Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018
Noon & 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday
March 30, 2018
Noon & 7:30 P.M.

Outdoor Sonrise Service: 7:00 am
With Holy Communion

Traditional Festival Service: 8:30 am
With Holy Communion

Praise Festival Service: 10:45 am.
With Holy Communion
Easter is right around the corner! Our Annual Easter Brunch will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday. Hope to see you all there!

The Fellowship Committee!!

2019 God’s Grace in Action Stewardship Campaign Update

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands; that I still possess.” – Martin Luther

Thank you very much to everyone who completed and returned a pledge. We are pleased with the number of responses we have received and are excited about the possibilities of what we can do within our church and our community. In the next few weeks, the Finance Committee will be reviewing and finalizing the 2019 budget based on the pledges we have received.

We are ahead on the number of pledges received this year versus last year. To date we have received 140 pledges versus 135 at this time a year ago. However, we are falling short in the amount of dollars pledged by about $17,000. Also, we are running about $20,000 behind in offerings received versus what was pledged. If you are behind on your pledge, please make every effort to catch up as soon as you can. With these trends, some of the goals we had envisioned might be reduced or put on hold.

If you have not submitted your pledge card and would like to, it is never too late. However, every pledge helps the Finance Committee in budget planning. Please take a moment to complete a pledge card and return it to the church office. Remember Simply Giving is also a convenient way to maintain consistent giving. Pledge cards and Simply Giving forms are both available in the narthex. Thank you again for your support of our Good Shepherd Family and Community.
Beginning Handbells

We are happy to announce that we had a good start with 9 ringers participating this past Wednesday. There is still room for a few more. We will not meet during spring break, however, our usual time is 5:15 to 6 pm. Please let Sharon Bost, Cathy Mattocks or Thomas Eisnor know if you might be interested. Ages 4th grade to unlimited. Consider ringing with your parents/child/grandchild. It can be a lot of fun. Workshop (classes) to be determined via interested participants.

A special thank you to the "Little Lambs" of Ms. Leanne's 3, 4, and 5 grade Sunday school class and the Fx3 group, led by Karen Epstein for their hard work making new hymnal markers and swapping out new hymnals for some of the worn and old ones in the sanctuary. Your dedication and caring is much appreciated by everyone.

Thank you, again!
The Worship & Music Committee

Feed the World

Feed the World coin boxes to be donated to the ELCA World Hunger Campaign. Are to be returned by Sunday, April 8.

Get Active in a Group...

Yarn Angels meets Sunday, April 4 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room 120.

Needlework Friends Join us on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Taylor (223 Orchards Circle, Woodstock) for needlework and fellowship. Bring your projects, learn something new, teach or help another friend. Knit, Crochet, Cross-stitch, Embroider, Sew, etc. Light refreshments provided. Contact Jennifer at 678-880-2842 jennifer3094@windstream.net.

HAVE SOMEONE GRADUATING??

High School Seniors look for a mailing to honor YOU on this amazing milestone. Anyone else reach an academic milestone? Let Cat know at Youthministry@gslutheran.org We want to honor everyone on Graduation Sunday May 20th.
Please join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the church library for lively conversation as we continue our "40 Day Journey" with Martin Luther. We are currently studying the Lord's Prayer and the Small Catechism. Please contact Lori Peters at loriqpeters@gmail.com. All are welcome. No prior Bible Study experience is necessary!
In Romans 8:28 Paul tells us all things don’t just happen to work out for good on their own. Rather, God works all things together for good for His people according to His purpose. WE are his people, the lovers of God the verse refers to, and WE are called according to His purpose. So what is his purpose? To love one another… to take care of one another… to become more like Jesus. During the second quarter of 2018, we keep this charge in mind as we focus on all the different ways we can help EQUIP others with the tools they need to be successful and nurtured in this life. We invite you to join us as we experience the many ways the Holy Spirit is calling us to work together for good as we are called to His Purpose. Here is how you can help our efforts…

Support the Outreach Committee initiative to plant a Neighbor Garden. Join us on Saturday, April 14 as we plant our first crop of summer vegetables. Then join us again on Sunday, April 22 when we bless our garden and reveal its new name. Look for further details in Sunday bulletins and announcements.

