



HAPPENING NOW

- Bell Rehearsal, 6 p.m., November 10
- Kathy on Vacation, November 11—16
- Men in Mission Breakfast, 8 a.m., November 12
- Set Up for Thanksgiving Dinner, 10 a.m., November 12
- **Annual Meeting, Noon, November 13**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 p.m., November 13**
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., November 14
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., November 15
- God's Little Achers Event, 1 p.m., November 16
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:15 p.m., November 20
- **Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 p.m., November 23**
- **Church Office Closed, November 24 & 25**
- First Sunday in Advent, November 27
- Hanging of the Greens, Noon, November 27
- **Advent Soup & Salad Supper, 6 p.m., November 30**
- **Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., November 30**



Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Advent 2016

The holiday season can stir deep emotions within each of us. Many children greet the advent of Christmas with joy and excitement, whereas those who have lost loved ones during the past year may find great sadness in the very same event. Thankfully, our God meets us wherever we are, both physically and emotionally. This Advent series gives voice to the complex situations and emotion with which we greet the coming Messiah and uses the reactions of those who first received the news of Jesus' birth (Zechariah, Joseph and Mary) to do so. [Sundays and Seasons]. Advent begins Sunday, November 27. Join us for weekly worship Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Soup and Salad Supper precedes each service at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

THE ANGEL SPEAKS TO ZECHARIAH'S FEAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07

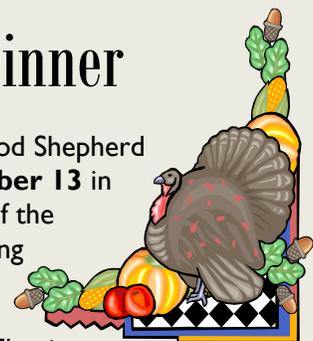
THE ANGEL SPEAKS TO JOSEPH'S CONFUSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

THE ANGEL SPEAKS TO MARY'S WONDER

Annual Meeting & Dinner

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church takes place **Sunday, November 13** in the Sanctuary. All active, confirmed members of the congregation have voting privileges at the meeting and are expected to attend. The agenda includes: Presentation of Annual Reports, Approval of the 2017 (January-Jun) Budget and Election of Council Members.



The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Thanksgiving Gathering following the Annual Meeting. All are welcome!

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation youth, adult leaders and Prefects held their annual Confirmation Retreat on the weekend of October 22. The lesson plan for the weekend was the "Wilderness Temptation" but everyone also found time to play Quidditch and other games, do crafts, have an outdoor movie night, make S'mores by the campfire, fellowship, and enjoy God's nature at Eric and Trina Hutchison's "farm". Though the night got chilly, they roughed it in their tents as they slept outdoor under the stars.



Mission Trip Update

It's hard to imagine but the time to talk about our amazing summer mission trips is now! The time for turning in deposits for the trips is fast approaching – **DECEMBER 1st**, so if you missed the Summer Mission Trip meeting here's some important information:

- The Middle School youth (grades 6-8) will heading to Savannah, GA June 11th through the 16th. The cost for the trip is \$275 and a deposit of \$100 will be due December 1st with the balance due on March 1st. We plan to serve those who do not have adequate housing or food. You might end up working with the Union Mission, a food bank, the Boys and Girls Club, or the YMCA. During our evenings we will visit River Street, Forsyth Park, and spend some time on the beach at Tybee Island. Contact Mike McCoy if you are interested or have questions about this trip.
- The High School youth (grades 8-12 and graduated seniors) will serve in Chicago, IL July 8th through the 15th. The cost of the high school trip is \$375 and a deposit of \$125 will be due Dec. 1st with the balance due on Mar. 1st. During the week we will work with non-profit organizations around the district as we address the hunger and poverty needs of this city. We hope to spend some time visiting with the ELCA Churchwide office in Chicago. More details to come. If you need more information or would like to sign up, see Tony Endozo.

Bring the Boxes Back!

The Christmas shoebox campaign benefitting Lutheran Services of Georgia is in full swing. Please help make a recently relocated refugee child's Christmas a little more special by filling a shoebox with wonderful small gifts this season. The boxes are located in the entryway and are sorted by gender and age. A list of suggested gift items is located in each box. Please return all shoeboxes by **Sunday, November 20**. Also note, if you take a shoebox that is unwrapped, please leave it that way. There is no need to wrap the box. We actually prefer they be turned in unwrapped.

