



# News of the Flock

## Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

April 2019

### From the Pastor's Desk:

Of course, as you can guess, life has been swirling fast and furious in our home of late. We are learning to deal with a new illness that takes up lots of time and energy, both physical and emotional. In addition it is Lent, probably the busiest time of the year for a Pastor and their family. Of course there are the day to day tasks that come up, some expected, some not expected. It is easy to get overwhelmed and that is indeed the case for the Bovingdon family right now. It is easy to get caught up in all the "stuff" and miss the much bigger picture.

But this is true for all of us...we are easily overwhelmed by the busyness of our lives!

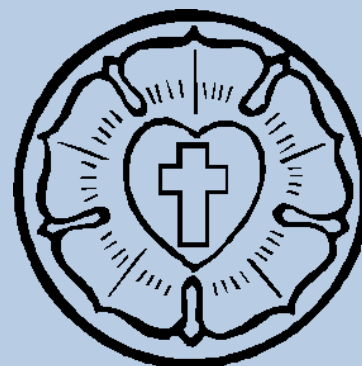
Just around the corner is Holy Week. Holy week is a time for you and I to slow down....a time to contemplate what really matters in this life. In Holy week we remember the depth of love that embraces us, whether the times are hard or easy. We remember the passionate compassion that reaches for our hand when we feel alone or surrounded. We remember that a cross was not too far, and mercy not too thin, to bring us into the kingdom of Grace.

In the darkness of Good Friday there is still a glimmer, there is still a light beckoning us to a hopeful place. Easter awaits us...And we are children of that resurrection!

We are loved...not because we are lovable, but because our God is loving! We are one with the kingdom, children of the promise.

This year let us walk this path together. Let us join hearts and hands and celebrate the grace of our God. We are his family of hope and light.....

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike



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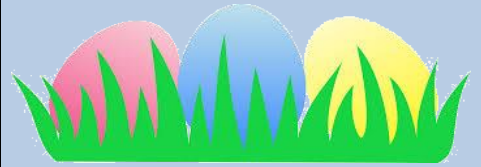
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## Our Council:

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**Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, or no kids at all and join the fun at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bike Parade. Saturday April 20th at 10 am.**

## Council Corner:

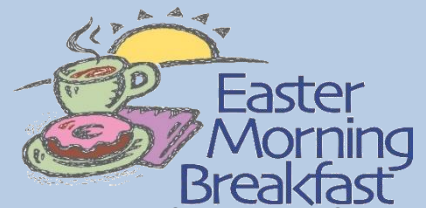
It's springtime once again. We look forward to Easter, the baseball season and all of the other good stuff the warm months will bring. We do the best we can to manage the pollen-covered everything, sniffing, sneezing and watery eyes. And then there are those unexpected storms that seem to occur at the worst of times. But, as a friend of mine reminded me, those are the times we have to "step up and handle it".

So it is in life! So it is at Good Shepherd!

On March 4<sup>th</sup> your Council held its regular monthly meeting. Pastor Mike provided the agenda but was unable to attend. We worked our way through the agenda with optimism; from worship to finance, evangelism, stewardship and fellowship. There were good things to report and of course there were a few pollen-type issues to manage. And then there was that unexpected storm, Pastor Mike's illness. Your Council is of course of one mind. We will do whatever is needed to support Pastor Mike, Paulette, their family and the Good Shepherd congregation throughout the months ahead. We want to thank everyone who has already stepped up and become involved and all who attended our Special Council meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We urge others to help us as well.

Please speak with a council member and ask how you can help. Please show up when you are scheduled to serve at worship or let us know if you can't make it. Please participate in fellowship activities, Bible study, outreach and work days. Please remember that your giving is needed to meet our monthly financial commitments. Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike, Paulette and family and the people of Good Shepherd. Thank you.

