



HAPPENING NOW

- **Saints and Sinners Lock-In, November 4-5**
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends, November 5**
- **All Saints Sunday, November 5**
- **Yarn Angels, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., November 5**
- **Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., November 5**
- **Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., November 11**
- **Combined Worship Service 9:30 a.m. November 12**
- **Bi-Annual Meeting 11 a.m., November 12**
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon, 12 p.m., November 12**
- **Last Day for MUST Thanksgiving Donations**
- **God's Grace in Action with Service Forms Due, November 12**
- **First Day to pick up LSG Shoeboxes, November 5**
- **Church Council Meeting, November 14, 7 p.m.**

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Combined Service, Bi-Annual Meeting and Dinner!



The Bi-Annual Meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, November 12, following the 9:30am worship service*. The agenda includes annual reports, the election of new Congregation Council Members, update on the entryway renovation project, and information regarding our Mortgage Payoff next Spring. All Confirmed Members of GSLC have voice and vote at the Bi-Annual Meeting. The 2017 Annual Report is now available online at our website (www.gslutheran.org) or in paper copy in the entryway.

The Election of Council Members will be for five Council seats, one of which will be a Youth Member. Names and biographies of nominees will be available soon. Council Members continuing terms are: Barb Blanke, Paul Christensen, Marc Duclos, Karen Epstein and Ron Mixon. Council Members whose terms are expiring and cannot seek re-election are: Jaime Escamilla and Hailey Hovda. It is always appropriate to make nominations from the floor, but it is important to have that person's consent before nominating them.

*Please note that there will be only one worship service on Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. and no Sunday School. Our youth will present the drama, “The Trial of Dr. Martin Luther,” at the service. The annual meeting will follow the service and the annual Thanksgiving lunch will follow the meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.	One combined worship service with Youth drama, “The Trial of Martin Luther”
11 a.m.	Bi-Annual Meeting
12 p.m.	Annual Thanksgiving Lunch



Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday established in the last century to not only thank God for our many blessings, but to specifically thank God for our many blessings as Americans. Though we may do that in our gatherings with family and friends, it is also an appropriate time to gather for worship. Our **Thanksgiving Eve service, Wednesday,**

November 22, 7:30 p.m., will lift up our thanks to God and bless us once again with God's gifts of Word and Sacrament.

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

Lutherans in Social Service



Luther Singing with family and friends

Situated within the wider narrative of Christian worship, the story of Lutheran music begins with Martin Luther's own gifts as a lutenist and composer. Unlike Calvin and Zwingli, who appreciated music but distrusted its emotional appeal, Luther did not want to restrict ways in which God's gifts of language and music were used in worship. In a passage that recalls the parade of voices and instruments in Psalm 150, Luther wrote that praise should "sound forth with joy" from "organs, symphonias, virginals, regals, and whatever other beloved instruments there are."

Luther also knew that his fellow citizens would not be reading the scholarly documents explaining his disagreements with the Roman church. Along with his German translation of the Bible and catechisms, he wrote chorales that sought to praise and teach, placing the Word directly on the lips of the people in their own language and syntax. Aided by the expansion of printing technology, generations of authors and composers followed suit. The rhymed stanzas, catchy tunes, and dance-inspired rhythms of these chorales were not matters of happenstance but artfully combined to achieve maximum "memory" effect. (Think back: how did you learn your ABCs? By singing!) And like earlier plainchants, texts and melodies of these chorales served as building blocks for new compositions.

Luther instinctively understood the value of teamwork and cultivated partnerships with musical colleagues, inaugurating a rich tradition of collaboration between musically minded theologians (pastors) and theologically minded musicians (cantors). With Philipp Melancthon, he established an educational model in which pastors and cantors were trained together in subjects such as grammar, rhetoric, and music. Many composers upheld as exemplars of Lutheran baroque music were products of this environment: Schütz, Praetorius, and the Bach family, to name a few.

The conditions that allowed Lutheran music to develop as it first did changed in the eighteenth century as Enlightenment ideals confronted the once-unchallenged authority of churches. As monarchies gave way to republics and democracies, composers moved from churches and courts toward concert halls. The nineteenth century saw the establishment of many civic choirs and orchestras, groups for which Mendelssohn and Brahms composed music that incorporated Lutheran chorales.



