

*Jamie has been called to serve as
Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
in Douglasville, Georgia.*

*If you are planning to attend, we invite you to wear **RED** as a symbol of unity in the Holy Spirit. Rostered clergy are invited to vest and process.*

Please use the following link to RSVP by July 2nd: - <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ordination-of-jamie-anne-br>

The ordination service will also be available via Zoom. To access, go to <https://www.transformlives.org/>. The link will be available on July 8th.



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Celebrating Pastor Bonnie's Ministry at Good Shepherd:



As we celebrate the call of Pastor Jamie, let us also reflect on and be grateful for the ministry of Pastor Bonnie here at Good Shepherd. She has so beautifully shepherded us through this time of transition. Please watch your emails and look for announcements about a thank you reception for Pastor Bonnie.

After-Service Fellowship Hour:



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

Daily Bread Ministry:

Currently we have 21 residents at Shinnah... we are full! Of those, nine have jobs, three are veterans, and four have applied for disability. Three individuals moved into housing in June. And Praise the Lord!!!! one young man went back home to live with family. This month we helped three people receive food stamps and three to receive IDs and/or driver's licenses.

In addition to serving those at Camp Shinnah, weekly, we serve approximately 42 who live in the woods and approximately 106 who live in boarding houses and/or in extended stay hotels.

We would like to thank Sandy Thomas, of Vanguard Exterminators, for providing free quarterly extermination services to the Daily Bread Ministry, and thus Good Shepherd. So, if you are battling bugs, please give Sandy a call (770-949-5527) for your extermination needs. We'd also like to thank Boomerang Sanitation for providing garbage pickup at Camp Shinnah. If you need garbage pickup service, please support this local business.

Thank you to all who donate and give their time to help those in need through the Daily Bread Ministry. Our current needs are bug spray, towels, and men's underwear.

-Leila

Our July Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

Allen Sanders	July 12	Holly Liersch	July 23
Bryce Calhoun	July 13	Tommy Smith	July 23
Cameron Stephenson	July 18	Christian O'Hara	July 25
Ethan Sanders	July 19	Evelyn Stephens	July 27
Michael Brown	July 23	Lynne Williams	July 27
Brad Dennis	July 23		

Happy Anniversary

Diane and Keith Achenbach July 30

