



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

March 2019

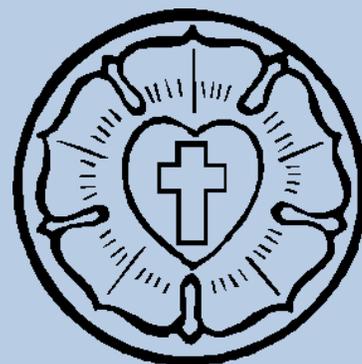
From the Pastor's Desk:

I am a child of the quick fix generation. I didn't start out that way. The world I grew up in didn't even have copiers, I had to do the first bulletins as a Pastor on a manual typewriter and a hand cranked mimeograph machine (I can still smell the correction fluid!). The first copier I had in a church did 4 copies a minute and I was amazed! There were no microwaves, food was more slowly cooked, in fact I don't even think there were instant grits.

Today I get frustrated if it takes over 2 minutes to pop my popcorn, or thirty seconds to make my coffee hot again. The piece of paper should print immediately, if the printer is slow I find myself frustrated, and God forbid the internet is slow. I want my information right now, not a couple of minutes from now. Twelve minutes is more than enough time to nuke a potato, can't we do this faster? And a week shipping? No way, now I can get my stuff (which I really don't need) delivered to my house in less than two hours from Amazon just by telling Alexa I want it!

Wednesday March 6 is the beginning of the 40-day (not counting Sundays) journey of Lent as the family of God walks toward Easter. Walk is the right word. This is time to slow down, to patiently reflect on the grace of God that walks toward a cross and our lives in response to that love. It is time of patience and introspection. Lent is a time to be reminded of who we are called to be in light of the blessed incarnation of the Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end and everything in between).

This year, I am encouraging you instead of giving up for Lent, to take on for Lent. What would happen if each of us took on a goal of 45 minutes of focused quiet prayer each week apart from distractions. This time would be mostly quiet time, reflective time, and some verbal prayer. We could split it up



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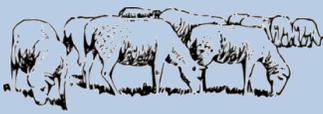
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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30
and 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:40

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From the Pastor's Desk continued:

however we wanted to, 45 minutes at a time, 5 minutes a day, 15 minutes 3 times a week, or whatever.

In that time, our faith has the possibility to grow, our vision can be changed, and even our hearts enlarged (in a good way!).

This is just a thought ... think about it! But regardless of how you spend Lent, I hope and pray this is a time you are reminded of the unfathomable grace and love our Lord has for you and your loved ones.

Pastor Mike

Daily Bread Needs: Toilet Paper, and Canned Protein

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

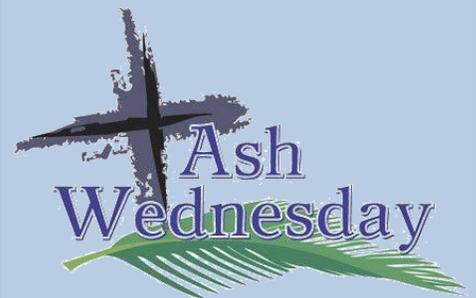
John 21:15-19



Lenten services will be at
7:15 each Wednesday
following Ash Wednesday.

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Service
March 6th at 7 pm

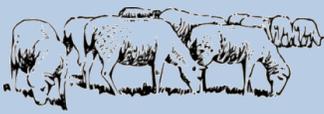


Email servers are constantly updating their Spam filters. Email sent from the church is increasingly being blocked by these filters. Please make sure you have set your email settings to designate our church email addresses from Anne Stephens, Robyn Taylor, and Pastor Mike as "safe senders." **If you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

Cardboard Recycling:

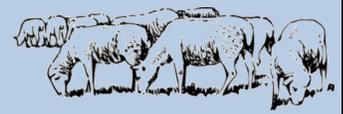


There is a gentleman who collects cardboard to recycle as part of his livelihood. He picks up the cardboard from our Daily Bread Ministry on Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to bring your corrugated cardboard to have it recycled and to help him, please put it outside the church, near the benches, on Mondays or in the morning on Tuesdays. **Please DO NOT leave it out there any other time. Thank you!**



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Upcoming Events:

- Our next **Council Meeting** will be held **Monday, March 4th at 7PM.**
- The **Men's Service Group:** Will meet from **8:30 – 11:30 am on March 9th.**
- **Youth:** The youth group will be going to see the **Gwinnett Gladiators on Sunday, March 17th.** Sign up on the door of the Fellowship Hall. Parents and friends are welcome.
- **Confirmation Students...**watch for the next date for classes!



- **Ash Wednesday Service** will be at **7:00 pm on March 6th.**
- **Lenten services** will be at **7:15 each Wednesday** following Ash Wednesday. We will use Holden Evening Prayer and we will reflect a little on the grace of the 10 commandments!



Wednesday Night
Dinner

Dinner and activities



Sunday April 28th
Sign Up to Walk or Run or Sponsor Our Team to support this great cause!

The Men's Service Group is meeting Saturday March 9th.