In the United States, voices of Lutheran immigrants blended with musical strands from other European denominations that had established colonial roots. The nineteenth century witnessed a constant process of intersection, recovery, and revision, allowing Anglican hymns, American shape note songs, African American spirituals, Roman plainchant, and chorales to mix freely across the frontier. Increasing ecumenical and global outlooks in the twentieth century only deepened the well of assembly song, adding familiar names like Taizé, Iona, and Hillsong to genres such as the Japanese *gagaku* and Mexican *alabados*—an abundance that Luther could hardly have imagined. Though physical materials have changed, Lutherans continue to mark days and seasons of the church year with songs from sisters and brothers of many times and places that praise, teach, pray, and bear us along our baptismal journey. Like Paul, we acclaim: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

— Chad Fothergill

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 (82-91)

82. Self-centeredness turned inward leads to apathy.
83. Apathy inflicts laziness in our care for creation.
84. Greed, apathy, and self-centeredness create an addiction.
85. Addiction to materialism is minimized when we lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel and Christ.
86. Cultural addiction to materialism causes great harm to the resources of the earth.
87. When we refrain from being addicted to materialism, we pick up our crosses and follow Jesus.
88. We lose our lives when we give up our lust for material goods.
89. When we give up our lust for material goods, we find life.
90. Loving creation and the earth is loving God.
91. Loving creation and the earth creates love for one another.

Just Voices Concert

You're invited to a musical event presented by JUST VOICES. Just voices is a community chamber chorus that specializes in music for unaccompanied voices. GSLC's organist/choir director, Thomas Eisnor and chancel choir member, Paul Christensen, are

members of this musical group. There will be two performances for you to chose to attend. We, the members of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Chancel Choir, look forward to seeing you there! (Admission \$10 for adults, \$5 for students)

Saturday, December 9 , 7:30 p.m.
Virginia Highland Church, Atlanta

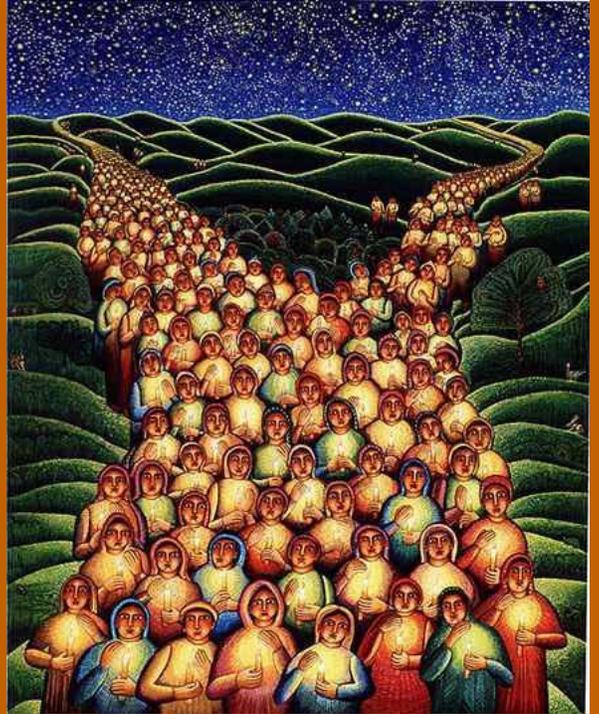
Sunday, December 10, 4 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,
Decatur

All Saints Sunday

November 5

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [Romans 6:3-5]

On All Saints Sunday we celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. We especially celebrate and remember the saints of Good Shepherd who have been baptized and the saints of Good Shepherd who have died in the last year. We will light candles in their honor. Ribbons of Remembrance continue to be available from the Endowment Committee as well.



The Trial of Dr. Martin Luther

Come one, come all to see the youth of Good Shepherd Lutheran put Martin Luther, famed for inciting the events that led to the Reformation that happened 500 years ago, on trial. Whether you believe he was just looking for a discussion with the posting of the 95 theses, or to pick a fight with the Catholic church, undoubtedly, he was a pivotal part of history, not just for the Lutheran church. This play takes us through discussions by the prosecutor with many of Luther's most ardent supporters.

This one-time presentation will take place during the one worship service on **Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m.**, so get there early to make sure you have a seat! Thank you to our play director, John Mau, for bringing the idea to us and leading our youth for this wonderful celebration of the 500th Reformation anniversary.



Nummy, Nummy

The Fellowship Committee invites you to a Thanksgiving Gathering following the service and bi-annual meeting on **November 12**. Turkey, gravy, rolls and beverages are provided. Sign up on the sheets in the entryway to bring a dish to share or to help with set-up, serving or clean-up. See Linda Kronau or Monica Smith for details on the dinner.

Office Closed

Please note that Good Shepherd offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 23 and Friday November 24** for Thanksgiving.

Welcome New Members!

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



Rhonda Dupstadt comes to GSLC from Kennesaw. You can usually find her at the 10:45 a.m. service. Rhonda has two children, Jack and Sydney Sordelet who are also GSLC members! Rhonda works in Buckhead at Fidelity Bank as a digital project and channel manager. In her spare time, she likes to work and play doing anything outdoors.



