



# News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

October 2023

## From the Pastor's Desk:

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17**

This is the section of Scripture that caused Martin Luther to have a revelation about how we are to live by faith and that is what makes us righteous. He went on from there to realize the power of God's grace and the enormous power of the Cross that brings about our salvation. With this revelation came Luther's call to bring about change and reform. His intention was never to break away from the Catholic Church where he served as a monk and professor, but to get the Catholic Church to reform some of their teachings and practices based on the Scriptural evidence he had found that contradicted what they were doing and telling the people. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany outlining the issues he felt required reform. In this month of October, we remember Luther's actions and how they led to the Protestant Reformation. During the month of October, we will celebrate with a German inspired fellowship meal and two more online classes with in person conversations following about Lutheranism 101. Over the course of the month we will contemplate and continue to learn what it means to live as resurrection people having received grace from God and pray about how we can be instruments of God's grace to one another. On October 29 we will celebrate Reformation Sunday in worship. All are invited to wear red and be ready to sing strongly "A Mighty Fortress." I am excited to celebrate this festive time in the church year as we continue to walk in faith and grow in the knowledge of God's expansive love and grace together.

-Pastor Jamie



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## Our Council:

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**--October 4th at 6:15--  
German Themed Dinner  
Come for delicious food  
and fellowship.  
Stay for the Lutheranism  
101 Follow-up Class after  
dinner.**

## Council Corner:

Hello Everyone,

October is full of excitement and hope! We will be bringing back Fall Festivities with our first ever Trunk or Treat! This will be held October 28th in the parking lot!

Pastor Jamie and Anna have been such a gift to this congregation and we are all so excited she is finally installed as our Pastor!

We can't wait till see what October brings!

Praise be to God  
Council President  
Alison Bauch

The next Council Meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
The Finance committee meets at 6 p.m.



The last two sessions of Lutheranism 101 will be presented via Zoom by the Synod on 10/3 and 10/17. Register at [Lutheranism 101: A 4-Part Series \(elca-ses.org\)](https://www.elca-ses.org). Pastor Jamie will lead follow-up discussions at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd on the Wednesdays following the Zoom class.

## First-Wednesday Night Dinner:



Our next First-Wednesday Dinner will be **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15. Dinner will be a German theme in honor of Reformation. Brats and sauerkraut will be provided. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall door to say you are coming and if can bring a side or dessert. **Following dinner, Pastor Jamie will lead a class focusing on what we learned in the Lutheranism 101 Class offered by the synod on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**LCGS  
TRUNK OR  
TREAT EVENT  
and CHILI  
DINNER**

**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Come and be part of the fun!  
See below for details.**



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## Trunk or Treat and Fellowship Chili Potluck



**Saturday, October 28th, will be our first Trunk or Treat & Chili Dinner Event.**

So mark your calendars, perfect your chili recipe, and start planning how to decorate your trunk! This promises to be a wonderful fellowship event, as well as a great way to reach out to the community. Please sign up for the Chili Potluck dinner and to decorate a trunk on the Fellowship Hall door as soon as possible, so we may know how many will be participating.

We will have our chili dinner at 5:30 p.m. Following dinner, we will set up our trunks and open for trick or treating at 7 p.m.

This event will be advertised to the community and is a great opportunity to show off Good Shepherd to prospective members. We need a good showing of participation to make this event a success. Cheap and easy trunk decorating ideas can be found on the internet. Donations of candy would be appreciated.

Don Larsen has received a Thrivent Action team card to help support this project.

## Daily Bread Ministry:

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."  
Matthew 25:35



I do not have the words of gratitude to thank everyone that came out September 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and worked so hard to move Shinnah to our new location. Praise be to God we are probably 95% completely moved. Thank you Jesus for your continuing guidance, love and leading us to serve your children.

A big shout out to Dakota and his crew that cut down all of the trees to make this move possible. And thank you for bringing a bobcat and also huge thank you for the equipment that Mike Anderson brought to help clear the spot.

Lift up every person that carried a bag, moved the pallet, put up a tent, put in posts, laid tarp or put up canopies. Because of the faithfulness and hard work of those who volunteered to help with this move, every resident at Shinnah has a place to lay their head tonight in their new location.

Also thank you to Pastor Jamie for leading us in prayer Saturday morning, before we began our move to our new location. Thank you also for blessing the land of Shinnah and also blessing all who would live in our community ... A beautiful message.

Our needs this month are protein sources, such as peanut butter, tuna, and canned meat. Thank you!

