



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

March 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

"When the days drew near for him [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51

As we enter this month of March, we as well turn our faces toward Jerusalem and continue on our Lenten journey. This journey will end in the last week of this month as we enter Holy Week proclaiming, "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday, contemplating Jesus' new commandment on Maundy Thursday, and encountering the reality of the Cross on Good Friday. We, however, are Easter people and know that after the Cross is the empty tomb where death is swallowed up forever in Jesus' glorious resurrection. Before we get to that blessed Holy Week we continue to walk with Jesus through Lent. Hopefully you have found some way to make this special time of the church year deeply meaningful for you and your walk with Christ. I would love to hear what practices you have engaged in and how they have helped shape this journey for you. This is a blessed and meaningful journey that we get to walk through together as a community of faith. I am enormously grateful that I get to walk with you this year and hopefully for many years to come. As always, you and the ministry we share in this place are in my prayers as we go forward together in faith and hope and with the love of Jesus Christ to guide us.

-Pastor Jamie

Holy Week Worship Schedule:



Palm Sunday Service: March 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28th at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service: March 29th at 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration Service: March 31st at 9:30 a.m.



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Sign up to walk or donate to support our Daily Bread/ Good Shepherd Team at

[Hunger Walk Run 2024 General - Atlanta Community Food Bank \(acfb.org\)](https://www.acfb.org)

Council Corner:

Hello Good Shepherd,

We are all counting down the days until Easter!

We continue through this time of Lent with reflection and sacrifice. Pastor Jamie has been holding Lenten services every week in preparation for Easter.

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Service on March 31st. We will be taking donations of candy filled eggs for the children! Please plan on staying after worship on Easter for some family friendly fun!

We continue to pray and keep faith in this church and its congregation.

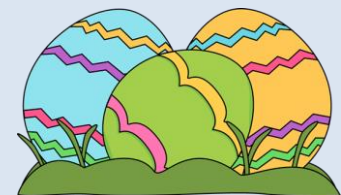
God Bless Good Shepherd

Council President,
Alison Webb



Our next dinner will be BBQ with potluck sides on March 6th at 6:15.

Daily Bread Ministry needs your plastic grocery bags.



Donations of candy-filled plastic eggs are needed for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Meetings

The next Finance committee Meeting is March 7th at 6 p.m.
The next Council Meeting is March 11 at 7 p.m. via Zoom



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Scam Alert:

Please be aware there are many scams that prey on people’s goodness and willingness to help. There has been a repeated scam that has hit many churches, including Good Shepherd, where scammers text congregation members, while pretending to be the pastor of their church, asking for gift cards to be purchased and the numbers texted back to them. If you receive any text or email from “Pastor Jamie,” please check with her or the church before making any purchases or sending any money. Do not reply to any such texts or emails and ask if you are unsure.

Midweek Lenten Services:

Our midweek Lenten services are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The theme of this year’s midweek Lenten Services is “Open My Life, Lord.”



Wednesday Night Dinners and Fellowship Hour:



Our First-Wednesday-Dinner for this month will be on March 6th at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be BBQ with potluck sides. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall door. Come join in for good food and fellowship. Our mid-week Lenten Service will follow dinner. Our next after service Fellowship Hour will be March 17th.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be after our worship service on Easter Sunday. Plan on bringing your kids, grand kids, neighbor kids etc. to join the fun. Donations of candy-filled plastic eggs are needed. Please leave these in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Calendar:



Need a listing of church activities, meetings, and events? Want to know what time something starts? Please check out our Church Calendar on our website: <https://www.mylcgs.org/calendar>.

Prayer Team:

Our Prayer Team meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join us as we pray through the church prayer list. This is an opportunity to intentionally make space for prayer each week as a faith community.



Adult Education Class:

During Lent, our Adult Education Class, which meets following the service, will be discussing our Lenten devotional. The devotional is available from Pastor Jamie. The class will resume the study of the “By Heart” book following Easter. You can join the class anytime.



