

6th Annual

FALL FAIR

Always
a great
time!



Crafts - Tasty Food - Live Music
F-R-E-E Games & Prizes!
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Corner of Eagle Drive & Rose Creek Drive
In Towne Lake

Saturday, Oct. 22 10am-4pm

Proceeds to benefit:
Cherokee Family Violence Center
Lutheran Services of Georgia — Must Ministries

See you
there!

The Forecast is Great for Fall Fair!



Thank you for your response to our request for help with the sixth annual fall fair! We are very excited to hold this fun-filled community event. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up to help, it is not too late. We are still accepting books, baked goods, and silent auction donations. Also, we can never have too many volunteers or items loaned for the day. Please fill out an orange fall fair sheet and place it in Janice Swinford's box in the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone that made items to sell at the Needlework table to benefit MUST Ministries, please contact Jennifer Taylor or Susan Epling. All items need to be submitted by October 15. Please let us know the price of the item you would like to sell.

Do you have an unused gift you would like to re-gift? Tickets for an event that would go unused? A vacation home with availability? If you do, these items would be welcome additions to the Fall Fair Silent Auction! Don't let these items take up space, collect dust, or go unused. Instead, call Pam Strong or Susan Bonds to donate them to the silent auction.

Last, please invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this wonderful community event. We hope to see you there!





Photo by Anna Angalet

Continuing in the Footsteps Consecration Sunday - October 16

Did you know that the word "give" appears 2,172 times in the Bible? What are the characteristics of those who aspire to successful stewardship of all that God gives us? They give through the church (Malachi 3:10), liberally (Luke 6:38), sacrificially (2 Corinthians 8:1-4), cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7), and regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Stewardship is the joyful sharing of our Time, Talent, and Treasure everyday...in many ways... and in ALL that we do; not just singing in the choir, or being an Assisting Minister or reading the lessons, or the many other "jobs" we might have in our Church life. As we sacrifice of our time and talent gifts for the Lord through GSLC, so must we consider how we can sacrifice of our financial gifts.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

– 2 Corinthians 9:7

Sunday, October 16th, is Consecration Sunday at Good Shepherd. We believe that you have sufficient concern for your spiritual growth and the mission and ministries of our congregation to be present spiritually and physically on this day so that you can make a commitment as a Christian steward of your God-given gifts.

The Stewardship Committee and Congregation Council ask that you continue to pray on this important aspect of your faith journey as we "continue in the footsteps of the disciples".

Mission Conference (5) Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 4
7–9 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran
Church, Cumming

Agenda

- Fellowship
- Devotions
- Election of Conference Chair
- Presentation by Synodical Mission Interpreter, Mike Krekling

RSVP by October 2 to
Pastor Paul Baumgartner at
pr.paul-gslc@comcast.net.

Opportunities to Participate



Sheep Talk Meetings

Plan now to attend an upcoming SHEEP TALK meeting. This meeting is critical as we plan for the Annual Meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 13.

- A congregational update.
- A presentation from the Stewardship Committee including discussion of the 2012 theme "Continuing In the Footsteps of the Apostles" and the commitment materials.
- Financial Update
- Churchwide Assembly Update
- Question and Answer Session

It is very important that every confirmed member of the congregation attend one of these sessions. They are scheduled for:

Saturday, October 1 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m.
(childcare provided)

Tuesday, October 4 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m.

Celebrate Confirmation

Ninth grade students will be confirmed at the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 30**. All members are invited to attend this service and listen to the statements of faith made by each member of the confirmation class. This is an important day in the lives of these young members of our church, but also for our congregation. Each year the statements made by the youth are powerful and inspiring messages of their commitment to God. It is a special worship service that you won't want to miss.

CYP Training

If you need to attend a Children and Youth Protection Training, one is offered at 1 p.m., **Sunday, October 16**. Childcare is available. Adults who wish to work with children and youth at GSLC must complete this training.