Don Larsen, Council President



**Join us for breakfast between the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Easter Morning**



**If you would like to order a Lily to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete the form found in the bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Plants will be \$10.00 each. All profits from this sale will be going to the Hope Fund to help families in need in our congregation.**



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## Upcoming Events:

- Spirit Team Meeting: Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Finance Committee Meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm
- Men's Service Group: Will meet at 8:30 am April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Lenten services will be at 7:15 each Wednesday during Lent. We will use Holden Evening Prayer and we will reflect a little on the grace of the 10 commandments!
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bicycle Parade: Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Donations of candy filled plastic eggs are needed.
- Easter Breakfast will be between the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Easter morning. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall door to bring a breakfast item to share.
- The Hunger Walk/Run is Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Voices of Faith: A six-part speaker series begins May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm!



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm

Good Friday: 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am



Wednesday Night  
**Dinner**

Dinner and activities



Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sign Up to Walk, Run,  
or Sponsor Our Team  
to support this great  
cause!



VOICES  
OF  
FAITH

a six-part speaker series  
beginning May 19, at 6:00 pm



*Pastor Mike and Paulette want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during this time. You lift us and encourage us in ways we never imagined possible. We thank God daily for all of you.*

Daily Bread Needs:  
Soup, Canned Protein,  
and Toilet Paper

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19



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Easter Egg Hunt

**Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, or no kids at all and join the fun at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bike Parade on Saturday April 20th at 10 am. This is always a good time for everyone. Donations of candy filled plastic eggs are needed.**

## **Men's Service Group:**

The men's service group has been meeting since September of 2018 and has completed yard work, plumbing repairs, painting, electrical repairs and floor repair projects. During the month of March, the Men's Service Group has completed the following items:

- Cleaned the floor in the library.

- Installed kick-plates and door stops on three sanctuary doors and the fellowship hall storage room door.

- Fixed Kitchen Sink drain leak

- Replaced ballast in a light in the woman's bathroom

- Polished the baptismal font cover

- Researched replacement of the water heater for the bathrooms

The Men's group has identified eleven 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 (\$650)

- Fellowship hall door locks need to be replaced (\$650)

- 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 (\$425.00)

The Men's Service Group would like to request church members to consider contributing 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.

**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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## HUNGER WALK RUN

5K WALK • FUN RUN • FAMILY FESTIVAL • FOOD TRUCKS » [HUNGERWALKRUN.ORG](http://HUNGERWALKRUN.ORG)

**Sunday, April 28, 2019**



**The Home Depot Backyard**

**12–4 p.m. Registration & Festival • 2 p.m. 5K Walk / Run**

We have a great team of people participating in this year's Hunger Walk/Run on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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?team\\_id=37076&pg=team&fr\\_id=1935&et=yVwCo9qLG\\_OkZs\\_f2St5Fg&s\\_tafid=16412](http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR?team_id=37076&pg=team&fr_id=1935&et=yVwCo9qLG_OkZs_f2St5Fg&s_tafid=16412)

If you have questions, contact Don Larsen at [donlarsen43@gmail.com](mailto:donlarsen43@gmail.com)

### The Daily Bread Ministry:

Donations of toilet paper, soup, and canned proteins are currently needed. Thank you for all you do to support this Ministry!

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

Matthew 25:35



### Evangelism Committee:

**COMING SOON! Online members picture directory!** Watch for announcements for time and place to have your family picture taken. This will be a secure, password protected directory within our church website.



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## The Spirit Team:

The Spirit Team is currently working on the following projects:

**A Volunteer Outreach Group** – A group is being organized to reach out to members who have not been attending, to remember people on their birthdays, and to reach out to visitors. Contact Johanna Welch to join (skippiejo@aol.com).

**Community Enrichment Day** – Participating in this community day on April 20<sup>th</sup> by setting up a booth with a banner or sign, design a handout and create a volunteer script. **Volunteers are needed from the congregation to work shifts at the booth from one to two hours to tell people about Good Shepherd.** Contact Laura Austin to volunteer (lamoinga@comcast.net).

**Promoting our Easter and Holy Week Services** - Banners and advertising in the community are being planned.

**Security Awareness** – On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am our own Richard Parker and Skip Welch will give a talk about personal security awareness and first aid.

**Voices of Faith-** A six-part speaker series begins May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. More information about this exciting event to follow.

