



HAPPENING NOW

- **Kathy on Vacation**
September 1—15
- **Pastor Paul Vacation**
continues through
September 9
- **Two-Can Sunday,**
September 3
- **Yarn Angels, 10:30**
a.m.—12:30 p.m.,
September 3
- **Office Closed for**
Labor Day holiday,
September 4
- **Needlework Friends,**
11 a.m., September
9
- **God's Work. Our**
Hands. Sunday,
September 10
- **Church Council**
Meeting, 7 p.m.,
September 12
- **Word on**
Wednesday Bible
Study Resumes, 9:30
a.m., September 13
- **Staff Meeting, Noon,**
September 13
- **Stewardship**
Committee Meeting,
7 p.m., September
13
- **Faith Formation**
Meeting, 7:15 p.m.,
September 14
- **Empty Nester Trip,**
9:30 a.m.,
September 16

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God's Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

“God's Work. Our Hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **On Sept. 10, Good Shepherd will join nearly 10,000 other ELCA congregations and put our faith into action.** There is plenty of opportunity to help serve our community, so roll up your sleeves and come join us!

Here is how we plan to show God's Grace in action:

(All activities will begin at Noon with a pizza lunch provided and a short devotional and prayer before the activity. Sign-up at Sign-up Central.)

- **Tend Garden at Forever Fed (Hillside location):** Come spend the afternoon digging in the dirt as we help our local community food bank by tilling and planting fresh fall produce to be used for distribution to low-income neighborhoods around Cherokee county.
- **Sort Rice and Detergent for Elizabeth Inn Shelter Residents:** Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we sort individual bags of rice and detergent for the residents and Food Pantry at our local women's shelter, Elizabeth Inn.
- **Prepare Sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes Kitchen:** Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we prepare and package sandwiches to be distributed to the guests of Loaves & Fishes Kitchen who need lunch for work or school. This is also a great activity for families who want to participate with children.

If you can't join us for the afternoon for GWOH Sunday you can still participate in our efforts by donating:

“Most Wanted” items to help stock the Forever Fed pantry:

- Canned Kid-Friendly Soups
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Beans
- Non-Chocolate Granola Bars
- One Pound Bags or Boxes of Rice
- One Pound Bags of Dried Beans
- Canned Goods Labeled “Low Sodium”

Baked goods to be delivered to Elizabeth Inn for those times when groups preparing meals do not bring desserts. Drop off in the kitchen anytime on the morning of the 10th.

“A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.” **-Martin Luther**

Join us for

“God's work. Our hands.” Sunday
September 10, 2017

A dedicated day of
service in our community.



Confirmation Classes in September...

Confirmation Class takes place on **Sunday, September 10** and **September 24** at 12:30 p.m.. On September 10 we will participate in God's Work. Our Hands. All families are encouraged to participate!



Join a Choir—All Are Welcome!

Kid's Choir
Kindergarten—3rd grade
Sundays, 10:30—11 a.m.

Intermediate Bells
Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Attention All Travelers!

Do you travel for work or just for fun? The youth are collecting travel size shampoos, conditioners, soaps, tissues, and lotions for a project later this year. If you stay in a hotel please collect them for us. There will be a basket in the entryway for collection. If you do not travel and wish to donate we would love your help as well. See Cat for details. Thank you!

Saints and Sinners, for high school youth, meets at GSLC every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Wednesday, September 6
Devotions

Sunday, September 10
All Youth are encouraged to participate in God's Work. Our Hands.

Wednesday, September 13
Pool Party at Hutchison's

Wednesday, September 20
Devotions and Bruster's Ice Cream

Wednesday, September 27
Iron Chef Competition

Are You a Saint or a Sinner?

You can be both! Do you like to hang out with amazing youth and help them along their faith journey? Then we would love to have you. We need adult volunteers for our Saints and Sinners activities. If you are interested, and have taken CYP training, please contact Cat and she will get you added to our SignUp Genius list. If you need CYP training in order to volunteer we can set that up as well. We can't carry out our ministry without you!



Bishop School 2017

This summer GSLC had the pleasure of sending member Hailey Hovda to Bishop's School in South Carolina. Below is her reflection of her week there. Bishop's School is a five-day learning opportunity for high school youth that includes seminary professors, pastors, seminarians, a community of peers, and a bishop-in-residence. There is inspiring worship, engaging classes on theology, scripture, and church history, small groups for reflection and discussion, and service opportunities. Her reflection is also featured on the ELCA Southeastern Synod Youth and Young Adults Website, sesyouth.org.

