



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
March 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...Joel 2:13

Lent began with this scripture from the book of Joel. This invitation to return to the Lord our God describes God's character. This description of God's character is repeated over and over again in the Scriptures.

This is who our God is, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. It seems like everyone would be eager to worship and serve God each day. Many churches have seen declining attendance.

Lent is a perfect time to return to the Lord, your God. **The First Wednesday Evening will be on March 1st. We will gather for supper at 6:15 pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.** This is a great way to return to our loving and merciful Lord.

Another way to return to our Lord is to start and/or end each day in prayer and reading Scripture. I suggest starting each day reading a chapter or a portion of a chapter from the Gospel of Mark.

Spend some time in prayer, simply talk with God. Thank and speak with God about whatever is on your mind. Ask God to guide you through each day. I have found spending a few minutes of daily Sabbath time each morning to be a huge help in multiple ways.

The pandemic was such a strange time for all of us. Many people stopped going to church. If you have stopped going to church, now is a perfect time to return. **Good Shepherd is a fabulous church full of fun, kind, easy going and gracious folks.**

We are hard wired for connection with God and others. It has been obvious to me over the last several years, that there is a direct correlation with declining church attendance and the problems of this world. **We are meant to pause from the craziness of the world to be together with God; to be nourished with God's Word and Sacrament; and to love and care for one another.**

You are invited to return to the Lord your God! Reconnect with God and the awesome people of Good Shepherd. Invite others to come as well.

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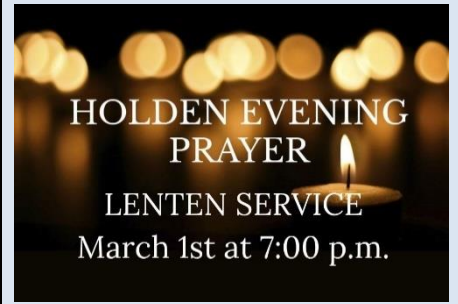
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Continued from the Pastor's Desk

It is an exciting time to be at Good Shepherd as we prepare to call the next pastor. Thank you to our Call Committee and all who responded to the survey. The Call Committee is on the threshold of beginning the third phase of a four phase Call Process. This is the phase where they will be interviewing pastors. Please keep them and Good Shepherd in your prayers daily!

+ with much love and appreciation,
Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi



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Our next First-Wednesday Dinner will be March 1st at 6:15 p.m. our Lenten Service will follow dinner.

Council Corner:

Great things are happening at Good Shepherd this month! The Call Committee is this much closer to finding a new Pastor. Randy Stephens and the crew have done an amazing job collecting surveys and comments that we just know will lead us to the right fit.

The youth room is alive again! Ethan Miller and the Dennis girls have been working hard to bring the youth room to its lively state again. Stop by one Sunday morning to check it out!

Don't forget about the Hunger Walk Run March 12th. Don Larson is still collecting donations and hope to see us all out there! You can walk here locally or in Atlanta. March is such a beautiful month and I for one can't wait to enjoy the beautiful weather with a walk for a great cause!

Slowly but surely, we are getting more and more attendance at church! We love hearing everyone's beautiful voices singing, and the choir has grown immensely! Continue to invite family and friends so they can experience the joy and community we have here at Good Shepherd!

God Bless and we pray everyone has a wonderful March!

Council President – Alison Bauch

Daily Bread Needs:
Canned Fruit
Canned Protein
Towels

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



Come help fight hunger on March 12th! See article below for info.



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HUNGER WALK RUN

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.



The Women of the ELCA, Southeastern Synod, Cluster 2 is holding a Spring Cluster Meeting hosted by Grace Lutheran Church in Carrollton on March 18th from 10:00 to 3:00. The Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a lunch from Chick-fil-A. The theme will be "Be Uplifted, It's Good for the Soul." They ask that attendees bring paper goods and soap for an ingathering to benefit the Open Hands Ministry. There will be two presentations and a craft activity. Registration is due by March 13th. Please contact Debbie Lundell at 770-815-8918 if you have questions. If you are interested in attending, let Anne Stephens (annestephens@mylccgs.org) know.

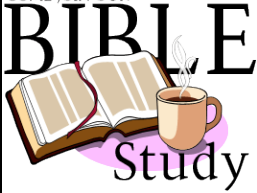


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COME JOIN OUR



Join us for Bible Study after the service on March 5th and 26th.

Bible Study on the First Wednesday Evenings will be taking a closer look at scripture that we will hear in worship. Our Holden Evening Prayer service will take the place of this on March 1st.

Property Update:

The new Event Center next door will be making a driveway between our two parking lots. This will make it safer to turn left out of our parking lot and provide overflow parking. Our insurance company has approved this new change.

After Service-Fellowship:

Our next After-Service-Fellowship will be March 19th. Come join in for good food and fellowship.

Call Committee:



The Call Committee presented the Ministry Site Plan to the Council and will soon be submitted a final version to the Synod.

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 are grateful for the generosity of Boomerang Sanitation, LLC! They will now be providing services to Camp Shinnah at no charge as a way of giving back to the community. Their generosity is much appreciated!

We have 20 residents at Shinnah and we serve 34 individuals in the woods outside Shinnah.

Two residents moved into housing this during the past month.

We were able to obtain a Birth Certificate and Driving Record for one resident, so he can get his driver’s license.

The grant money for the move of Shinnah is approved. Now we just wait for the county to build the driveway and cut down trees so we can begin the move.

Our needs continue to be canned fruit, canned protein, and towels. Thank you for your continued support!

Blessings,
Daily Bread Ministry



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2023 All GA Lutheran Youth Gathering

Abby, Alison and Ethan joined youth groups from across Georgia at Camp Grace for the All-Georgia Youth Gathering. Here the youth got to explore the theme, "What is Agape?", and discuss God's love for us, our love for ourselves, and our mission to love one another. Participants also got to forge new relationships, make new experiences, and worship alongside each other as we got to hear from Christian hip hop artists Dave "Agape" Sherer and Joe Davis.



Our March Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

- 3/3 Birgit Kelley
- 3/4 Shannon Weathers
- 3/8 Elizabeth Sanders
- 3/13 Chase Craton
- 3/19 Randy Stephens
- 3/26 Alison Bauch
- 3/28 Wendy Flory
- 3/29 Natalie Kigwana



Happy Anniversary

- 03/01 Allison and Christopher Ryan
- 03/19 Chris and Kristin Martin
- 03/19 Laurie and Tony Ritchie
- 03/23 Grete and Tim Carder



