



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
October 2022



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE:
WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:30 a.m.
STARTING OCTOBER 2nd**

From the Pastor's Desk:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"...Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are signs all around that the seasons are changing. Each day, more and more the leaves are changing color and falling to the ground. Nature is getting ready to put on a gorgeous display of color. What a joy it is to be able to sit outside and enjoy the cooler temperatures! Creation has an amazing rhythm of change as the seasons come and go. Each season has its own beauty and challenges.

In our lives and in the life of the church, we also go through seasons. Seasons that come and go with beauty and challenges as well. As we enter this new season of fall, our Call Committee is meeting with Pastor Justin Eller, the Assistant to the Bishop who will be accompanying us through the Call Process. Please pray for our Call Committee and that the Holy Spirit will send a new pastor that will be a blessing for Good Shepherd and be blessed by this church.

The season(s) that we all went through with the pandemic was really hard on everyone and the church. Thankfully, we can return to many things that we couldn't do previously. (If you are at high risk, please continue to wear a quality mask.)

Thank you to everyone who was a part of our First Wednesday night last month. It was really fun to gather for supper and Bible Study and Youth activities. We will continue this on the First Wednesday night of every month starting at 6:15. This month it will be on October 5th and we will celebrate Oktoberfest.

Thank you to everyone who did God's Work with Our Hands supporting Daily Bread ministry! What a great turnout for this event as well! We rejoice to welcome five new members in September! Also, we started a Bible Study after worship on Sunday mornings. We installed our Church Council and our Call Committee. Along with all the joys of September, a beloved original member, Jim Graham entered the Church Triumphant. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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Continued "From The Pastor's Desk"

Looking forward to fall, on October 2nd, Rev. John Moeller from Inspiritus will be here to preach. He asked to come to thank us for supporting The Hunger Walk. Daily Bread/Good Shepherd was in the top five in raising funds! The worship time will move to 9:30 starting that day. Council decided that it was an equal compromise between the previous two services.

On October 9th, we will celebrate Pastor Paul's birthday! On October 30, we will celebrate Reformation. Wear red!

Seasons come and go. Joys and sorrows come and go but our Lord's love for us never changes. God's word remains to comfort, challenge, steady and guide us. God has given us to each other in this season to help each other roll with the changes. Praise be God!

+ peace, Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi



**This month's
First-Wednesday Dinner
will be October 5th at
6:15 pm. Join us for
Octoberfest!**

Our Council:

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Daily Bread Needs:

- Canned Fruit
- Toilet paper
- Blankets

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19

Council Corner:

We have had a taste of fall weather and are looking forward to more in October.

There are a number of things going on in October at Good Shepherd. The biggest news being a change in our service time, starting October 2 we will meet at 9:30am for worship. This is only a 30-minute change and puts our single service worship time equally between our original worship times. Also, on October 2 we will be welcoming a guest pastor, John R. Moeller, Jr. President & CEO of Inspiritus.

October 5 will be our second Wednesday night dinner and program night. Come join us for Good Shepherd's Oktoberfest dinner.

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**After the service on
October 16th**





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Continued from the Council Corner

Many of you have noticed that the outside of Good Shepherd has been receiving some attention. Thanks for this goes to the Dennis family, Butch Myers and Neil Ochs. There are still some things that need attention, following here is a short list:

- Removal of Cobwebs from outside windows
- Trimming of bushes on both sides of the sanctuary
- Memorial Garden needs weeds pulled and general clean up

With our Call Committee hard at work to find our next Pastor, there will be many more work projects inside and out to get Good Shepherd more presentable to a prospective Pastor.

Joe Sneddon
Council President

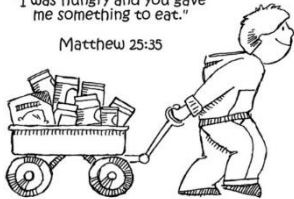


The Church Choir needs you!
We start practicing at 9 a.m.
on October 30th. Watch your
email for announcements.

Daily Bread Ministry:

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

Matthew 25:35



A big Shout out to all that worked so hard on Sunday, September 11, God's Work, Our Hands... that was such fun and your help was so appreciated.

As of today, we have 20 residents at Shinnah and deliver to 40 individuals who live in other camps. We also delivered 84 bags of food to people who live in housing but have no transportation.

This month we were able to help two people move from the camp into housing in Douglasville. We provided bus tickets for three individuals. Of these, two were reunited with family in California, and after transferring his parole from Douglasville to Virginia, one was reunited with his Mom, wife and child. His mom was so thrilled when I asked her if Pete could come home, she said oh yes, we have not seen him in 4-1/2 years.