2011 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 15-19, 2011

Freed in Christ to Serve



August 15-19 I had the privilege of serving as a voting member from the Southeastern Synod to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, FL. It was humbling to be one of 1,025 voting members, plus numerous ELCA staff and guests, gathered together to tend to the business of the ELCA. The Churchwide Assembly is the highest legislative body in the ELCA. It has met biannually since the first Assembly in 1989. It is the duty of this body to tend to routine, but important, business such as the election of officers, election of Church Council members, approval of budgets, and changes to the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions. It also responds to memorials presented to the Churchwide Assembly for consideration by the 65 synods of the ELCA. Ninety seven memorials were submitted for consideration by the 2011

Assembly. Churchwide Assemblies also vote to adopt proposed ELCA Social Statements. In August the Assembly overwhelmingly adopted its eleventh Social Statement entitled "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility."

In addition to the responsibilities listed above, the Assembly considers actions proposed by the Church Council and task forces. This year, the Assembly was presented with a report from the LIFT (Living Into the Future Together) Task Force which contained specific resolutions for approval and implementation. They were coupled with implementing resolutions submitted by the Church Council to support the recommendations of the LIFT Task Force. So, what does all this mean?

In early 2009 the LIFT Task Force was appointed to begin its work of

examining the rapidly changing culture and society that we live in and to look at the ELCA through the lens of these changes. Since its incorporation in 1989, no study had been done to examine and evaluate structure and function of the ELCA. The purpose of the LIFT Task Force, then, was to look both externally and internally and to see how we might better position ourselves to be a thriving church as we "live into the future together." There is a summary of Churchwide Assembly actions following this article which details the specific outcomes of the LIFT Task Force proposal, but I'd like to tell you in my own words, what I think it means.

First, let me backtrack a bit. Our Assembly theme was "Freed in Christ to Serve." It is based on Paul's letter to Galatians. The week was spent seeing glimpses of

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all of the ways that the people of the ELCA live their lives as people who have been freed from the bondage of sin and death in Christ, and sent into the world to serve. Simply put, we do God's work with our hands. We do this work not out of a need for God to love us more, but as people who recognize God's incredible and unfailing love for us and are compelled to share it. We do it as a way to say "Thank you, Jesus!"

But even as we recognize that we are freed in Christ to serve, we also, as a church, recognize that the world we live in and do ministry in is changing. Economies are in flux, the culture of the church is changing, society and demographics are shifting. The ELCA is a church whose identity is grounded in congregational life. Without congregations, there would be no ELCA. So the work of the LIFT Task Force focused on what we must do as an ELCA to strengthen our congregations so that each and every one of them see themselves as centers for mission. Two questions guided the work of the LIFT Task Force: 1) What is God

calling this church to be and do in the future?; and 2) What changes are in order to help us respond most faithfully? Currently, we, the ELCA, are 4.7 million members strong serving in over 10,000 congregations in the United States and Bahamas. The answers focused on how to mobilize these 4.7 million brothers and sisters in Christ and the ministries of those 10,000 plus congregations. Synods will be seen as centers for mission planning and the churchwide ministry will support the work of congregations and synods. Lots of attention is being given to how to change and adapt structure so that people in congregations are freed and supported to be in mission in the communities that they serve. Connections between congregations and networking within synods and the churchwide body are being emphasized. Large programmatic committees were eliminated so that work at the grassroots level can be emphasized.

While there was some disagreement in the details and language of the final implementing resolutions, the 2011 Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly affirmed the

work of the LIFT Task Force and acknowledged the need for change so that we can live into the future together. I mentioned earlier that all week long we had glimpses into vibrant mission and ministries around the ELCA. It was these glimpses of thriving and vibrant ministries that fueled the enthusiasm of the Assembly. People were excited to be together and to be church. The tone of the gathering was hopeful, joyful and peaceful. We all enjoyed one another's company and learned from each other what it was like to be church with sisters and brothers across the country. On Monday, we approved overwhelmingly (968 -19) the ELCA Malaria Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four year period to work toward a malaria free world. This sense of unity in voice set the tone for the week's work together. In case you can't tell, I can talk for a long time about the 2011 Churchwide Assembly but here's the bottom line: I believe with all my heart that this is a great time to be the ELCA and that the Holy Spirit is definitely working among us.

