



News of the Flock

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

May 2019

From the Pastor's Desk:

It was back in February when, after a few symptoms showed up, Paulette and I were told it looked like I had bladder cancer. We were very hopeful and surgery was scheduled that we prayed would remove the cancer and enable us to return to a normal life. Unfortunately the news from that surgery was that the cancer was more advanced than we had hoped. The new normal for our life would be chemotherapy followed by extensive surgery and adapting to new ways of living and of viewing life itself.

You can imagine, and some of you are clearly aware from personal experience, how the shock, pain, and worry grip you deep inside. In addition, at least for me, it is a difficult thing for my personal life to become public. Every day we have been in prayer, sometimes for healing, sometimes for acceptance, and always for guidance. In addition to a physical journey, this is a faith journey.

Someone said to me that we were just waiting to have our prayers answered. I don't agree. For Paulette and I there has been no time between prayer and the response to those prayers. I can honestly say that I have never felt the depth of love and support that we have experienced over the past couple of months. God has stepped into our lives through you in ways that we could have never imagined. He has answered every one of our prayers by showing us his love through those he has sent into our lives. I wake up every day thankful for you, thankful for all who love and care for us. I wake up every day thankful for God's grace as I know we are not worthy of the we love are receiving.

I don't know where this journey will take us, but I will trust God in the midst of this wilderness. I know that whatever happens that His love has been shown and I will live my life thankful for grace and mercy. I will live my life thankful for each of you. You are living out the words of the resurrected Jesus to Peter, who when asked if he loved Jesus, said yes. And Jesus said if you love me, "tend to my sheep." Thank you for tending to these two sheep....thank you for being the presence of God in this world and in our lives.

Pastor Mike and Paulette



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Sunday School 9:40

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Council Corner:

Where did April go? The months are zooming by at record speed. Community pools are opening. Tomatoes and peppers are planted. Families are planning their summer vacations. Everyone seems anxious to transition into summer mode.

Not so fast! Please slow down long enough to consider two requests from your Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council:

First, please keep **Good Shepherd** on your calendar these next months. We know that attendance drops during the warm months, with travel, vacations, weekends at the beach, etc. Just remember, in addition to Sunday worship, there's always something you can help out with should you find some time during the week. **Daily Bread Ministry, The Men's Service Group, and The Spirit Team** are but three of the groups always looking for volunteers. And please realize that we must pay our bills year-round.

Second, and most important, please continue to keep **Pastor Mike, Paulette and family** in prayer. Good Shepherd is our church home and we are all church family because twenty plus years ago a young pastor and his wife decided to make it so. Let us all pray for Pastor Mike's complete recovery and for many more years of bad jokes, full pots of coffee and a pastor who is always there for us.

Don Larsen - Council President



Bridal Shower
for Jessie Jenkins
May 4th at 2 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
All women of the
congregation invited!



**Men's Service
Group**
May 11th at
8:30 am

**Adults Night Out
Diner at Athens Pizza**
5:30 pm on May 18th
Meet at church at 4:30 to
carpool



Simply the Basics
A Class in First Aid,
Self Defense, and
Situational Awareness
May 11th at 10 am
Free to All
Invite Your Friends




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Upcoming Events:

- **Bridal Shower for Jessie Jenkins:** Saturday, May 4th at 2 pm. All women of the congregation are invited.
- **Spirit Team Meeting:** Sun., May 5th at noon.
- **Council Meeting:** Monday, May 6th at 7 pm.
- **Men's Service Group:** Will meet at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 11th.
- **Simply the Basics; Security Awareness Class:** May 11th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Finance Committee Meeting:** May 13th 7 pm
- **Adults Night Out:** Dinner at Athens Pizza, Saturday, May 18 at 5:30.
- **Voices of Faith:** A six-part speaker series begins Sunday, May 19th at 6 pm! Our first speaker is Jon Scott, a pastor and podcaster.



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**Daily Bread Needs:
Bug Spray and
Toilet Paper**



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).

Security Awareness: On May 11th 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 19th at 6 pm. More information about this exciting event below.

The next Spirit Team meeting will be May 5th at noon. All are welcome!



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First Aid, Self Defense, and Situational Awareness Class:

Are you prepared to protect yourself and/or family?

Do you have "Situational Awareness"?

Do you have a plan if something happens?

Of crimes that occur at shopping centers, 80% occur in the parking lot or parking garage.

Every 92 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.



Simply the Basics

Welcomes you to join us where we will discuss self-awareness in a modern environment and practice some self-defense and first aid techniques in case you are in a position where you might have to protect yourself or a loved one.

- No experience necessary, just a desire to learn.
- All are welcome "FREE OF CHARGE." Class restricted to 6 years old and older.
- Dress comfortably as no special workout clothes are required.
- There will a drawing for either a self-defense ink pen or small tactical flashlight.