Participate in the Give a Kid a Chance backpack Campaign. During the month of April, we will help EQUIP the schoolchildren in our community by collecting monetary donations for the annual Give a Kid a Chance backpack program. Donations will help purchase backpacks and all the necessary school supplies for needy children in Cherokee County. There will be a box in the narthex for donations April 8. We will also have a service day in June where we will assemble the donated backpacks.

Donate new socks and underwear to GAKAC. As Caretakers of our community we will also be collecting new socks and underwear (all ages and sizes) to donate to Give a Kid a Chance this summer. Collection bins will be located in the entryway and Fellowship Hall throughout the month of April.

Participate in Habitat for Humanity Builds throughout April and May. Good Shepherd will be providing lunch at the build site on Saturday, April 7. To help with the lunch, please speak with Michael Epstein or Max Epling. The build address is 147 Gramling Street, Marietta (off Powder Springs Rd. near the Square). For a complete schedule of the build dates please refer to the Outreach Communication Board in the Administrative Hallway.

Purchase a Mother’s Day Corsage for that special “mom” in your life. Money raised from the purchase of corsages will buy prayer books requested by Pastor Paul for our men and women in the armed forces and children’s books requested by the National Youth Gathering Committee to help equip the schools in Houston affected by the recent hurricanes. Forms will be available mid-April.
Council Update
March 2018

Discussions
• Financial Secretary, Geoff Morton, reported that YTD we are at $435,644 income versus a budget of $442,718 which puts us behind in giving by approx. $7,074. Please catch up on your pledge for the year if you are behind. He also reported from the Stewardship committee that we have received 103 pledges to date for a total of $403,526.

• Treasurer, Mary McCoy, reported that YTD we are $27,000 to the good on our budget but we still had four months left to go in the budget. We saved salaries as we were not at 100% of our staff for all months.

• The council signed a Covenant to Care for Creation as a part of the ELCA’s Lutherans Restoring Creation Advocacy. Our Green Team will be assisting to implement these programs at GSLC.

Accolades
• Many thanks to everyone who supported the Youth at their fundraisers this winter season. From families who donated items, bakers and chili masters, judges who helped with our two wonderful contests, and most importantly, the members of the congregation who attended these events and gave generously to our Youth for their mission trips. Your generosity helped the youth raise over $1500 over the course of the three fundraisers, which will go a long way to making these trips possible. Your support of the youth programming is very much appreciated.

Calling all VBS Volunteers!!

Are you ready to experience the ride of a lifetime as we share God’s love and Word with the children of our community? VBS will be held June 25-29 from 9am-12 Noon and we are in search of volunteers to help make this another successful week. Sign Up at Sign Up Central in the Fellowship Hall or contact Kristin Freeman (kfreeman647@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering for this exciting week.

Blood Drive
May 5th

This month, please set aside just one hour of your time to donate blood here at Good Shepherd. Life's a gift. Give more of it by scheduling an appointment NOW!

There is a Critical need for O Negative and B Negative Donors.
Who Wants to Come to Sunday School Next Year?

If you have a child already enrolled in Sunday School this year, you will be getting an email soon to verify your child's information for next year. If you do not already have your child enrolled and have a child that will be age 3 through High School next year, please drop by the registration table before or after services on either April 22nd or 29th. If you have any questions, please see Janice Swinford, Sunday School Superintendent.

2018-19 Sunday School Team

Please join us in thanking this group of teachers for their leadership in our Sunday School Ministry!

We always welcome new leaders in our Sunday School programs and encourage your prayerful consideration of these opportunities to show God's grace in action!