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Daily Bread Ministry:

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



We currently have 15 residents at the camp; one resident receives Social Security; seven residents have jobs, three have applied for disability, and two residents were able to move into housing this month. We were able to help three people receive Georgia IDs this month, two receive their Social Security, and one to receive Food Stamps. In addition to serving those at the camp, we serve approximately forty-four individuals who live outside Shinnah in unsupervised camps. We serve approximately 90 individuals who live in housing that have no transportation.

We were blessed to be able to give Loving Hands Ministry a small monetary donation...This week Loving Hands helped three families into temporary housing. These Moms and children were homeless and in the rain in Douglasville.

Our needs this month are canned soups and peanut butter. Thank you to all those who serve and donate to this ministry. You make a difference!

-Leila



2024 Hunger Walk/Run:

Did you know that 13% of children in Georgia don't have enough to eat? That 8% of Georgia's senior citizens don't have enough to eat? You can help!

Sign up to be on the **Daily Bread /Good Shepherd, Douglasville** team, captained by Don Larsen, or donate to support the efforts of the team in the 2024 Hunger/Walk Run. The In-Person and Virtual Event is Sunday, March 10, 2024. The In-Person Event starts at The Home Depot Backyard at 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. For more information and to sign up or donate go to:

http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR?fr_id=2144&pg=entry.

Anyone who would prefer to make a cash or check donation rather than using the online link may do so. Give your donation to Don Larsen, who will enter your donation into the system specifying the team and individual you wish to support. You will be recognized on the Hunger Walk site or you may choose to be anonymous. He will submit your cash / checks on March 10th at the walk. Checks should be made out to "Hunger Walk" or "ACFB". If you have any questions, please call or text Don at 404-317-2129.



Lois Waldmann, Don Larsen, and Joan Larsen participating in last year's Hunger Walk/Run



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Come Support Our Own Artist:

One of our congregation, Cliff Stephens, invites you to view his art exhibition at the Mable House Art Center, 5239 Floyd Rd, Mableton, GA 30126. The exhibit is open Monday to Friday from 9am - 5pm from February 29th- April 13th.



ELCA Southeastern Synod News:

WORKSHOP ON LGBTQIA+ INCLUSION:

The Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization and the Southeastern Synod Diversity & Justice task force are co-sponsoring, along with ReconcilingWorks, a workshop on LGBTQIA+ inclusion. This workshop is **PART TWO** of "*Getting to Know All of God's Children: What Does That Look Like?*" The workshop will be held **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 ~ 7:00-8:30 pm ET via Zoom**. You can still register for this workshop, even if you did not attend the first session, at:

<https://se-reg.brtapp.com/GettingToKnowGodsChildrenPART2>

The Southeastern Synod Assembly will be held from Friday, May 31, 2024 to Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services is now Global Refuge:



Global Refuge

Welcoming Newcomers Since 1939

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services has changed their name to Global Refuge. Driven by the belief in human dignity and the intrinsic value of every individual. For more than 80 years, Global Refuge has provided the resources, guidance, and community to help forge a way forward for New Americans. We're committed to helping people reimagine the possibilities while providing a soft place to land. With more than 1,000 partners and 50,000 volunteers, we are the largest faith-based national nonprofit exclusively dedicated to helping restore a sense of home to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Since 1939, we've built a legacy of compassion by walking alongside more than 750,000 new neighbors as they rebuild their lives in the United States.

<https://www.globalrefuge.org/>



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Our March Birthdays and Anniversaries:



Birgit Kelly	03/03	Randy Stephens	03/19
Shannon Weathers	03/04	Joel Larkin	03/21
Joe Williams	03/04	Alison Webb	03/26
Elizabeth Sanders	03/08	Wendy Flory	03/28
Chase Caton	03/13	Natalie Kigwana	03/29

Happy Anniversary



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