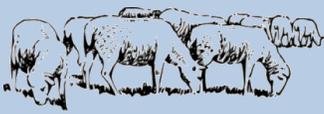


EXCITING NEWS!

We now have an outdoor amphitheater for outdoor services and other events! **A big thank you to Jacob Williams and the Scouts of Troop 3 for this wonderful Eagle project!** Look for announcements about our amphitheater coming soon.



Our Youth Group will be going to a Georgia Gladiators game on **March 17th.** Sign up today!



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HUNGER WALK RUN 2019

We have a great team of people participating in this year's Hunger Walk/Run on April 28th to help combat hunger in Georgia! This event raises funds for the Atlanta Area Food Bank and our Daily Bread Ministry. To participate or donate to their efforts, visit:

http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR/2019HungerWalk/HungerWalk?pg=pfind&fr_id=1938&fr_search_type=team and enter the team: Daily Bread /Good Shepherd, Douglasville. If you have questions, contact Don Larsen at donlarsen43@gmail.com.

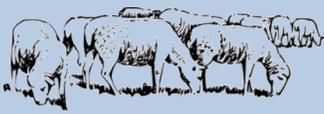
The Spirit Team:

The Spirit Team met on February 10th. Following are three of the initiatives that were discussed by the team. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in participating in these programs and progress reports will be shared with the congregation as the programs move along.

Volunteer Outreach Group – Several members of our congregation have talked about pulling together a team of people whose job it will be to stay connected with members and follow up with guests and visitors to the church. Folks who relocate to our community may very well be “shopping for a church”. Sometimes folks don’t show up for Sunday service for a few weeks. Why? A phone call, an email or a card in the mail can make a big difference. **Johanna Welch** will take the lead on this initiative. Joanne Craton, Patti Scroggins, Mary Graham and Linda Boynton have expressed a willingness to help out. More volunteers are needed.

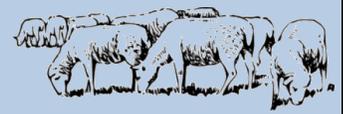
Community Enrichment Day – The Douglasville Police Department sent the church an application to participate in Community Enrichment Day being held on Saturday, April 20. **Laura Austin** is taking the lead on this. We will have the opportunity to set up a display, invite folks to visit Good Shepherd and who knows what else? Given Laura’s imagination and talent, it’s sure to be a show-stopper. She will seek to sign up a team of attention-getting volunteers to help stir up excitement.

Thirty Days until Easter – **Mike Pace** is leading this “banner-driven” celebration of the Easter season. Starting 30 days prior to Easter, one or several banners on the front of the church will invite the kids in our community to events like the Bicycle Parade and Easter Egg Hunt and families to participate in Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Worship. We will complement the signage with advertising in Chapel Hills News and Views and other area publications. So far, Pastor Mike, Don Larsen and Pete Liersch will be assisting Mike Pace in this effort and we’re looking for more volunteers.



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Men's Service Group:

The Men's Service Group has been meeting since September of 2018 with the initial intent for the group to work on church maintenance needs. So far, to date the men's group has completed yard work, plumbing repairs, painting, electrical repairs and floor repairs projects. During the month of February, the Men's Service Group has completed the following items:

- Installed hangers in electrical room for crutches and walkers
- Switched front left door locks between the main door and fellowship hall door
- Replaced kitchen water heater expansion tank
- Fixed woman's bathroom toilet
- Painted the kitchen ceiling

We have identified approximately eleven preliminary projects, which are going to require additional funding, beyond the approved church budget to complete.

- Parking lot needs to be repaved
- Emergency lights need to be replaced
- Front door locks need to be replaced
- Fellowship hall door locks need to be replaced
- Sanctuary front outside door needs to be replaced
- Hallway door lock needs to be replaced so that it can be locked
- The back wall of the chapel is cracked and needs to be repaired and painted
- The interior of the church needs to be repainted
- All the vinyl tile floors need to be polished/buffed
- Air conditioners need to be replaced
- The water heater for the bathrooms need to be replaced (Cost \$425.00)

The Men's Service Group would like to request church members to consider contributing to Men's Service Group to help support the projects financially. You can contribute to the Men's Service Group by directing a specific amount with your weekly offering. If you write one check, indicate on the envelope how much money you want the Men's Service Group to receive. You can also write a separate check made out to LCGS and indicate that it is for the Men's Service Group on the check. In both ways, the church office can track your donations.

Since February 2019 newsletter we have received funding for the following projects:

- Kick plate and door stops need to be installed on approximately 15 remaining doors (\$35.95 per a door, total cost of \$539.25)
- Replace kitchen water heater expansion tank (\$39.98)
- Replace the blinds in the fellowship hall (118.98 /window total \$237.96)

The men's service group meets the second week of each month from 08:30 to 11:30. We would like to extend an invitation to any man who would like to help with maintaining the church.



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Adults Night Out:

Thank you to Laura and Stephen Austin for sponsoring the Adults Night Out for February. It was a wonderful night of fellowship, a delicious dinner, and an entertaining game.

Look for announcements about the next Adults Night Out to come.