This year, Good Shepherd's Yarn Angels invited everyone to make hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to be included with the boxes. Well, it's time to bring your projects back! If you made items, please deliver them to church by **Sunday, November 20**. Questions? Contact Eileen White. Thank you!

Advent Soup & Salad Suppers

Wednesday evening Advent services begin **November 30**. Join us before each Advent Service at 6 p.m. for Soup and Salad! Different church committees host the suppers each Wednesday. **If you are on one of the committees, bring soup/dessert on your committees' designated date. Host committees set up and cleanup on their evening.** Everyone else in attendance is asked to bring a salad or a simple side dish. The Fellowship Committee will ensure bowls, utensils, crackers and water are available for each week.

November 30:

Soup: Outreach, Congregational Care, Personnel, Dessert: Fellowship

December 7:

Soup: Facilities and Maintenance, Mission Endowment, Worship and Music
Dessert: Faith Formation

December 14:

Soup: Finance, Mutual Ministry, Stewardship
Dessert: Fellowship

October YTD Budgeted Income Summary *

Target \$568,046
Received \$511,368
Behind (\$56,678)
Percent of Target 90%

* Detailed Income and Expense reports are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please see Mary McCoy, Treasurer, or Mike Angalet, Financial Secretary.

An Invitation from Men in Mission

MIM is having a men's breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at the church from 8—10 a.m. on **Saturday, November 12**. We'll be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice and coffee and maybe a surprise or two. All men are welcome, including those men that aren't members that you wish to invite. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 10 to Jaime Escamilla or Paul Christensen so we'll know how much to prepare. We look forward to seeing you!



Annual Bake-Off a Success!

Thanks to the wonderful bakers who submitted entries and everyone who participated, ate, voted and donated a total of \$600 for youth programs at GSLC during the annual Dessert Bake-Off!

Above (left to right), Carrie Finney, winner for best name (as voted on by members of the congregation) for "La Torte de Santa Margarita"; judge Pastor Paul, Olivia Myers, winner for best taste in the youth category for "Frooty Tooty Island Nut Cake", judge Patrick Swinford, Marci Heinz, winner for best taste in the adult category for "Pumpcakes", and Hailey Hovda who served as judge and event organizer.

Shop for GSLC this Holiday!

Don't forget to direct your purchases on Amazon.com to Good Shepherd this holiday season.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon.com that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products as on Amazon.com. When customers shop on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to the charitable organizations selected by customers. The first time you visit AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization. To select Good Shepherd simply type in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock and hit search – or you can type in this direct link to your browser: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1864604>.

Remember, every time you shop on Amazon you need to do so at smile.amazon.com for GSLC to benefit.

Thanks everyone!

The Outreach Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who recognized World Food Day Sunday, October 16 by donating food or a monetary gift to the ELCA. Thanks to your generosity we collected over \$1,100 for the ELCA World Hunger Campaign!

Under 18...

Confirmation and FX3 meet **November 20** at 12:15 p.m. Confirmation topic: The Lord's Prayer.

Shepherd's Choir, for children in kindergarten through third grade, will now practice from 10:30-11 a.m. Sunday mornings. If you have questions, please see Denise Kelly or Thomas Eisnor.

Council Minutes

October 2016

Discussion

- Financial Secretary, Mike Angalet, reported that September giving was approximately 88% of budget. To date, we are \$35,000 behind last year, and \$49,000 behind budget.
- Appointed Treasurer, Mary McCoy reported that we have transitioned to fully using the new ACS software, which was implemented this past summer.
- In preparation for the November annual meeting, proposed January – June 2017 budget was discussed and approved for presentation to the congregation.
- Discussion was held regarding the need for a Youth Director / Coordinator. Forums will be held on October 30 and November 6 to present this information to the congregation and answer any questions.

Accolades

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dessert Bake-Off fundraiser – the wonderful bakers who entered the competition, all the youth and their families for providing the delicious lunch and helping to set the room and serve, our three spectacular judges (Patrick Swinford, Pastor Paul, and Hailey Hovda), and all the members of the congregation who attended. A very special thank you goes to Hailey Hovda for bringing this wonderful event back and coordinating the entire event.
- Many thanks to the members of the Men in Mission group who provided the resources to create a meal for the members of Devin Strong's Campus Ministry at Georgia Tech, especially Paul Christensen, Mike McCoy, and Michael Epstein for preparing, delivering, and serving the food.
- Thank you to Steve and Tammy Frink and Damon Garges for the new organ screens in the sanctuary. They look awesome!