We do not tolerate drugs and or alcohol at the camp. I drug test and use breathalyzer as needed. I evicted two for being drunk on property and one was evicted for having beer in his tent. One individual I am giving a second chance...Everyone deserves a second chance...all can make a change.

Helped two to get their Social Security Cards, one a birth certificate, and one his Georgia Identification card.

We received a 7000 pound shipment from the Atlanta, Community Food Bank. Thank you so much Don Larsen, Sam and Susan Duke, Butch Myers, Jamal Anderson, and Mike Anderson for helping to stock our shelves.

Please remember we need your plastic grocery bags for packing lunches.

Leila

Call Committee:

The Church Call Committee has met and elected Randy Stephens as their chairperson. The Reverend Justin Eller, an Assistant to the Bishop, has been assigned to guide us through the process. The committee participated in a zoom training with Pastor Justin Eller on September 22nd and will meet again at the end of the month to begin their work on the pastor selection process.



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Guest Speaker:



On Sunday October 2nd, Reverend John Moeller, the President & CEO of Inspiritus and an ordained minister in the Methodist Church, will be sharing his message with us about the impact of the Atlanta Hunger Walk.



Join us for Bible Study after worship on Sundays. This Bible Study will look at the Gospels overall briefly and at the Gospel of Luke more in depth.

Bible Study on the First Wednesday Evenings will be taking a closer look at scripture that we will hear in worship. Join us for this on October 5th.

Lutheran Disaster Reponse:



Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico on Sep. 18 – five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. A Category 1 storm, Fiona caused an island-wide blackout and brought catastrophic flooding. After hitting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in the Dominican Republic.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to support impacted communities, some of which are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. Anticipated immediate needs include clean water, food supplies and other basic necessities. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes. You can donate to Hurricane Relief at https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?_ga=2.55285099.135947857.1663790122-1560243721.1585090396



On Sunday November 6th 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 those names of those important to you to Anne at annestephens@mylcs.org or add them to the list in the Narthex.

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

Our October Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

- 10/4 Allison Price
- 10/5 Keith Achenbach
- 10/6 Cameron Carder
- 10/8 Emma Schad
- 10/10 Elana Meyers Taylor
- 10/10 Paul Haffly
- 10/11 Joe Sneddon
- 10/14 Seth Gunnells



- 10/15 Andrew Welch
- 10/16 Emmanita Brown
- 10/18 Jessica Davey
- 10/23 Andrea Soyland
- 10/24 Deanna Lorenz
- 10/27 Christopher Achenbach
- 10/29 Richard Parker

Happy Anniversary

- 10/5 Bob and Marge Schulhof
- 10/10 Thomas & Lynn Shick
- 10/11 Gunther & Mary Anne Rankenburg
- 10/11 Pete & Holly Liersch
- 10/14 Kevin & Lynn Bauch
- 10/14 Shannon & Kristy Weathers
- 10/23 Cameron and Anna Carder
- 10/25 Donald & Lisa Schad



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Georgia Lutherans Welcome You at Atlanta Pride 2022



Georgia ELCA Lutherans have an active presence at Atlanta Pride Parade and Festival through the group, Georgia Lutherans Welcome You. More than 18 metro Atlanta ELCA churches are members of this group, which celebrates the diversity of creation and affirms that every human is a valued child of God.

At the last Atlanta Pride celebration in 2019, Bishop Strickland marched with a group of about 30 fellow ELCA Lutherans and served Holy Communion before the parade. He is planning on participating in this year's Atlanta Pride Parade on October 9th.

In addition to marching in parade, Georgia Lutherans Welcome You hosts a booth to share information about the participating welcoming ELCA churches. They also pass out stickers, fans, koozies, etc and, in true Lutheran tradition, have a red door for participants of the festival to post what they would like the church to hear. As you can see in 2019 the door was well filled! Sadly, many of these postings expressed hurt and damage done by non-affirming churches that don't truly welcome our LGBT+ neighbors. Thus, spreading the word about affirming churches is of vital importance.

If you would like more information on marching with Georgia Lutherans Welcome You at Atlanta Pride or helping with the booth, visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/georgialutherans.welcomeyou> or contact Anne Stephens at annestephens@mylcls.org by October 3rd.



Atlanta Pride 2019



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“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Project

On Sunday, September 11th, we served the community through Daily Bread ministry doing God’s Work with Our Hands! Thank you to the fellowship team for a delicious reception! Thank you to everyone who participated serving those in need in our community!

