



# News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
November 2023

## From the Pastor's Desk:

**"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5**

November makes us contemplate the things and people we are thankful for. Soon we will see those "Thankful Thursday" Facebook posts where people lift up what they are thankful for. If only we did this more than just the month of November. Image what change we could bring about if our social media presence was more focused on gratefulness and positivity. I personally am very grateful for this faith community at Good Shepherd and each one of you. I have so enjoyed getting to know all of you over the past few months. Thank you for making my daughter and I feel like part of the family here. This is especially important to us in this fall season. As people celebrate all the wonderful fall sights and sounds like crunchy leaves, pumpkin spice, and jack-o-lantern carving those same things bring back memories for Anna and me of Brian's cancer journey which began at the end of September and ended on December 13. Our fall memories from two years ago are of chemo infusions and watching what cancer can do to someone we loved. For us, fall is heavy and as we move into December there will be some days that I will feel weighed down more than others. What gets me through those heavy days is the people here at Good Shepherd. Your smiles, your stories, your support, your faith, and your strength. You have wrapped us in love and we feel that. I look forward to adding to our faith experience together with the addition of adult education hour after worship on Sundays, Prayer Team on Wednesday mornings at 11:00am, continued Fellowship meals, Thanksgiving dinner fellowship, and more as we head into December and Advent season. Thank you for you! I thank God for calling me here and for all of you so we can continue to journey in faith together growing in the grace and love of God through all stages of life and whatever the journey brings.

- Pastor Jamie



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## Our Council:

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**Choir will begin practicing Wednesday Nights at 7 p.m. starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**2 am November 5<sup>th</sup> or come to church early and have some coffee!**

## Council Corner:

Hello Everyone,

Pastor Jamie is settling in and bringing wonderful things to Good Shepherd. She held classes on Lutheranism to augment the classes given by the Synod in September and October. All who attended learned new insights into our faith and history as Lutherans. We are looking forward to the Adult Education classes that will start on November 12<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Our first Trunk-or-Treat event was a huge success! We provided much candy and many smiles to a whole bunch of children from the community. This was a great way to show people of Douglasville we are here.

Our new prayer team will begin meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> and we will share good food and fellowship at our annual Thanksgiving potluck on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our church continues to love our neighbors through our Daily Bread ministry and will start collecting gifts this month for Operation Christmas.

Good things are happening here at Good Shepherd!

-Alison Webb, Council President

The next Council Meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
The Finance committee meets at 6 p.m.

**Adult Sunday School starts November 12<sup>th</sup> following the service. Please see Pastor Jamie to purchase the book.**



**THANKSGIVING CHURCH POTLUCK Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall Door to bring a side.**

**Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. at Red Lobster**



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## Church Calendar:



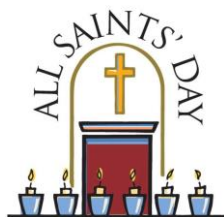
Need a listing of church activities, meetings, and events? Want to know what time something starts? Please check out our Church Calendar on our website: <https://www.mylcgs.org/calendar>

## Prayer Team:

We are forming a Prayer Team which will meet on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. If interested in participating, come to the first meeting or speak with Pastor Jamie. Participants can bring their lunch and stay after the prayers to eat together.



## All Saints' Sunday:



November 5th, we will celebrate "All Saints' Sunday." On this very special day we remember in prayer those loved ones who have touched our lives and our faith and have passed into the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Sunday. Please send the names of those important to you to Anne at [annestephens@mylcgs.org](mailto:annestephens@mylcgs.org) or add them to the list in the Narthex by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

During the service, you will also have a chance to light a candle for those who have passed into the Church Triumphant in previous years.

We give thanks to God for the love he sends into our lives through the presence of his saints!

## After Worship Adult Education Class:



Beginning on Sunday, November 12th, Pastor Jamie will be leading an adult education class on Sundays, following our worship services. The class will be a study of Luther's Small Catechism using the book, ***"By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism."***

About the book: *"By Heart"* is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. This guide will generate meaningful conversations about the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism, its link to the church's faith, and its connection to Luther's life and your life today.

The course is built around three kinds of source material essential to a meaningful experience of Luther's Small Catechism:

- Scripture and Tradition. For example, the Ten Commandments as cited in Exodus 20 or the Apostle's Creed as we have it from Christian traditions.
- Luther's explanations of the scripture or doctrine from Christian traditions.
- The "backstory" of Luther's own life and times, the fertile soil of the Reformation itself.

Pastor Jamie has reserved copies of the book from the publisher to get a group discount. Please talk to her about buying the book if interested.