Ken and Barbara Kidder live in the Towne Lake area of Woodstock, but recently moved here from Ohio. They like to come to the 8:30 a.m. service. The Kidders have two grown children, Todd and Mary, along with four grandchildren. Ken and Barb are retired—Ken was an instrument inspector and Barb an elementary school teacher. In their free time Ken enjoys golfing, walking and fishing while Barb joins him on walks. She also likes to read, play cards, shop and is involved in activism.



Patricia (Trish) Mote moved to Canton from Arizona about three years ago with her husband Charles Havekamp. Trish likes to attend the 10:45 a.m. service where you may find her sitting with her daughter, GSLC member and Outreach Coordinator, Kristin Brenneman! Trish also has two stepsons. A retired nurse, Trish can be found riding her horse at least two days a week and caring for Charles, who lives in a personal care home due to extended illness.



Matt, Michelle, Sara and Emily Provost travel to GSLC on Sundays from Marietta for the 8:30 a.m. service. Matt is a software engineer, while Michelle homeschools Sara and Emily. Their hobbies include reading, genealogy and history.



Marion Snyder has recently moved to Woodstock from Port Richey, Florida. You can usually find her at the 10:45 a.m. service. Marion is retired with three children and four grandchildren.

MUST Thanksgiving Bounty

Through November 12, the Outreach Committee is 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. Please provide yams in the smaller cans as it is easier for MUST to distribute. 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.

Caretakers of Community

Adopt a Senior. For the months of November and December GSLC will help make the Christmas season brighter for some Cherokee County seniors. We are asking for donations that will be wrapped and delivered to our local area seniors serviced by Cherokee County. Items should be placed in the collection bin in the entryway by **December 17**. Suggested items include:

new bath towels (set of two)
books of stamps
Boxed candy
Warm Socks

grocery store gift cards (\$25 suggested amount)
liquid body soap
Emery boards/nail care kits

**God's work.
Our hands.**



God's Grace in Action with Service

The Stewardship theme for this year will again be "God's Grace in Action" as we continue to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. If you have not filled out and returned the God's Grace in Action with Service form, which many of you may know as a Time and Talent form, please do so by **November 12** when we are asking for them all to be completed. The form is also posted at gslutheran.org. The quote that we have selected for this year from Martin Luther is, "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." Many hands are needed to successfully take care of all the programs that Good Shepherd offers both for members and visitors as well as out in the community.

If you have served in the past, thank you and please consider doing so again. If you have not served or volunteered before, please prayerfully consider where you would like to help. A listing of all service and volunteer opportunities that are on the form, with a detailed description of what each entails, can be found on the information rack in the narthex. Please feel free to also talk to Inreach Coordinator Janice Swinford if you have any questions. Please put your completed forms in the God's Grace in Action box in front of the altar. Thank you!

“Pay It Forward” Gift Card Program

Gift Cards return 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 plan to purchase 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 5** in the Fellowship Hall.



Two-Can Sunday!

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month is designated as Two-Can Sunday. Bring your Two-Cans on **November 5!**

Hanging of the Greens

Volunteers are needed for the hanging of the greens in the narthex and sanctuary, and tree decorating. This will take place on **Saturday, December 2 at 1 p.m.** If you are interested please email Beth and Steve Ebert - sbebert85@comcast.net

Holiday Caroling

You are invited to join the youth of Good Shepherd as they spread some holiday cheer. Accompanied on piano by GSLC's resident choir director, Thomas Eisnor, they will sing Christmas Carols to the residents of Autumn Leaves memory care center on **Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m.** The group will share a pizza lunch in the Fellowship Hall before traveling across the street to Autumn Leaves. Caroling begins at 1 p.m. and usually lasts 30-45 minutes. This was a highlight of the holiday season last year, so be sure to join us!

Fall for These Events...

Yarn Angels meet **Sunday, November 5**, from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Room 120. Join us!

Needlework Friends meets **Saturday, November 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the home of Linda Rowell (114 Newcastle Walk, Woodstock) for needlework and fellowship. Bring your projects, learn something new, teach or help another friend. Light refreshments provided. Contact Linda at 770-924-4869 or larowell@bellsouth.net.

Ladies Night Out takes place **Tuesday, November 21**, at 7 p.m. at Kani House, 2455 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock. Sign up at Sign-Up Central and leave a cell phone number. Call Sue Pence, 678-522-3670 for information.

Confirmation in November...



Confirmation Class takes place on **Sunday, November 5** and **November 19** from **12:30 to 2 p.m.** Our lessons will focus on the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Class meets in the fellowship hall.

Lock-In Scheduled

Calling all High School students!! GSLC will have a lock-in at the church starting on **Saturday, November 4 at 7 p.m.** and ending on Sunday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. We have a fun evening planned with games and outings throughout the night. Look for more information on cost in the weekly announcements and devotion email. Please let Cat know if you are planning on attending so we can make sure we have enough seats for transportation.