At opening worship Bishop Hanson preached about the text from Luke often referred to as the Magnificat. It is Mary's words to Elizabeth after learning that she would be the mother of the Son of God. Bishop Hanson asked the Assembly, "Like Mary, are we as a church ready to be moved by the power of the Holy Spirit?" At Friday's closing worship, the answer was a resounding "Yes!" But it didn't need to be said. It was obviously so to all who were there.

You can learn more about the ELCA Churchwide Assembly at www.elca.org/assembly.

Summary of Actions – ELCA Churchwide Assembly

ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched

The assembly officially launched the ELCA Malaria Campaign under the auspices of ELCA World Hunger. Along with our full communion partners, ELCA members will join with Lutheran churches in Africa to work toward a malaria-free future. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period. The assembly acknowledged that gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not intended to replace gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted

The assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," a social statement on genetics. The statement, described as the first by a North American church, develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research. It is the 11th social statement of the ELCA.

Review process for social statements adopted

The assembly called for a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements. No new social statements will be considered until a review process has been completed and shared with the ELCA Church Council in the fall of 2012, followed by a report to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. During this time, the process for developing the criminal justice social statement and the justice for woman social statement will continue.

Living into the Future Together implementing resolutions adopted

There were resolutions put forth by the ELCA Church Council and the Living into the Future task force, designed to set a course for the ELCA's future and to consider this church's structure and relationships.

- Churchwide Assemblies will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.
- The assembly also approved recommendations that focus on strengthening connections within and across the expressions and partner ministries of this church.
- Voting members of the ELCA Church Council shall include the four churchwide officers and the chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops. Thirty-three members will continue to be nominated by their synods; the council may not exceed 45 members. Additional members may be nominated by the Church Council to ensure diversity and expertise. All will continue to be elected by the Churchwide Assembly.
- The Congregational and Synodical Mission unit of the churchwide organization will review a recommendation for ministry with mentally and physically "handi-capable" children and adults.
- The assembly invited members of the ELCA to initiate collaborative work by congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, institutions of the church and others to create and support diverse non-legislative forums and events that bring together leaders of this church to participate in theological study and reflection, foster leadership development and enhance the interdependence of this church.

ELCA budget proposals adopted

The assembly approved a 2012 current fund spending authorization of \$61,792,900, and approved a 2012 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000. This vote included approving a 2013 current fund income proposal of \$61,939,400, a 2013 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$18,500,000, and authorizing the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.

Memorials adopted

The assembly adopted a variety of resolutions to expand multicultural ministry, acknowledge the International Year for People of African Descent and work to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence.

- The assembly supported immigration reform and the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates.
- The assembly received memorials related to investment for positive change in Palestine, and encouraged members, congregations, synods and agencies of this church to achieve a deeper understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- The assembly also recognized and celebrated Lutheran Campus Ministry and the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for our nation and the world. The assembly declined to change governing documents that would increase the number of voting members to Synod Assemblies and Churchwide Assemblies who are layperson.

Constitutional amendments adopted

The assembly moved to change ELCA governing documents related to Living into the Future Together, the redesign of the churchwide organization and other matters.

Resolutions from the Reference and Counsel committee

The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions on topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.



Fellowship...

Yarn Angels

Yarn Angels Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **October 9** after the 11 a.m. service in room 115. Come learn to knit or crochet.

Yee-Haw! Let's Go to the cowboy Festival and Booth Western Art Museum!