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## Thanksgiving Wednesday Night Diner:



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Our annual Thanksgiving Wednesday Night Dinner will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Turkey will be provided. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall Door to let us know you are coming and to bring a side or a dessert.

Please note that there will be no Wednesday night dinner in December or January. The next Wednesday Night Dinner will be February 7, 2024.

## Church Closed During Thanksgiving Week:

Please note that Pastor Jamie will be on vacation the weekdays of the week of Thanksgiving. There will be no Choir Practice or Prayer Team meeting that week. Please let Pastor Jamie enjoy this time off with Anna and only contact her in case of emergency. Thank you!

## Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange:

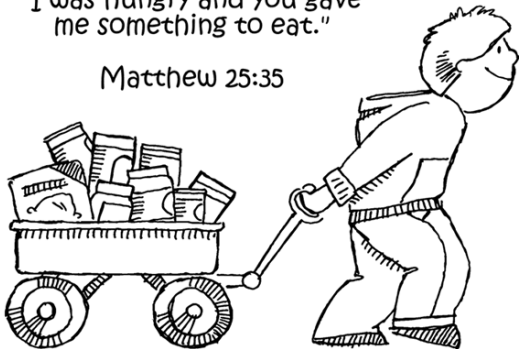
Our Annual Women's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange will be Tues. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Red Lobster. Contact Shirley Sneddon (sjsneddon@att.net) to R.S.V.P. or with any questions.



## Daily Bread Ministry:

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

Matthew 25:35



Camp Shinnah has been moved to its new location near the Court House. We are still working on organizing the new camp. Currently, we are waiting for Georgia Power to put power in and then we will build a power station which will have a platform and a place to charge phones, make coffee and use a microwave. We have a total of 20 sites and we have one storage area which has a cot in it if needed.

There are 18 residents in the camp at present. Nine residents have jobs and receive Social Security benefits. We have helped three residents apply for birth certificates this month and three for release of driving records so they can get their Georgia identification cards. In addition, we have helped two residents apply for their military discharge papers, so they can receive their military benefits.

Our needs this month are canned protein and peanut butter. Thank you so much for all of your support and prayers.

Leila



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## Operation Christmas:

If you start your Christmas shopping early, please remember that we participate in Operation Christmas. On December 9th our church will be one of many in Douglas County to participate in the 9th annual Operation Christmas, which is the largest single outreach event in our community. This ministry provides new, unwrapped toys and gifts to children on free school meals, receiving WIC or medical services through the Health Department, enrolled in Project Head Start, or a student at Youth Villages. We will be starting to collect donations around Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate, please place new, unwrapped toys in the collection box by December 7<sup>th</sup>. We are in the most in need of \$20 or \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Target. If you would like to help with the gift distribution, please let Leila know.



## Our Trunk of Treat Event:

Our first Trunk or Treat and Chili Dinner was a success! We had many wonderful trunks that delighted the kids and adults who came to the event. One attendee even did a post about our event, complete with wonderful photos, on the “Women of Douglasville” Facebook page. We had a game section created by Christina Craton and manned by Abby Dennis that was a big hit. Some kids played games for an hour before moving on to trick-or-treat. Our Boy Scout Troop set up a





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## Trunk or Treat Continued:

fire pit by their trailer and provided roasted marshmallows to the attendees. This was a great way to let the community know we are here and could be a great church for their family. Start planning your trunk for next year!

## Synod News:



Join people from around our synod for a ONE DAY, IN PERSON formation event on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at St. Timothy, Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Formation is foundational to the walk of every disciple. What does FORMATION look like these days? For most, this means that FORMATION is being REformed. Members of the Synod will gather in person to discuss the meaning of FORMATION, what it looks like now in our congregations, and help plan out what formation might look like for your congregation in the months and years to come.

To inspire us to REform our Formation in creative ways as we all learn how to be the Church once again, coming out of this pandemic, our guest speakers will be Daniel Kirschbaum (ELCA Young Adult Program Director) and Rebecca Payne (ELCA Innovation Hub). For more information about registration, accommodations, and the guest speakers, please go to: <https://se-reg.brapp.com/FormationNov2023>.

## Our November Birthdays and Anniversaries:

### Happy Birthday

Hannah Schad	11/1
Rick Douds	11/4
Grete Carder	11/5
Noelle O'Hara	11/9
Alexis Dowell	11/11
Sage Smith	11/15
Lois Waldmann	11/23
Sam Duke	11/27
Michael Garrett	11/27
William Slim	11/27
Gary Breneman	11/28
Oliver Austin	11/30
Stella Ryan	11/30

### Happy Anniversary

Neal & Pat Ochs	11/23
Leila & Virgil Myers	11/28
Laurie & Steve Fulton	11/29