DATE: May 11, 2019 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

LOCATION: The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

CONTACT: Richard Parker @ 770-842-0983 (Simply the Basics)

First Aid Instructor: **Skip Welch:** 32-year Douglas County Fire Department, retired. Emt-I, Stop the bleed instructor. Certified- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care

Instructor Self Awareness/Self Defense: **Richard Parker:** Purple Belt Jiu Jitsu, Brown Belt Kyukushinkai Karate, several instructor certifications in Defensive Tactics, 25 years law enforcement, 19 years military service, 6 years as a Drill Sergeant.

This program is part of a Thrivent Financial Action Team Activity



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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 April, the Men's Service Group has completed the following items:

- Installed kick-plates and door stops on the two class rooms and library doors.
- Installed kick-plate and door stop on the last sanctuary door.
- Replaced the bathrooms water heater
- Fixed woman's bathroom toilet seat
- Fixed baptismal fount cross

On Saturday May 11th the Men's Service Group will be working outside and taking down the aluminum shed. There are items left in the shed which need to be removed. Please have any items that need to be kept removed from the shed by May 10th. Otherwise, anything left in the shed on May 11th will be disposed of.

The Men's Service Group has identified eleven projects which are going to require additional funding to complete, including repaving the parking lot, buffing the vinyl floors, repairing the crack in the back wall of the sanctuary, and replacing the air conditioners.

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 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.

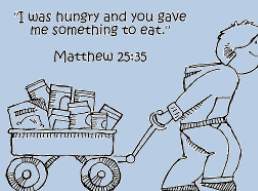
The Men's Service Group meets the second week of each month from 08:30 to 11:30. We would like to extend an invitation to any man who would like to help with maintaining the church.

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.

The Daily Bread Ministry:

Donations of bug spray and toilet paper are currently needed. Thank you for all you do to support this Ministry!





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Adults Night Out:



This month's Adults Night Out will be dinner at Athens Pizza, at 1341 Clairmont Road in Decatur on Saturday, May 18 at 5:30. We will meet at the church to carpool at 4:30 pm. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall door. If you have questions, please contact Shirley or Joe Sneddon at 770-947-5262.

Voices of Faith – A Six Part Speaker Series:

The first of Voices of Faith Speaker Series will be May 19th at 6 pm. Our first speaker is Jon Scott, host of the Holy Heretics Podcast which provides “alternative theology for spiritual misfits” and is a spiritual leader at Unity of Chattanooga.

Having grown up in the Bible Belt and been raised in evangelicalism, Jon became a pastor at a young age. However, he began to feel a discontent with the religious system that he had always known as it seemed to provide more bad news than good news. Jon quit pastoring, left evangelicalism, and after a few years decided to start a podcast with his co-host, Scott Watkins.



Please join us for this thought-provoking talk, the first in this exciting series on faith.

Birthdays:



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| 5/1 Donald Larsen | 5/18 Dylan Byrd |
| 5/1 Matt Mctyre | 5/19 Judy Dammes |
| 5/2 Jenny Wilkie | 5/20 Christopher Stephens |
| 5/3 Meadow Martin | 5/21 Janice Nuckols |
| 5/3 Bill Stingle | 5/22 Cara, Tonnell |
| 5/4 Skip Welch | 5/24 Leila Myers |
| 5/7 Abby Dennis | 5/27 Andy Wilkie |
| 5/9 Linda Tiller | 5/27 Brynn Mason |
| 5/10 Victoria Crawford | 5/27 Paul Kinzer |
| 5/12 Bethany, Holzauer | 5/28 Monica Crawford |
| 5/17 Samuel Congie | 5/30 Grayson, Sailors |
| 5/17 Madeline Detraz | 5/31 Bailey Franklin |

Anniversaries:

- 5/12 Misty & Samuel Congie
- 5/12 Scott & Beth L'Hoste
- 5/16 Maddie and Taylor Stringfield
- 5/23 Levi and Taylor Bither
- 5/23 Rick & Patty Detraz
- 5/25 Charles & Christina Craton
- 5/25 Donald & Joan Larsen
- 5/31 Don & Stephanie Mason





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Serving in Ministry for the Month of May:

May 5th

May 12th

May 19th

May 26th

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



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Family Camp at Lutheranch

Enjoy summer camp as a family!

June 30 - July 5, 2019

Make new friends and memories that will last a lifetime!

Crafts, canoeing, paddle boarding, swimming, fishing, hiking, inspirational worship and more!

1st Adult \$505 | 2nd Adult \$175; Per child \$77 | Extra Room \$170

Housed in the beautiful McKanna-Sandrock Center

Free Lutheranch t-shirt for you and your registered family members when you attend Family Camp. Must register by May 15th, 2019 to receive promotion.

Register at: <https://lutheranch.campbrainregistration.com/>

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