**The next Spirit Team meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. All are welcome!**

## Birthdays:



4/1 Lynn Bauch	4/16 Thomas Shick
4/1 Paulette Bovingdon	4/20 Levi Kigwana
4/1 Tara Lynn Douds	4/21 Laura Austin
4/2 Chris Martin	4/22 Poppy Ramsdell
4/5 Erica Parker	4/24 Meredith Mctyre
4/5 John Liburd	4/24 B.J. Vanderbeek
4/9 Jamie Schad	4/27 Rick Detraz
4/10 Allison Ryan	4/27 Kalem Davey
4/11 Mallorie Breneman	4/28 Kathy Stingle
4/12 Mary Anne Rankenburg	4/29 Molly Tonnell
4/16 Erica Stephenson	

## Anniversaries:

4/2	Samuel & Susan Duke
4/6	James & Jessica Davey
4/11	John and Deanna Lorenz
4/26	Tremaye & Elise' Brown
4/27	Richard & Lutissa Parker
4/30	D.E. and W.R. Doebler





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## Serving in Ministry for the Month of April:

<b>April 7th</b>	<b>8:30</b> - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Benjamin Stear Crucifer: Reader: Tony Ritchie; Ushers: Tony & Laurie Ritchie; Greeters: Leonard & Sue Murphy
	<b>10:30</b> - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Ethan Sanders; Crucifer: Sage Smith; Reader: Bethany Holzauer; Communion Assistant: Gary Breneman; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Sue Murphy Intoning the Psalm: Skip Welch; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger; Counters: Wendy Flory & Bethany Holzauer; Greeters:
<b>March 14th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30</b> - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte:; Crucifer: Reader: Charles Craton Ushers: Butch Myers & Jill Zuehlke; Communion Assistant: Kevin Bauch; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Joan Larsen ; Greeters: Jill Zuehlke
	<b>10:30</b> - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Jackson Stear; Crucifer: Benjamin Stear; Communion Assistant: Birgit Kelley; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Reader: Lynne Williams; Intoning the Psalm: Randy Stephens; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger; Counters: Linda Boynton & Jo Welch; Greeters:
<b>April 20th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>8:30</b> - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Crucifer: Reader: Jason Stear; Communion Assistant: Leonard Murphy; Altar Guild Member on Duty;; Ushers: Don & Joan Larsen; Greeters: Leila & Paulette Bovingdon
	<b>10:30</b> - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens; Acolyte: Malorie Breneman; Crucifer: Ethan Sanders; Reader: Joe Williams; Communion Assistant: Adam Holzauer; Altar Guild Member on Duty: Sue Murphy Intoning the Psalm: Adam Holzauer; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger; Counters: Wendy Flory & Bethany Holzauer; Greeters:
<b>April 27th</b>	<b>8:30</b> - Guitarist: Pastor Mike; Acolyte: Benjamin Stear; Crucifer: Reader: Shannon Weathers Ushers: Shannon & Kristi Weathers; Communion Assistant: Jason Stear; Altar Guild Member on Duty;; Greeters: Leonard & Sue Murphy
	<b>10:30</b> - Organist: David Slim; Choir Director: Randy Stephens Acolyte: Emma Brown; Crucifer: Malorie Breneman; Reader: Gary Breneman; Intoning the Psalm: Skip Welch; Ushers: Neal Ochs, Glen Schillinger Counters: Jill Zuehlke & Johanna 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@mylcs.org](mailto:pastormike@mylcs.org)) or Robyn Taylor ([robyn@mylcs.org](mailto:robyn@mylcs.org)) know in time for them to get at replacement. Thank you for your service!



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## Hunger in Georgia

- **14%** of the people living in the Atlanta Community Food Bank's service area in greater Atlanta and north Georgia are food insecure, meaning that they don't always know where they will find their next meal.
- More than **one in every five** Georgia children - **20.9%** of our children - lives in a food insecure household. The USDA defines food insecurity as the lack of access to adequate food resulting from the lack of money and other resources.
- **17.8%** of Georgians are living in poverty.
- **10.4%** - more than one in every ten senior citizens in Georgia - are living in poverty.

**HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN GEORGIA: WALK, RUN, or SPONSOR OUR TEAM!**

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Return Service Requested

**TO:**