"My name is Hailey Hovda, and I go to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and just returned from Bishop's School. Bishop's School was an event unlike any other. I didn't expect this experience to be as life changing as it was. This year's



Bishop's School was held at Camp Kinard in South Carolina. Students ranged from 10th grade all the way to completed 12th grade and come from all over Region 9, which includes the Southeastern Synod, North Carolina Synod, South Carolina Synod, and the Florida-Bahama Synod. At the beginning of the week I was just expecting the camp to be a confirmation type setting of sitting around a classroom, however I could not be more wrong. We were divided into 4 different small groups to discuss the theme of the day and answer questions our adult leaders posed to us. The overall themes of the week were forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace making. These topics allowed for us as a group of teenagers to look in our lives to where we needed to forgive others and ourselves, as well as finding peace with God. We looked at different instances of forgiveness. One such instance was looking at how members of Mother Emanuel Martyr of Church forgave the shooter who came to a Bible Study and killed nine of their members. Through all the discussion it was clear that no matter what I did in my life God will always have my back and will forgive me. Bishop's School forever changed my relationship with God and I am so thankful for that opportunity."

Items to Help Commemorate the Reformation!

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in October, GSLC 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—mugs, Nalgene water bottles, window clings, key chains, and much more! Samples of these items and books are on display in the Fellowship Hall, 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. Note that orders will be placed on the 15th and 30th of each month, so plan accordingly.



Lutheran Disaster Response Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Visit the Southeastern Synod website to see all the ways you can help!
<https://sites.google.com/a/elca-ses.org/elca/home/disaster-ministry>

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANE HARVEY

ELCA.ORG/DISASTER

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 25, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with Disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response—United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U. S.* \$ _____ DDG0073

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most, U.S.* \$ _____ DDG0010

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
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Write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response, U.S." on your check's memo line.

LUTHERANS

Lutherans in the World



Immigrants arrive at Ellis Island

Wittenberg was a small provincial town on the edge of the empire when professor and pastor Martin Luther lit an evangelical spark that illuminated God's grace and prompted reform in the Western church. Over the next five hundred years the good news spread far beyond Saxony and Europe. Today the family of Lutheran churches includes both the Lutheran World Federation (with 72 million congregants in 145 church bodies in ninety-eight nations) and the International Lutheran Council (with thirty-five member bodies in over thirty nations).

People, printing, and politics—all played a part in this process. Students from across Europe and Scandinavia, such as the Swedish brothers Olaus and Laurentius Petri, were drawn to Wittenberg. They participated in lively theological debates and were influenced by Luther and his colleagues. Returning home, these students carried new gospel insight and the movement for reform. They also carried books and soon were producing more, including translations of the Bible and Luther's works into their own languages. Lutheran ideas and practices were established and endured where those gained support from powerful persons, such as Christian III. Having witnessed Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms, he introduced Lutheran reforms in his duchy in the 1520s and then into the whole of his realm when he became king of Denmark.

Lutheranism was also spread by migration as Lutherans joined in the global movements of commerce and colonization that followed the so-called age of discovery. With few, but notable, exceptions, religion was not the motivation for Lutheran migration to North America. Rather, the promise of better "daily bread" drew them from northern Europe and Scandinavia, from pre-Revolutionary time into the early twentieth century. Nonetheless, Lutheran migrants packed their Bibles, catechisms, and hymnbooks in their trunks. Upon arrival, they formed congregations, established institutions of mercy and education, and organized synods. Among the oldest congregations in the Western hemisphere is Frederick Lutheran in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Other Lutherans migrated to Australia, Brazil, Argentina, and southern Africa. In each place they adapted to unfamiliar customs, a new language, and being a minority denomination without government support.

Other Lutheran churches have their origin in missionary work begun in the early eighteenth century. Pietists' concern for holistic, personal faith generated both inner mission work close to home and the impulse to carry the gospel to people who had not heard it. First in south India, then around the world, the Bible and the catechism, translation and schools, were among missionaries' primary evangelical tools. As the churches have matured, local Lutherans take responsibility to articulate the gospel and address their own social concerns. In the twenty-first century, these growing Lutheran churches are providing leadership to and enriching the global communion.

— L. DeAne Lagerquist



Worship in Johannesburg, South Africa

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Caring for Creation, Luther-style



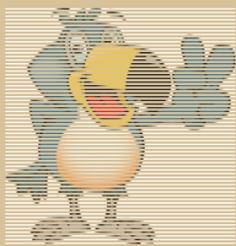
Lutherans around the world are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Simultaneously, the Southeastern Synod is also celebrating 2017 as the "Year for Care for Creation". As part of these celebrations, the Southeastern Synod Green Team is lifting up Luther's commitment to creation. He taught us to care for creation through his writings and the explanation of the First Article to the Apostle's Creed (below).