When: Sunday, Oct. 23
Time: 1:30 PM
Where: Cartersville
Cost: \$8/Seniors
Sign up at Sign-up Central or call or E-mail Sandy Cerstvik if you want to attend.

There will be pioneer demonstrations, re-enactments of historic Western gunfights, Native

American dancing and much more. The featured artist is Shonto

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be held **Tuesday, October 18**, at 7 p.m. at Longhorn, 1430 Towne Lake Parkway. Look for the sign-up sheet at Sign up Central.

Needlework Friends

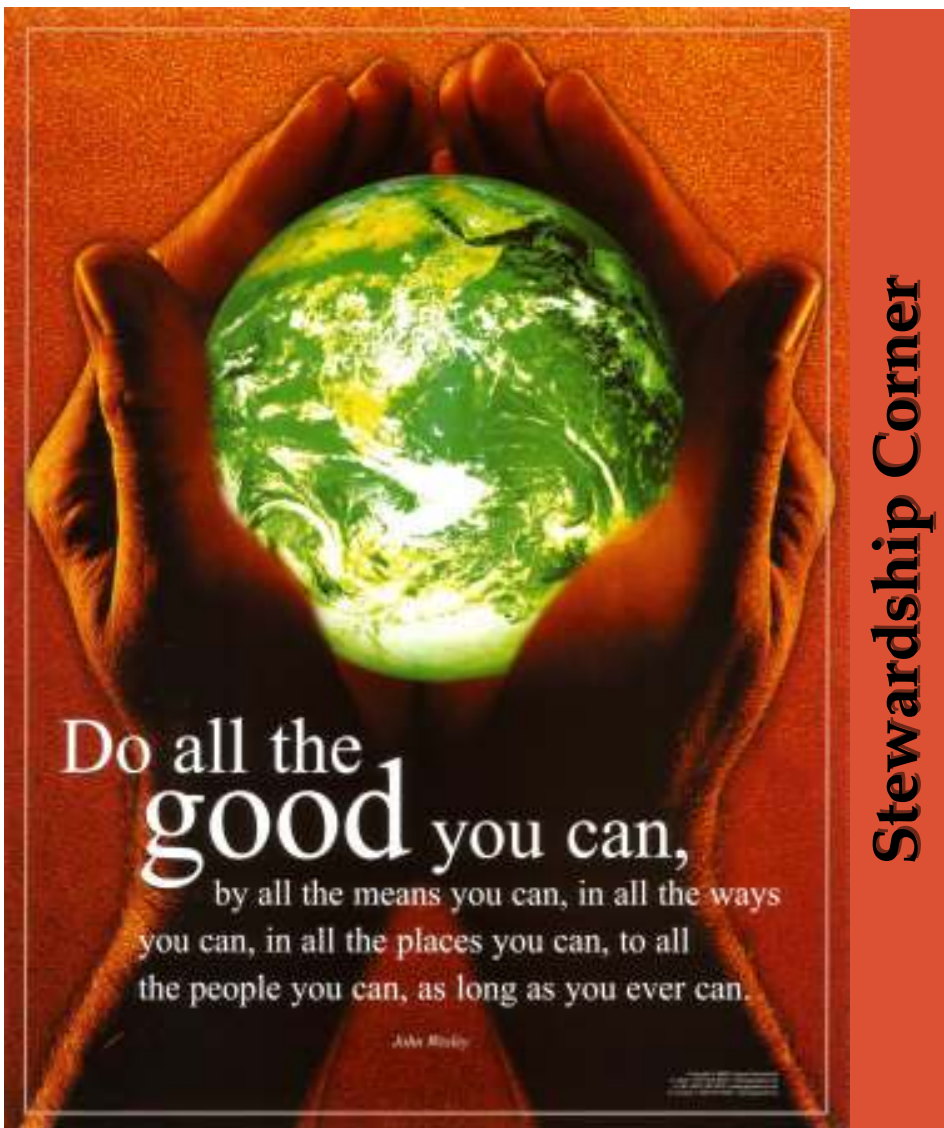
Join us on **Saturday, October 15** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Susan Epling (848 Valley Drive, Canton) for needlework and fellowship. Bring your projects, learn something new, teach or help another friend. Knit, Crochet, Cross-stitch, Embroider, Sew, etc. Refreshments provided. Contact Susan for more information.

