



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

May 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Psalm 23:6

Many times, I have heard someone say that their grandmother taught them the 23rd Psalm from the time they were a small child. This passage of Scripture is well loved by so many people for lots of good reasons. This psalm of trust speaks so beautifully of how our Lord leads and guides us through dark valleys and beside the still waters.

It has been an honor for David and me to serve with you all this past year. It has been a beautiful thing to hear your stories as individuals and as a community of faith. I have heard many stories of how our good and gracious Shepherd has been there for you all through the dark valleys and green pastures. Thank you for sharing your stories with us. We are grateful to be part of the story of Good Shepherd in this interim period. Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive!

Good Shepherd has an exceptional story to tell! It has a history of God bringing people together to make a difference in the lives of individuals and the community. Would you write down your stories and send them to me, please? How has this church made a difference in your life? It could be as simple as responding to this: I remember when.....

Good Shepherd has a lot to celebrate from the past. There is a lot to look forward to in the future as a new pastor comes to serve with you. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers. Please support them by supporting Good Shepherd.

The above verse can be translated as "Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life." In listening to your stories, I have heard how Jesus the Good Shepherd has pursued you with goodness and mercy. I have heard how even in the most painful situations; Good Shepherd has been there with goodness and mercy. The church needs to hear and remember these stories. There are many people in the community in need of some good news as well.

Let's celebrate all the good things God has been up to through Good Shepherd! Let's celebrate the good things God is doing now and will be doing in the future.

We will have a special celebration of the 20th anniversary of Daily
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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Bread on Mother's Day, (Sunday, May 14), since Leila has served as a mother to many people in need. She has been called the Mother Teresa of Douglasville as well. Pastor Mike will join us to help celebrate! If you can help us prepare for this special celebration, please let me know.

+ with much love and appreciation,

Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi

COME JOIN OUR



We will have Bible Study at 7 p.m. on

May 3rd and after the service on May 7th.

Our Council:

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May 3rd at 6:15

Please Sign Up on the Sheet on the Fellowship Hall Door

Council Corner:

Hello Good Shepherd,

What a month it's been! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holy Week and Easter! "Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed".

We continue with the season of Easter and isn't the weather fitting! Such beautiful weather we have had. Flowers are blooming and it's so much warmer!

The Easter service went off without a hitch! Thank you for everyone who helped with fellowship and the Easter egg hunt after church! I think everyone can agree it was a hit!

As some may know, we have hit a hard time financially here at Good Shepherd. Please refer to your quarterly report for more details. We are asking for any offerings to help us keep Good Shepherd's ministry going.

Here is a small message from Pastor Bonnie regarding our financial situation and how you can help.

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**Daily Bread Needs:
Canned Fruit
Canned Protein
Pillows**



Our next After-Service Fellowship Hour is May 21st. Join us for good food and fellowship!





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“Good Shepherd is a great church making a positive difference in so many ways. We need your help in making it possible for it to continue to make a positive difference in people's lives and the community and beyond. We had a shortfall for the first 3 months of 2023. We are doing our best to cut costs like cleaning the church and doing yard work ourselves but we need your help. If you can help by cleaning the church or doing yard work, please contact Brad Dennis. We have a riding mower. We have plenty of cleaning supplies. We are organizing teams now to accomplish this. Many hands coming together make it fun and light work. If you can help us out financially that also would be very much appreciated!

God has called us to be a community of love and care together and to reach out to the community around us and beyond. Thank you for coming together as one to meet the challenges set before us. Together we can meet this challenge and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals and our community!”

God Bless Good Shepherd!

Council President,
Alison Bauch

Call Committee:

With the Synod approval of our Ministry Site Profile, we are excited to be now entering the Interviewing phase of the call process. We have completed an orientation session, and a candidate has been presented to us for consideration.

Please note that during this stage of the process, in order to protect the privacy of candidates, we are required to keep all information about candidates strictly confidential until a candidate is presented to the congregation. However, as always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you might have about the process.

From here, the process is for the Call Committee to interview and select a candidate to be presented to Church Council. If Council then affirms the Call Committee's recommendation, the candidate is presented to the congregation for a congregational vote.

Please continue to keep the call committee in your prayers for guidance, wisdom, and discernment throughout the call process. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**



Congregational Meeting:

Our next congregational meeting to vote on new council members will be **June 4th** following the service. The call committee will also provide an update on the call process during this meeting. Please plan to attend.



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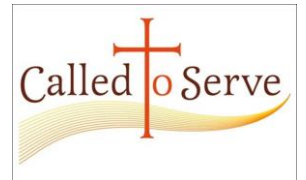
Council and Finance News:



Next Council meeting will be Monday, **May 8th at 7 p.m.**, with the Finance committee meeting before at 6 p.m. Your first quarter giving statements were sent via email, as was a first quarter update. Please be sure to let Anne Stephens know if you are not receiving church emails or have a change in your email address at annestephens@mylcs.org.