GSLC Celebrates Confirmation

Eight 9th graders professed their faith before the Good Shepherd Congregation on Confirmation Sunday, October 30. We welcome these young people into membership! Thanks to everyone who makes Confirmation such a special event at GSLC — from banner makers to meal preparers and everyone in between!

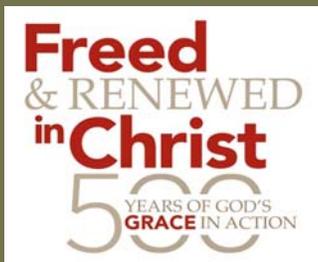
Left, the 2016 Confirmation Class. Front Row, left to right — Cooper Torres, Alexis Swinford, Victoria Riva, Kristen Malencsik, Caleb Heintz, Avery Hughes and Alec Morris. Back row, Pastor Paul. Not pictured, Grant Rea.

Great Gift Idea

Looking for that perfect gift for the foodie in your life? Why not buy them a gift that supports a great cause at the same time? Outreach is currently selling collapsible insulated tote baskets and Bamboo Utensil sets benefitting The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat. These items are on sale through the holiday season and can be purchased for \$25 each. Contact Kristin Brenneman if interested.

Hanging of the Greens...

It's hard to believe the Advent/Christmas season is right around the corner. Volunteers are needed for the hanging of the greens and setting the Christmas tree up on **Sunday, November, 27** following the 10:45 a.m. service. If you have already signed up to volunteer through the God's Grace in Action form, thank you in advance.



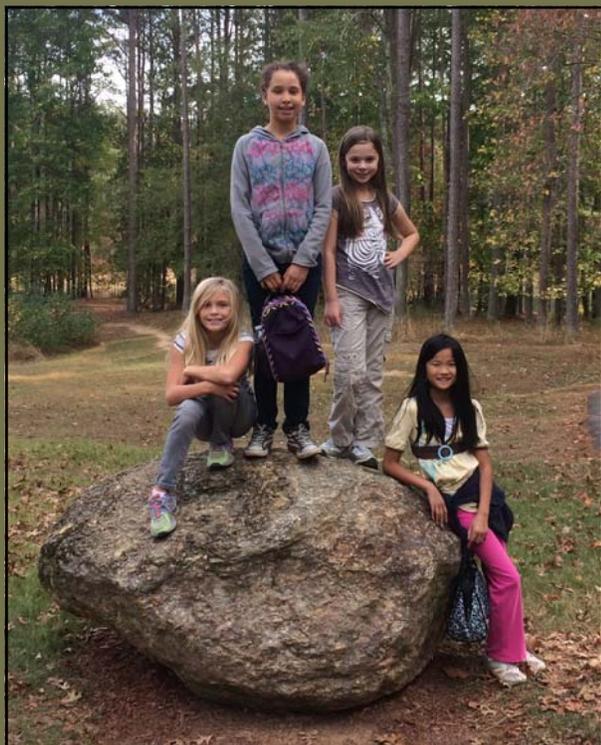
Anniversary of the Reformation!

In 2017, the ELCA and Lutherans everywhere will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Good Shepherd has formed a Reformation Task Force to plan our commemoration of this historic event, and you can expect to see a wide variety of activities and events throughout 2017. Many of the committees of the church will be taking part in the festivities, and there will be a multitude of learning and worship opportunities. We will be learning not only about the history of the Reformation but also how it has shaped—and continues to shape—our faith and our lives. Keep your eyes and your ears open for news about upcoming events!

To help you begin your celebration of the Reformation, Good Shepherd is recommending and making available a worthy and varied selection of books on Luther and Lutheranism, including some for the kids in your life. We are also giving you the opportunity to order some Lutheran gift items and other fun things—everything from Luther Rose lapel pins and cookie stamps to Christmas ornaments and tattoos! Samples of these items and books will be on display, along with order forms. Simply place your order form, along with **cash or check**, in the mail slot by Office Coordinator Kathy Gunn's office. You will be notified via email when your order is ready for pickup. **ORDER PROMPTLY**, especially if you want any items for Christmas, since we cannot guarantee a delivery schedule.