Youth:

The youth group (middle and high school) will be going to see the Gwinnett Gladiators on Sunday, March 17th. We will meet and leave the church around 1:00pm. The youth can bring a friend(s). Parents are invited. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

The youth will be painting the youth room very soon. Look for more information to come!

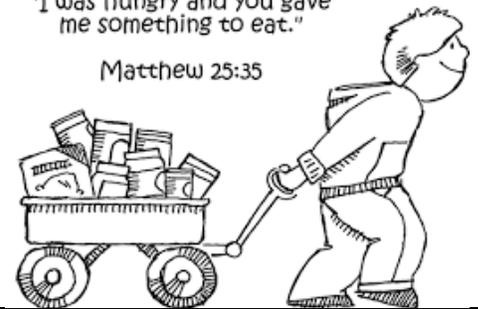


The Daily Bread Ministry:

Donations of toilet paper, and canned proteins are currently needed. Also, please save your plastic grocery bags and bring them to the church for this ministry. Thank you for all you do to support this Ministry!

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

Matthew 25:35



Birthdays:



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| 3/3 Birgit Kelley | 3/17 Monica Congie |
| 3/4 Shannon Weathers | 3/17 Emily Lorenz |
| 3/5 Carl Strickland | 3/19 Randy Stephens |
| 3/6 Linda Posner | 3/19 Tara Achenbach |
| 3/8 Elizabeth Sanders | 3/22 Rebecca Sailors/Pace |
| 3/9 John Buterbaugh | 3/23 Elise Brown |
| 3/10 Michael Bovington | 3/23 Jennifer Frank |
| 3/10 Michael Gearing | 3/23 Christine Kigwana |
| 3/11 Jackson Stear | 3/25 Alyson Kalthau |
| 3/11 Michael Frank | 3/26 Alison Bauch |
| 3/13 Chase Craton | 3/28 Wendy Flory |
| 3/16 Chris Ritchie | 3/29 Natalie Kigwana |

Anniversaries:

- 3/1 Christopher & Allison Ryan
- 3/19 Chris & Kristin Martin
- 3/19 Tony & Laurie Ritchie
- 3/23 Tim & Grete Carder
- 3/24 Paul & Judy Dammes





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Serving in Ministry for the Month of March:

March 3rd	8:30 –Organist: David Slim; Acolyte: ; Crucifer: Reader: Tony Ritchie Ushers: Tony & Laurie Ritchie; Greeters: Leila & Paulette Bovingdon
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Emma Brown; Crucifer: Jackson Stear; Reader: Bill Doebler; Intoning the Psalm: Adam Holzhauser; Ushers: Joe Sneddon, Eric Reinhard; Counters: Bethany Holzhauser & Wendy Flory; Greeters:
March 10th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Jackson Stear; Crucifer: Reader: Charles Craton; Communion Assistant: Paulette Bovingdon; Altar Guild Member on Duty: ; Ushers: Butch Myers & Jill Zuehlke; Greeters: Jill Zuehkle
	10:30 – Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Ethan Sanders; Crucifer: Emma Brown; Reader: Levi Bither; Intoning the Psalm: Skip Welch; Ushers: Joe Sneddon, Eric Reinhard; Counters: Linda Boynton & Jo Welch; Greeters:
March 17th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: ;Crucifer: Reader: Joanne Craton; Ushers: Don & Joan Larsen; Greeters: Leonard & Sue Murphy
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Sage Smith; Crucifer: Ethan Sanders; Reader: Adam Holzhauser; Communion Assistant: Birgit Kelley; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Sue Murphy; Intoning the Psalm: Randy Stephens; Ushers: Joe Sneddon, Eric Reinhard; Counters: Lois Waldmann & Jill Zuehlke; Greeters:
March 24th	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Benjamin Stear; Crucifer: Reader: Jason Steer; Ushers: Shannon & Kristi Weathers; Communion Assistant: Don Larsen; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Joan Larsen ; Greeters: Leila & Paulette Bovingdon
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Malorie Breneman; Crucifer: Sage Smith; Communion Assistant: Gary Breneman; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Reader: Randy Stephens; Intoning the Psalm: Adam Holzhauser; Ushers: Joe Sneddon, Eric Reinhard; Counters: Wendy Flory & Bethany Holzhauser; Greeters:
March 31st	8:30 - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: ; Crucifer: Reader: Shannon Weathers ; Ushers: Butch Myers & Jill Zuehlke; Greeters: Jill Zuehlke
	10:30 - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Jackson Stear; Crucifer: Bradlee Ray; Reader: David Slim Intoning the Psalm: Skip Welch; Ushers: Joe Sneddon, Eric Reinhard; Counters: Linda Boynton & Jo Welch; Greeters:

If you cannot serve at your assigned time, please try to find a replacement. If this is not possible, please let Pastor Mike (pastormike@mylccs.org) or Robyn Taylor (robyn@mylccs.org) know in time for them to get at replacement. Thank you for your service!



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We are changing our name!

*Lutheran Services
of Georgia
is now...*

Inspiritus

Guiding individuals and families
on a path from surviving to thriving.



For more information, visit weinspirit.org/name-change.

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Return Service Requested

TO:

