



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd—October 2018

From the Pastor's Desk:

I have spent my life studying our faith. I have read deeply about our theology, our ecclesiology, our eschatology, our soteriology, and I have come to know a lot of other big words! I have studied our liturgies and music, our worship and history, and so much more.

I have had the opportunity to sit and listen to some of the greatest minds in religion of our day and for the opportunities to grow and to learn I will always be grateful. I am amazed at the glories of the vast and magnificent creation that we are welcomed into. There is so much more to learn, and so much I will never know or understand.

In the midst of this, I have learned what faith is about, it is what I was taught at the very beginning of this journey. As a child, sometimes sleeping on my mother's lap during worship in our congregation in East Point, or as a teenager trying to figure out how I could skip out during the sermon in our congregation in College Park, something still found its way into my soul. Pastors, family, church family, and people in love with God found a way to communicate to this hard-headed human that somehow and always I was loved by God and God would love for me to love his children.

In all my studies, journeys, and experiences, I have come back to that solid ground. This faith isn't about what we know. One of my favorite theologians of the last century was a man named Karl Barth. While he was studying another great theologian, Soren Kierkegaard, he wrote this: "That is when I discovered that the Gospel isn't a set of hypotheses to be debated by theologians, but a simple truth accessible to any child".

This faith isn't about what we know, it is about who loves us and who we now can love. It is that simple. It is about the one who goes to a cross out of love. It is about the one who says, "I will be your God and you will be my people" and doesn't tell us we have to sign up. And it is about the one who asks us to "Love one another, for love is from God".

At the beginning and in the end, that is who we are at Good Shepherd.....let us love with the thanksgiving of those who are somehow and always loved!

Pastor Mike



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the
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**Sunday Worship Services:
8:30 and 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:40**

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Our Council:

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Council Corner:

Your Church Council met on September 10th. In some ways our meeting reminded me of an end-of-summer family gathering. Vacations over, schools back in session, it's time to focus on the year ahead. Here we go!

So, first things first, Council Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, starting at 7PM. As a reminder, meetings are open to the congregation. If you have something to share with the council or if you simply wish to listen in, know that you are welcome.

I also want to share that we are preparing a comprehensive Good Shepherd Calendar of Events and that a new church directory is almost complete. Hopefully both of these will be available to the congregation within the coming weeks.

On behalf of the entire Council I want to wish everyone a most productive, healthy and God filled year ahead.

Don Larsen, Church Council President

Daily Bread Needs Bottled Water and Ravioli/spaghetti

"If you love me, feed my sheep."
John 21:15-19

Wednesday Night Dinners and activities start at 6:30



Our Wednesday Night Bible Study

Join us as we continue our journey through the great stories of the Bible!

Confirmation Students



Next Class: October 9th at 9:30



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Upcoming Events:

- Our next **Council Meeting** will be held on October 1st at 7 pm.
- **Adults Night Out: Dinner at Sam and Roscoe's** October 6th at 6pm
- **Men's Group:** Will meet on **October 13th** from **8:30 to 11:30.**
- **Confirmation Students:** we will meet at 11:40 on October 9th.
- **Wednesday Night Dinners start at 6:30:** Join us for great food and fellowship!
- **Don't Miss out on our Bible Study** of "The Story". We meet just after dinner on Wednesday evenings and each session is self-contained! You are wanted in this study!
- **The Spirit Committee** will not meet this month.
- **Reformation Sunday....wear Red** on Sunday October 28th! We will remember our heritage as children of God!
- **All Saints Sunday is November 4th!** On All Saints, we remember in prayer all our loved ones who have passed into the victorious kingdom of our Lord in past year. This year, in addition to the prayers, we will set up a table in the Narthex (gathering area) for you to bring pictures of those we will be praying for! To add a loved one to the list, please print their name on the list in the Narthex.
- **Who are we as Lutherans?** We will discuss this during Sunday School hour during the month of October.....join us in the Fellowship hall!



October 28th
WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE!

SAVE THE DATE:
Monday December 3rd
6:30pm
Women's Annual Christmas
Party & Gift Exchange
At O'Charley's



Please consider signing up to be a counter, communion assistant, alter guild member, reader, greeter, or usher. We need you!



Email servers are constantly updating their Spam filters. As a consequence, since we send out emails to many people at a time, the emails from the church are increasingly being blocked by these filters. **Please make sure you have set your email settings to designate our church email addresses from Anne Stephens, Robyn Taylor, and Pastor Mike as "safe senders."** If you are not receiving emails, let Anne Stephens know at: AnneStephens@mylcs.org.



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Adults Night Out:

Join us for dinner at Sam and Roscoe's Resturant on Douglas Blvd at 6 pm Saturday October 6th. Please sign up by October 4th. There is a sign up sheet on the door of the Fellowship Hall or let Bill Doeblor know you are coming. If you need a ride, meet Bill at the church by 5:45 on the 6th. Contact bill at wrdoeblor@gmail.com or 757-404-0252.

Men's Group:

The Men's Group will meet on October 13th from 8:30 to 11:30. They will be working on the following projects:

- Front entryway of the church needs to be pressure washed
- Replace burnt out light bulbs in the fellowship hall
- Water shut-off's behind the refrigerate need to be replaced or a sharkbit stop connector should be installed.
- Evaluate the rooms down the hall if the need to be painted and floors cleaned

Thanks to this group for this much needed service to our church!

The Spirit Team:

Our Spirit Team is working on some new ideas to increase our visibility in the community and to bring in new members. Look for a great new name tag program to be introduced in the near future. The team won't be having any scheduled meetings for the next few months.

By the grace and love of God, the Spirit Team will work to identify opportunities to foster the growth of Good Shepherd.

Stewardship:

God gives us HIS grace, love, blessing and guidance every day.

On Sunday, we go to church to celebrate God's love and grace. We are thankful for our health, protection, family, friends and His love. In return, we give thanks to God though our offerings. We also give thanks through our service on Sunday by playing the organ, directing and singing in the choir, reading, communion assistance, acolyte, crucifer, usher, and greeter. Also, teaching Sunday School or lead a youth group.

God has given each of us varying talents, time and money. You can give thanks to God through helping to keep the church building and grounds maintained, supply meals for our Wednesday night gathering or planning an event. Also, you can give your time by serving on a committee.

- Joanne Craton (Stewardship Committee Chair)

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

1 Peter 4:10



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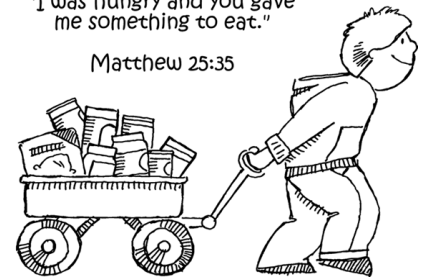
The Daily Bread Ministry:

The Daily Bread Ministry is currently working to provide water to the people living at the county camp. This will greatly improve hygiene at the camp. The Daily Bread Ministry needs donations of bottled water and canned ravioli, spaghetti or anything with protein.

Thank you for all your support of this vital ministry!

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

Matthew 25:35



Yeah! Burger Feel Good Tuesday

A fundraiser benefiting LSG's Refugee & Immigration Services Program

Mark your calendar for Yeah! Burger's Feel Good Tuesday fundraiser at Yeah! Burger Virginia Highlands on October 2nd. From 6-10 p.m., Yeah! Burger will donate a portion of each sale to Lutheran Services of Georgia's Refugee & Immigration Services program. Yeah! Burger has a variety of delicious burgers, hotdogs and sandwiches (vegan and vegetarian included). **We hope to see you there!**

When: October 2nd from 6-10 p.m. Where: [Yeah! Burger Virginia Highlands](#)



When disaster strikes, Christians are among the first to look for ways to help those in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation. In addition to relief efforts your church may be involved with, Thrivent members and others can help hurricane victims in the following ways:

- **Donate:** Make a personal donation. Thrivent will match individual personal donations – up to \$1 million – made through Thrivent.com to assist specific disaster relief organizations.* Eligible members can also direct Choice Dollars®.
- **Volunteer:** Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a volunteer Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details on these opportunities.

We thank you for continuing to keep those who suffer in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.



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If you are a Thrivent member you can form an Action Team and help Good Shepherd with various projects around the church or in the community. For more information go to:



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Want to learn more about the Reformation for Reformation Sunday? Rick Steve's video on the Reformation is a great place to start. You can see his video on Youtube at:

<https://youtu.be/CXK9NNp1yk4>

Birthdays:

10/2	Brian Tiller	10/21	Bradley Byrd
10/4	Allison Price	10/22	Claudia Hess
10/5	Keith Achenbach	10/23	Laurie Hess
10/6	Cameron Carder	10/23	Andrea Soyland
10/8	Emma Schad	10/24	Deanna Lorenz
10/10	Elana Meyers	10/27	Christopher Achenbach
10/10	Paul Haffly	10/28	James Nail
10/11	Joe Sneddon	10/28	Tarice Nail
10/14	Seth Gunnells	10/28	Irwin Tiller
10/15	Andrew Welch	10/28	Stephanie Mason
10/16	Emmanita Brown	10/29	Richard Parker
10/17	Chad Martin	10/30	Taylor Bither
10/18	Jessica Davey		



Anniversaries:

10/2	Victor & Dawn Leonard
10/5	John & Christine Martin
10/11	Gunther & Mary Anne Rankenburg
10/11	Pete & Holly Liersch
10/13	James and Tarice Nail
10/14	Kevin & Lynn Bauch
10/14	Shannon & Christine Weathers
10/25	Donald & Lisa Schad

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**



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Serving in Ministry for the Month of October:

October 7th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Bradlee Ray; Crucifer: Reader: Charles Craton Ushers: Don & Joan Larsen; Greeters: Leonard & Sue Murphy
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens Acolyte: Emma Brown; Crucifer: Ethan Sanders; Reader: Randy Stephens; Intoning the Psalm: Adam Holzhauer; Communion Assistant: Adam Holzhauer; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Sue Murphy; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger; Greeters: Counters: Lois Waldman and Tarice Nail
October 14th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte; Crucifer: Reader: Joanne Craton Communion Assistant: Leonard Murphy; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Joan Larsen; Ushers: Shannon & Kristi Weathers; Greeters: Leila & Paulette Bovingdon
	10:30 – Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Ethan Sanders; Crucifer: Jackson Stear; Reader: Jason Stear; Intoning the Psalm: Skip Welch; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger Counters: Linda Boynton & Johanna Welch; Greeters:
October 21st	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Bradlee Ray; Crucifer: Reader: Tony Ritchie; Ushers: Tony & Laurie Ritchie; Greeters:
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens Acolyte: Sage Smith; Crucifer: Emma Brown; Reader: Bethany Holzhauer; Communion Assistant: ; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Intoning the Psalm: Randy Stephens; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger; Greeters; Counters: Seth Gunnels & Birgit Kelley
October 28th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte; Crucifer: Reader: Shannon Weathers; Ushers: Shannon & Kristi Weathers; Communion Assistant: Charles Craton; Altar Guild Member on Duty: ; Greeters: Leonard & Sue Murphy
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If you cannot serve at your assigned time, please try to find a replacement. If this is not possible, please let Pastor Mike (pastormike@mylcs.org) or Robyn Taylor (robyn@mylcs.org) know in time for them to get at replacement. Thank you for your service!



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This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made;
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24



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Return Service Requested

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