MUST Thanksgiving

Once again, we are collecting canned goods for MUST Ministries to provide in their Thanksgiving bounty for those less fortunate in our community. MUST will provide turkeys to 1,000 families this year. Per MUST's request we are again concentrating our giving on canned yams and cranberry sauce and will also be accepting monetary donations to help provide turkeys that MUST can purchase from local retailers at a negotiated discounted price. The collection bins for the canned goods is in the Fellowship Hall and the collection box for turkey donations is in the entryway. Please designate MUST Ministries Thanksgiving on the envelope or tag line.



FX3 Day Trip

The FX3 group visited Red Top Mountain this month for its annual picnic and hike. Pictured above are Maureen Kelly, Anna Freeman, Eliana Mathews and Brooke Meyers. Thanks, Karen Epstein, for leading them!

Fall for these Events...

Needlework Friends will meet on **Saturday, November 12** 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. Refreshments provided. Contact Jennifer by calling 678-880-2842 or emailing jennifer3094@windstream.net.

Ladies Night Out will meet at Semper Fi on Highway 92 in downtown Woodstock on **November 15** at 7 p.m.

God's Little Achers, GSLC's "older adult" group invites you to join them for an afternoon out at Tea Leaves and Thyme in downtown Woodstock. Meet at GSLC at 12:30 p.m., **Wednesday, November 16** to carpool to the luncheon which begins at 1 p.m. See Sandy Cerstvik, 770-928-4627 for information or sign up at Sign-Up Central.

Caretakers of Community

For the months of November and December we will be collecting small pots and pans and full sized towels to be delivered to the multiple "tent cities" and residents of the extended stay facilities in our area that are serviced by Forever Fed. These tent cities and extended stays house transient homeless families who often receive food from local organizations but don't have the proper utensils to prepare the food. They are also in need of personal towels to carry to the many different places they use to bathe.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome New Members who joined in October!
Be sure to stop and say hello!



Roger and Marlene Durst live in Woodstock now, but moved here in May from Rochester, Minnesota. You can usually find them at the 8:30 a.m. service. They have two sons, Brian and Brent, and four grandchildren. Roger is a retired insurance agent and Marlene is a retired teacher. Roger studies geneology and enjoys playing cards while Marlene is a quilter, reader, enjoys playing cards and games and traveling. Together in their free time they attend their grandchildren's sport and other activities.



Ken Eggers lives in Canton with his wife Connie, who has belonged to Good Shepherd for more than 10 years. In fact, Ken has attended GSLC for several years with her. They like to come to the 10:45 a.m. service. The Eggers moved here from Texas and have two children and four grandchildren. Connie and Ken are both retired and enjoy traveling. The Eggers daughter, Gina Crittenden, and granddaughters, Anna and Rachel Crittenden are all members of GSLC too!



Bob and Barbara Scheitlin moved to Woodstock from Mesa, Arizona. They typically attend the 8:30 a.m. service. The Scheitlins have two sons, Bob and Mike, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren! Bob is a retired cabinetmaker and Barbara is a retired bookkeeper. Not surprisingly, Bob enjoys woodworking in his free time, while Barbara keeps busy with sewing projects and crossword puzzles.



Joyce Snow relocated to the Woodstock area from San Ramon, California. She is usually found at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Joyce has three children and six grandchildren. She currently works with Huntington Learning Center in Woodstock, but is seeking a full-time teaching position. Joyce enjoys sewing, crocheting, knitting, reading and crafts, including woodworking. Joyce says she has moved to various places throughout the world and would love to go to China to teach English through mission work!

Please be sure to say hello to our newest members!

Office Closed

Please note that Good Shepherd offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday November 25 for Thanksgiving.

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8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
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,

Thanksgiving Eve

Take time out from the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving preparations to worship with us during GSLC's Thanksgiving Eve Service, **Wednesday, November 23** at 7:30 p.m. Gather with your family and friends to reflect on this season of gratitude!

Pay It Forward Gift Cards are Back

Gift Cards are returning to Good Shepherd to help make your holiday shopping easier. Once again, we will offer gift cards to some of the country's largest and best-known brands, including grocery, department stores, restaurants, home improvement stores, and more. If you are planning on purchasing gift cards as Christmas gifts this holiday season please consider doing so with us. The process is easy and orders placed on Sunday are available for pick up the following Sunday. We will begin placing orders every Sunday throughout the holiday season beginning **November 13** in the Fellowship Hall.



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