4s/Kindergarten
- (T) Jenny Champion
- (T) Gina Crittenden
- (A) Scarlett Hovda
- (A) Sarita Morris

1st/2nd
- (T) Karen Epstein
- (A) Missy Jayroe
- (A) Help Needed

3rd-5th
- (T) Chuck McCoy
- (T) Leanne Reynolds
- (A) Carrie Escamilla
- (A) Trina Hutchison

Middle School
- (T) Deborah Ezell
- (T) Help Needed
- (A) Tim Matthews
- (A) Mindi Pirkl

High School
- (T) Mike McCoy
- (A) Kristen Brenneman
- (A) Tracey Homer

Adult
- (T) Jaime Escamilla
- (T) Mary Tucker
- (T) Lori Peters

Please contact Janice Swinford, Sunday School Superintendent, at 770-924-8906 or sundayschool@gslutheran.org for more information or to talk about how you can participate in Sunday School!
Thank You to everyone who came out to support our Youth at the Bake Off!

Congratulations

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Dessert Bake-Off. The Youth appreciate all your support. Congratulations to our winners!

For Best Tasting as voted by our judges:
**Adult Division** - "For Heaven’s Cake" made by Karen Epstein
**Youth Division** - "Deliciously Decadent Banana Bread" made by Lilly Schwartz.

For Best Name as voted by the congregation:
**Adult Division** - "Luck O’ the Lutherans" made by Karen Britts
**Youth Division** - "Diet of Worms" made by The Freeman 4.

Thank you to Michael Epstein and Jamie Escamilla for providing the main course for our wonderful meal and Monica Smith for donating our table decorations. Also, thank you to our judges Pastor Paul, Carlie Epstein, and Hailey Hovda.

 SESLYO

Hailey and Carlie attended SESLYO (Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization) Assembly on March 9th – 11th at the new McKanna-Sandrock Retreat Center at Lutheranch. The theme of the weekend was “Together” focusing on Ephesians 2:19-21. The weekend started by getting to know other youth from other churches throughout the Synod. All our activities/workshops focused on the following themes: Love Together, Work and Serve Together, and Worship Together. Ending Saturday night we had a Luau to celebrate our weekend together. Sunday morning we closed our weekend with our own worship service.
Saints and Sinners will meet at the Church Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Wednesday, April 4th
No Saints and Sinners – Spring Break

Wednesday, April 11th - Devotion

Wednesday, April 18th – Putt Putt
Cost will be $20, Check weekly e-mail for more information

Wednesday, April 25th – Earth Day Service Project

Confirmation Class and FX3 will be held on Sunday, April 8th and April 22nd. The Confirmation Lessons will cover Other Denominations and World Religions and Sharing Your Faith. Confirmation class meet from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. the fellowship hall.

(In addition to attending class, confirmands are asked to attend Sunday School; attend worship and complete worship summaries; Please make sure to contact Cat for any missed classes notes.)

Bible Trivia
(See page 11 for the answer)
Who asked Pilate for Jesus’ body after the crucifixion?

Middle School Youth
April 15th
Picnic and Park Outing

Attention Middle School Youth!! For our April outing we will be celebrating the great outdoors. We will meet after the 10:45 a.m. service and travel to Patriots Park for a picnic lunch and games. Please bring your lunch to eat with the group and make sure to wear closed toed shoes for a game of kickball and other outdoor games. We will return to the church at 2 p.m.
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SCRAPBOOK PAGE

Middle School
Afternoon Movie

Sunday School
Opening

2nd/3rd Grade
Sunday School

Men in Mission

Saints and Sinners

GSLC Hunger Walk
Participants
Earth Day - Sunday, April 22nd:
- Community Garden Dedication
- Sunday School Opening & FX3
- Saints and Sinners - Wednesday, April 25th – Service Project (TBD)
God’s Work. Our Hands - Sunday, September 9th

Check out the new webpage
http://gslutheran.org/small-groups/caring-for-creation/

LADIES NIGHT OUT

APRIL
17TH
7 P.M.

10029 Hwy. 92
Suite 112
Woodstock, GA

NEW MEDIA COORDINATOR

We are excited to announce GSLC member Donna Garges as our new Media Coordinator. Donna's hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 3:30 p.m. She can be reached at media@gslutheran.org or ext. 102.
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An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Congregation serving North Cobb and Cherokee County Communities. Join us!
8:30 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Praise

“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”
Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.