



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
September 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Romans 12:4-5.

Grace, joy, and gratitude to you all as you welcomed both myself and my daughter into this community of faith. I have enjoyed meeting each and every one of you. I have also enjoyed hearing from each of you what you love about the ministry we share here at Good Shepherd. I love stories, and I love hearing about how worshiping in this place and working together on events or projects here has shaped your faith or caused you to grow in areas unexpected. We each have gifts that God gives us and it is a joy when we can share those gifts in community with one another.

I want to continue to hear your stories and the stories of Good Shepherd. I want to know what traditions you love here, what events and seasons you look forward to each year and why. I want to find ways to honor those traditions and potentially add new experiences as we journey together. I have ideas and experiences that I bring to this partnership, but I want to be respectful of who you are in this place and where the Holy Spirit is already active in doing amazing things. We will slowly be introducing ourselves to each other in order to keep the traditions you cherish and to add to them as the Holy Spirit reveals opportunities to us to grow in faith together.

We also have the opportunity here to try new things in an environment of love and support. If there are areas of ministry that you've often wondered about or felt interested in, I want to encourage you to give those a try. By trying new things and stepping out of our comfort zones in faith we find new favorite things. I'm always open to talking with you about ideas you have and perhaps ministry teams you'd like to try and be involved in.

I'm so excited to be here and be partnering with you all to take Good Shepherd into a new season of growth, hope, and life as we continue to walk forward in grace and faith together.

In Christ,
Pastor Jamie



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Wednesday Night Dinner

--September 6th at 6:15--
 Come for delicious food
 and fellowship.
 Stay for the Lutheranism
 101 follow-up Class after
 dinner.

Council Corner:

These are exciting times at Good Shepherd as our new Pastor begins her journey with us. Pastor Jamie will be officially installed as our Pastor during worship on September 24th. She has jumped into the job very enthusiastically and you can look forward to more thought-provoking sermons and great ideas for the growth of our congregation and community outreach from her in the future.

Coming up, we have a project to collect items to help Daily Bread move the camp to the new location as part of the ELCA's "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on September 10th. The Synod is presenting Zoom classes on what it means to be a Lutheran in September and October via Zoom. You are encouraged to sign up for these free classes and then join Pastor Jamie on the nights following the Synod classes for an in-person discussion here at Good Shepherd.

We are grateful for our new Pastor and look forward to see where Good Shepherd will go and grow under her leadership.

Alison Bauch
 Council President

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



Lutheranism 101 a four part series will be presented via Zoom by the Synod on 9/5 and 9/19 and 10/3 and 10/17. Register at [Lutheranism 101: A 4-Part Series \(elca-ses.org\)](http://Lutheranism 101: A 4-Part Series (elca-ses.org)). Pastor Jamie will lead follow-up discussions at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd on the Wednesdays following the Zoom class.

Wednesday Night Dinner:

Our next Wednesday Dinner will be Wednesday, September 6th. Dinner will be Sloppy Joe's. Please sign up on the Fellowship Hall door and let Shirley Sneddon (sjsneddon@att.net) know if you can bring something. Come join in for good food and fellowship. Stay for the Lutheranism 101 class follow-up after dinner.

See article below for items needed for Daily Bread.





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“God’s work. Our hands.”



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023

This year’s God’s Work. Our hands. Sunday is September 10, 2023. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

To celebrate God’s Work. Our Hands. Day at Good Shepherd, we are doing a collection for the Daily Bread Ministry. The following items are needed.

Fruit canned

Peanut butter

Men’s underwear (sizes M, L, and XL)

These items are needed to assist in moving the camp to the new location:

Clothesline rope

18 x 20 tarps

Baking soda

Damp Rid

Water

Nails 16D

If you can help with any of these items, you can bring them to church on September 10th and place in the bins that will be out in the Narthex.

Daily Bread Ministry:

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



We have 19 residents at Shinnah currently. This month two men moved into housing. Of our residents, nine have jobs, two receive Social Security, and three have applied for disability. We serve 50 individuals each week that live in tents outside our supervised community and approximately 75 individuals that live in housing.

The building of the new coroner’s office on the land currently occupied by the camp necessitates our camp being moved to a new location. Contractors have begun the construction at our new camp site. It is estimated that we will be able to begin our move the end of September.

Please let me know if you would like to help us move the camp ... We have 22 sites to move in addition to a cafeteria, one sitting area, one shower, one pantry, and one storage tent.

Daily Bread’s current needs are canned protein and water.

Thank you for your continued support in serving those in need within our community. Love one another.

- Leila

Instillation Service:



Pastor Jamie will be officially installed as our pastor during our worship service on September 24th. Pastor Jonathan Hemphill, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life, will be joining us to preach and do the instillation. To celebrate this event, we will have a reception for Pastor Jamie following the service. If you would like to help with the reception, please let Johanna Welch know at Skippiejo@bellsouth.net.



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Lutheranism 101 Classes:

The Synod is offering a series of 4 classes called Lutheranism 101 via Zoom in September and October. 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. She will hold the first of these following our Wednesday Night Dinner on September 6th. On Wednesday, September 20th, at 7 p.m., Pastor Jamie will lead a class focusing on the second installment of the Synod's Lutheranism 101 class.

Lutheranism 101 - a 4-Part Series



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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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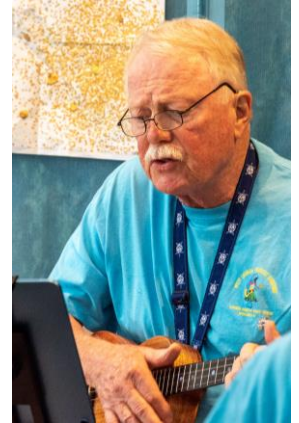


Play Music on the Porch Day:



The West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble

Our Play Music on the Porch Day event was a big success! The West Georgia Ukulele Ensemble entertained a full house with great toe tapping music. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all, which was provided through a Thrivent Action Team card and donations from volunteers. Representatives from our Boy Scout Troop 3 came to help with the lunch prep and clean up. Over \$1500 was raised for those affected by the Hawaiian Wildfires and donations are still coming in. All donations will be sent to the Lutheran Disaster Response fund for the Hawaiian Wildfires after being matched at \$0.50 on the dollar by Thrivent.



Our August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Happy Birthday

Marge Schulhof	9/4	Laurie Fulton	9/27
Johanna Welch	9/5	Lily Martin	9/27
Scott L'Hoste	9/11	Pete Liersch	9/28
Virgil Myers	9/14	Glen Schillinger	9/28
Ensley Franklin	9/15	David Slim	9/29
Gunther Rankenburg	9/16		

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Erica Stephenson	9/6
Johanna & Skip Welch	9/15
Leonard & Susan Murphy	9/16
Barbara & Michael Franklin	9/20
Brad & Heidi Dennis	9/24