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

Wednesday, November 1
Devotions

Wednesday, November 8
Pottery Painting

Wednesday, November 15
College Care Packages

Wednesday, November 22
No Meeting—Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 29
Lutheran Services of Georgia Shoebox Shopping & Packing

Parents of College Students

Whether they live far away or close to home, we want to send some love to our youth that have graduated! Please send their names and addresses to Cat at youthministry@gslutheran.org or place in her box by **Sunday, November 5**.



GSLC Celebrates Confirmation

Nine GSLC youth professed their faith before the Good Shepherd Congregation on Confirmation Sunday, October 29. 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 2017 Confirmation Class. Front row, left to right — Rachel, Anna, Sebastian, Ryan, Luke. Back row, left to right — Chandler, Edith, Greta and Carlie.

FX3 Trip

The Middle-School FX3 groups recently took a trip to B.J. Reece Orchards in Ellijay. Brooke, Emma, Brigid, Vincent, Eli, Alexis participated!



Mission Trip Reminder!

All Middle School and High School Youth—we still have spots available for our 2018 Summer Mission Trips. If you are interested, please let Cat know.

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!



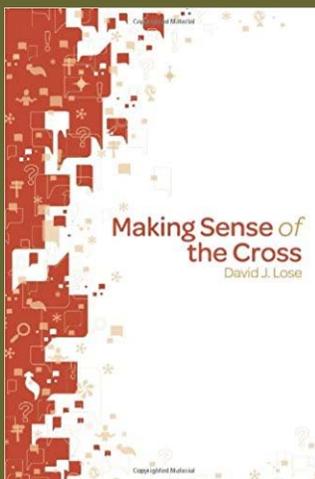
We'd be grateful if you'd like us!

November is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving in the U.S., so we have a daily gratitude challenge for you! Like the GSLC Facebook page to see the challenge for each day starting November 1.

Council Update, October, 2017

Discussions

- Treasurer, Ray Smith, reported that income for the quarter was \$152,745, \$2,223 behind budget, and the expenses were \$174,183, \$1,258 ahead of budget. This puts us \$3,481 behind on our budget of expense to income but this will be watched during the next quarter.
- Council reviewed the remodel plans for the entryway, Narthex and Library areas. Some suggestions to the plan were made and another review scheduled for November and the remodel plans will be shared with the congregation at the November 12, 2017 bi-annual meeting.
- The new gslutheran.org website is to be launched on Sunday October 15, 2017.
- After prayerful consideration, the Council will be asking congregational members to consider running for the GSLC Council to begin in January, 2018. Adult terms will be for two years while youth terms are for one year. Election of the Council will be held at the bi-annual meeting on November 12, 2017.



New Sunday School Class Begins in January

In January, the “Faith Stories” adult Sunday School class will begin studying the book *Making Sense of the Cross* by David Lose. The book is written in a conversational, question-and-answer style, depicting a candid discussion about the cross that takes place between a student and a teacher. In the book’s introduction, Lose notes that “the way we understand the cross very much shapes the way we regard God.” The book covers the major theories of atonement, helping us grasp the various ways theologians have struggled over the years to understand the meaning and implications of Jesus’ crucifixion and death.

If you are interested in this class (and are not already a member of the Faith Stories group), contact Mary Tucker at marric1@yahoo.com or by phone at 678-224-1177. **The church will be placing a group order for the book in mid to late November.**

Something Has Changed?

Take a look at our website at gslutheran.org and see the changes that have been made. Will Jayroe, a very talented member of our GS congregation, has built a new website for GSLC. Thank you to Will for his outstanding work!! The website can be viewed on your mobile device also. We are still fine tuning the content of the website so if you have updates or information to be posted please share it at our new email address web@gslutheran.org.

LSG Shoebox Campaign

GSLC’s Christmas shoebox campaign benefitting Lutheran Services of Georgia takes place from November 5 — December 3. 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, December 3**. There is no need to wrap the box. We prefer they be turned in unwrapped. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to Pastor Paul’s office.

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- Staff Meeting, Noon, November 15
- Empty Nesters Bonfire, 6:30—10 p.m., November 18
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., November 19
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., November 21
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30 p.m., November 22
- Office closed for Thanksgiving, November 23 & 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

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“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 Nesters BBB in November

Saturday, November 18, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Come to “BBB” - Bonfire, Brats, and Blankets night!

Mark and Karen Yerkes host a night by a Bonfire with brats on the grill! Bring a dish to share! Watch for a new “Sign Up Genius” for more information and to see what you can bring. (If you have trouble with the link, just email us your preference, appetizer, side dish or dessert.)

We are also collecting new or gently used Blankets (and winter coats) that will be given to www.blanketsoveratlanta, which is a group that distributes blankets and warm clothing to the homeless in Atlanta. (Please bring clean items in bags.)

Contact Karen at yerkesk@comcast.net with questions. See you then!