Leila

## Our October Birthdays and Anniversaries:

### Happy Birthday

Allison Price	10/04	Seth Gunnells	10/14
Keith Achenbach	10/05	Andrew Welch	10/15
Cameron Carder	10/06	Emmanita Brown	10/16
Emma Schad	10/08	Deanna Lorenz	10/24
Joe Sneddon	10/11	Richard Parker	10/29



### Happy Anniversary

Bob & Marge Schulhof	10/5
Lynn & Thomas Shick	10/10
Holly & Pete Liersch	10/11
Kevin & Lynn Bauch	10/14
Kristy Habib & Shannon Weathers	10/14
Anna & Cameron Carder	10/23
Donald & Lisa Schad	10/25
Bethany & Robert Addington	10/29





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## Lutheranism 101 Classes:

The final two classes in the Synod's Lutheranism 101 series will be offered October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. They are free and promise to be interesting and relevant, even if you are a life-long Lutheran. You can register for classes at [Lutheranism 101: A 4-Part Series \(elca-ses.org\)](https://elca-ses.org).

Pastor Jamie will lead follow-up classes at Good Shepherd, focusing on what was presented in the Synod classes on the nights after the Synod class. In October, these will be following Wednesday Night Dinner on October 4<sup>th</sup> and at 76 p.m. on October 18<sup>th</sup>. These are wonderful classes, even if you do not get a chance to watch the Synod class first.

## Lutheranism 101 - a 4-Part Series



Tuesdays - Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17

7:00-8:30pm ET / 6-7:30pm CT

Register at [elca-ses.org](https://elca-ses.org)



**September 5** - "What Do We Believe?" with Rev. Dr. William R. Russell, Coordinator for The Lutheran Confessions' Project, LWF

**September 19** - Adult Catechism, with Bishop Emeritus Julian Gordy

**October 3** - "Who is Luther?" with Rev. Dr. Justin Nickel, Lenoir Rhyne - LTSS

**October 17** - Lutheranism in North America, with Rev. Dr. Susan McArver, Lenoir Rhyne - LTSS



**Cost: FREE**

All Sessions will be held via Zoom

Register just ONCE for all 4 sessions. Attend as many as you can



In the Southeastern Synod, we are engaging our laity in Fall 2023 to enter into a series called "LUTHERANISM 101, a 4-part series." These will be 4, 1.5 hour online classes to help our laity (and perhaps rostered ministers) to engage in learning about the basics of the Lutheran faith and tradition.

All sessions will be recorded and posted to the Southeastern Synod Formation landing page on the synod website, and a digest of videos and resources will be emailed to all at the end of the series.



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## March with Bishop Strickland in the Atlanta Pride Parade



The Southeastern ELCA Synod invites you to march with Bishop Strickland in the Atlanta Pride Parade on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The parade kicks off at 12 p.m. from the Atlanta Civic Center MARTA Station and continues down Peachtree Street, ending at Piedmont Park. T-shirts will be provided and more details including parking and a meeting spot will be available as it gets closer. Please come and join us as we show our support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Register at [elca-ses.org](http://elca-ses.org) [2023 Atlanta Pride Parade \(brtapp.com\)](https://2023.AtlantaPrideParade.com) or contact Anne Stephens at [annestephens@mylcs.org](mailto:annestephens@mylcs.org).

## Beloved Women's Retreat

October 27 -29, 2023, at the Lutherock Camp and Conference Center in Newland, North Carolina. Price is \$185 for adults and \$100 for college are students.

The NovusWay staff at Lutherock (Newland, NC) is excited to have you join them for this awesome opportunity to get away to Lutherock and enjoy the splendor of God's creation. This weekend is specifically for all the ladies to come rest and restore, to set aside the things that derail us and spend time being reminded of our value and worth as daughters of the King. We are BELOVED!

This Beloved retreat takes you deeper into claiming your Belovedness as the source of Courage in our life. This fall we will take a page from some of Brene Brown's best "Daring Greatly" work to learn and experience the call to be courageous in the world.

We hope that you and your friends will join us for this exciting program and don't forget to invite that special young adult/college age adult to join you at a discounted rate. Register at [Login | Lutherock \(campbrainregistration.com\)](https://login.lutherockcampbrainregistration.com).

## ELCA Youth Gathering & Young Adult Gathering

July 16-20, 2024: New Orleans, LA



What is National Youth Gathering? As the name suggests, this is an event in which ELCA youth from all over the nation converge on a city and gather together in communion. The national youth gathering is occurring July 16 - 20, 2024 in New Orleans, LA. What happens at the National Youth Gathering? Participants have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers, visit booths at a convention center, watch live artists, and worship together with 20,000 other Lutherans. Participants also help in local service projects and have the chance to experience the vibrant New Orleans culture.

Christ our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Peachtree City is planning to attend and there may be room on their bus if any youth from Good Shepherd would like to attend. Cost will be between \$1050 and \$1200 depending on transportation and housing (registration = \$360; lodging with 2/room: \$170/night \* 4 nights/2 = \$340; food at \$75/day = \$300). Contact Ethan Miller at 678-544-3501 and let him know if you want your youth to join. He will need confirmation and a non-refundable \$150/youth deposit by October 13th. For more information on the event, visit [ELCA Youth Gathering](https://ELCAYouthGathering.com).