The First Article: Creation: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. — Martin Luther

To assist in this awareness, the SE Synod Green Team has developed "95 Theses of Creation Care." Ten of these theses will be published each month in our Good Shepherd Newsletter. Here are the next ten:

95 Theses for Creation Care (62-71)

- Abuse of creation disconnects the material and the spiritual.
- God so loved God's creation that he sent God's son.
- When we abuse the earth, the love of God is replaced by the love of things.
- When we abuse the earth, we have asked Christ to leave us.
- Self-centeredness replaces our need for God
- When we are self-centered, we say "no" to God.
- Greed shuts our eyes to the need to care for creation.
- Greed intensifies our self-centeredness.
- The subtleness of greed helps us to deny our lack of concern for creation.



Two-Can Sunday!

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month is designated as Two-Can Sunday. Bring your Two-Cans on **September 3!**

Reformation Tees Are Here!

Reformation tee shirts are ready for pick-up **September 3**. You may pick your tee shirt up in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a few extras available for anyone who may have missed the order deadline but still desires a shirt. These will be distributed on a first-come; first-served basis. Please contact Kristin Brenneman with any questions.

Caretakers of Community

As Caretakers of our Community we will be collecting household goods for Next Step Ministries during the months of September and October. Next Step Ministries is a local ministry in Woodstock geared toward helping individuals with special needs/ disabilities and their families in a loving and safe Christian environment. They have several programs, including a weekday Therapeutic Day Care program geared toward young adults, Job Skills Program, a Saturday Respite Care program for ages five through adult, and School Break and Summer Camps for school-age clients. Currently, Next Step is in need of:

Hand Sanitizer
Disinfectant Wipes
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Baby Wipes for Sensitive Skin

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper (Septic Tank Friendly)
Bottled Water

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Our hands.**

Council Update, August 2017

Discussions

- Financial Secretary, Jaime Escamilla, reported that we ended July about \$1,400 ahead of budgeted income figures.
- Council reviewed and voted to adopt a policy regarding the taking and posting of photographs on social media for GSLC activities. Permission forms for youth have been updated with this approved policy.
- We are continuing to work on updating the GSLC website. We are working toward relaunching sometime this Fall.
- Pastor Paul will be on vacation from August 23 through September 9.

Accolades

- Many thanks to Damon Garges for repairing the kneeler in the sanctuary that was damaged this summer, as well as installing hymnal racks in the front pews. We truly appreciate your craftsmanship.

Check Out a Fellowship Group!

Yarn Angels meet **Sunday, September 3** from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in Room 120.

Needlework Friends invites you to join them **Saturday, September 9**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Taylor (223 Orchards Circle, Woodstock) for needlework and fellowship. Light refreshments provided. Contact Jennifer at 678-880-2842 or jennifer3094@windstream.net.

Ladies Night Out takes place **Tuesday, September 19**, at 7 p.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse in Woodstock. Sign up at Sign-Up Central and leave your cell phone number. Call Sue Pence, 678-522-3670 for information.

13th Annual Taste of Habitat

The Taste of Habitat Fundraising Event returns on **September 22** from **7 – 9 p.m.** at The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta!

The goal this year is to raise \$18,000 to build Habitat homes in Metro Atlanta. More than 50 fabulous chefs from the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat churches will share the foods they love to make. It's a fun "date night" (adults only) with outstanding food & drink, great fellowship and enjoyable live music. There will also be a Silent Auction and trivia contest!

Participate by volunteering to be a chef, contributing to the silent auction or becoming a sponsor or simply just attend. Tickets are \$25. For information, contact Max Epling at, maxepling@windstream.net

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- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., September 19
- FX3/Confirmation, 12:30 p.m., September 24

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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 (ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER)
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.

Empty Nester September Trip



9:15 a.m., September 16

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Lilburn

Tour at 10:30 a.m. with Arti ceremony to follow.

Open to one and all, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir was inaugurated in August of 2007 after only 17 months of construction time utilizing 1.3 Million volunteer hours. The Mandir is comprised of three types of stone and more than 34,000 individual pieces were carved by hand in India, shipped to the USA and assembled in Lilburn like a giant 3-D puzzle.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please email Karen Yerkes at yerkesk@comcast.net. Lunch will follow at the Taj Mahal Restaurant, www.tajmahalatl.com, just three miles away from the Temple.

We will all meet at the church to **depart for the trip by 9:15 am**, so it is necessary to also *give your phone number when you RSVP*. If you don't want to carpool, and are driving yourself, please let Karen know. Please try to be on time, since we have a tour scheduled with a ceremony immediately following. There is also a dress code, so please contact Karen if you haven't received an email with that information.