Congratulations to Ethan Miller:

Good Shepherd's Council Vice President, Ethan Miller, was entranced into Candidacy for Ordained Ministry. The ELCA has a several step Candidacy Process that a person goes through to become an ordained pastor. Entrance is the first big official and formal step in that process. It involves a thorough background check, psychological evaluation, references, and a formal essay and interview with the Candidacy Committee at the Synod Office. Ethan's interview went very well and he is officially a candidate for ordained ministry. He will begin studies at Southern Seminary in August. Please keep him in your prayers. We rejoice with Ethan and the whole church as he begins this process of pastoral formation.



Bible Study



We will have Bible Study at 7 p.m. on May 3rd and following our worship service on May 7th.

Wednesday Night Dinner:

Our First-Wednesday Dinner will be held **May 3rd** at 6:15 p.m. We will be having tacos and desserts. Please sign up on the sheet on the Fellowship Hall door, so we can estimate the attendance. Also if you can help with the dinner, please let Marge Schulhof know at mschulhof93@aol.com.



After-Service Fellowship Hour:

Our next After-Service Fellowship Hour will be on **May 21st**. Plan to stay after the service to share some good food and bonding time.



You can now watch our services on YouTube!



Exciting news! You can now see our services on YouTube, in addition to Facebook. Follow the link below to find our page on YouTube. Note that the Facebook videos can be watched in real time. The videos on You Tube will be delayed, as they require uploading after filming is complete.

<https://www.youtube.com/@LCGSDouglasville>

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Our 2023 Graduates:

Mallorie Breneman: Chapel Hill High

Jackson Cuendet: Temple High School

Caden McElroy: Milton High School

Hannah Schad: Alexander High School

Christian O'Hara: Austin Peay State University; B.S. in Business Management -December 2022

Andrew Welch: University of North Georgia; B.S. in Kinesiology with minor in Biology - December 2022

Elizabeth Sanders: Kennesaw State University; Masters in Early Childhood Education with a Specialist in Autism - in July 2023

We will celebrate our graduates with an ice cream social in their honor on June 4th, following the service and our congregational meeting.



Daily Bread Ministry:

Currently we have 21 residents at the camp. This month three were able to move into housing. Thirteen of our residents have jobs, one receives a Social Security check, four have applied for disability, and unfortunately, one resident is currently in the hospital.

This month we were able to help one person get his Social Security card, one person to get a Georgia ID, and helped two people receive food stamps.

I would like to tell you about one resident of whom I'm extremely proud. We have known this gentleman for four years. When he lived in the camp previously, we had to evict him for hitting someone and then had to charge him with criminal trespass as he wouldn't leave. About a year ago, he asked to come back to the camp and we gave him a second chance. Then it happened. He started to interact with the other residents of the camp and started taking pride in his camp job. You could hear his laughter when he was with the other residents and with people visiting the camp. You could tell he felt he was a part of something, that he belonged. He then applied for and got a job. He has been happily working at his job and has even been entrusted to train another employee. His plan is to save his money to get a car and then a place to live. Praise be to God!

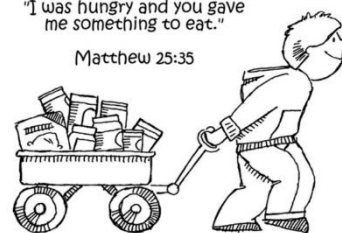
God does not give up on us! That is why we never give up on people. We can never give up as there is always tomorrow and that may be the day they make a change. This is what Daily Bread is about. Thanks be to God!

Thank you for all you do and have done in the past twenty years to support Daily Bread!

Leila

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

Matthew 25:35





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ELCA Advocacy News:

ELCA Launches Truth and Healing Movement

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has announced the launch of the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement. The focus of the initiative is to increase the church's understanding of the impacts of colonization on Indigenous people in past generations and in the present.

"We must be in better, right, and healthy relationships with the Indigenous people of Turtle Island," said Eaton. "As we know, the truth and our knowing and embracing it, is the first step toward healing for all of us."

In 2016, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. Following this action, Eaton commissioned a task force to lead the work outlined in the repudiation. The task force also developed "A Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People," which confessed the church's complicity in the oppression and genocide of Indigenous people and recommitted the ELCA to the work of Repudiation.

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement will enlist and empower members to become involved in the areas of focus started by the task force: development of appropriate settler narrative from a Lutheran perspective; encouraging the ritual practice of land acknowledgement; understanding Lutheran participation in Indian Boarding Schools; and support for communities impacted by murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. The movement will also offer ways to participate in the national Truth and Healing Movement.

Since the 1960s Lutherans have supported the American Indian Movement, working towards justice for and with Indigenous People. The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement commits this church to building and strengthening right relationships with our Indigenous neighbors.

Our May Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

- May 01 Donald Larsen
- May 03 Bill Stingle
- May 03 Meadow Martin
- May 04 Skip Welch
- May 07 Abby Dennis
- May 12 Bethany Addington
- May 15 Kobie Webb
- May 20 Christopher Stephens
- May 21 Melissa Alexander
- May 24 Leila Myers
- May 27 Paul Kinzer
- May 31 Bailey Franklin



Happy Anniversary

- May 12 Beth and Scott L'Hoste
- May 25 Charles and Christina Craton
- May 25 Donald and Joan Larsen