GodSpeed

Join fellow Good Shepherd members running, jogging, or walking in our next community event!

Saturday, October 8 (Race Begins at 8:30 a.m.) - 4th Annual Southeastern Greyhound Adoption's (SEGA) Athletes Helping Athletes Annual 5K Race/1 Mile Walk (Kennesaw). *Participants will be responsible for their own registration and any fees for the event. Find out more at www.greyhoundadoption.org/5K ; but please let us know if you will be participating by signing up at Sign-Up Central.*

We will meet at 8 a.m. prior to the race. For additional information, please see Sign Up Central or reach out to Mary or Chuck McCoy.



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received"
 - 1 Peter 4, 10.

Welcome again to the Stewardship Corner where we have been showcasing the sharing of your gifts and works in the many ministries we have here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Each and every member of our vibrant congregation has been blessed with God-given talents. Through these articles we in the Stewardship Committee want to continuously remind you of the many opportunities to share those gifts and continue or begin to get involved and grow in your faith journey and fellowship with others. In October, we will feature two

committees whose value is equal to all others but often works behind the scenes: the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee.

The co-chairs for the Finance Committee are Scott Burleson and Pete Dumpis. The Council and Staff Liaisons are Chuck Halhober and Pr. Paul, respectively. Members of the Finance Committee use their time and talents to support the ministries of the church through financial planning and the ongoing oversight of the financial health of the church. They regularly review financial affairs of the church, including offerings, contracts and service agreements, payments of salaries and bills and disbursement of special funds. The committee supports the staff and Church

Council by obtaining the financial and legal information necessary for consideration of contracts, deeds and insurance and works with the Church Council and the Stewardship Committee to prepare and present an annual budget to the congregation.

Our Personnel Committee co-chairs are Tammy Frink, Mike McCoy and Trina Hutchinson. The Council Liaison is Scot Bauer and the Staff Liaison for this committee, too, is Pr. Paul. The members of the Personnel Committee maintain a supportive relationship with the pastors, AIM and staff and help them annually to evaluate their calling or employment as well as make recommendations to the Congregation Council that enable decisions of the congregation as employers. As a result, for example, the congregation ensures that we are providing a safe and supportive working environment for our beloved staff and volunteers. Each year the committee works with the Finance Committee to review all compensation provided for the pastors, AIM and staff for planning and budget purposes and conducts a Performance Assessment in a spirit of fairness and equity for all. Other responsibilities include providing clear and up-to-date human resource policies, periodic safety audits, maintenance of personnel files and staying current on any recent actions of the synod on such policies and procedures.

In the Stewardship Corner, we remind you that Stewardship does not simply equal dollars, but rather the proper management of those gifts with which God has blessed us. Members of the committees featured here this month, as well as all ministries throughout Good Shepherd are examples of that Christian Stewardship - giving from the heart, giving by obedience and giving by faith.



Community OutREACH

HURRICANE IRENE. In a year of many natural disasters, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stands ready to assist once again. Strong winds and heavy rain from Hurricane Irene have left a trail of devastation throughout the East Coast. ELCA Disaster Response is partnering with local responders in affected areas and we at Good Shepherd can work hand-in hand with them. **Your gift designated for "U.S. Hurricane Relief" will be used in full-100%-to help those impacted by Hurricane Irene clean up, rebuild and recovery.** Donations to ELCA Disaster Response allow them to immediately and effectively respond where assistance is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on the road to recovery. GSLC members may give through our congregation or send directly to **ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300** (write "U.S. Hurricane Relief" or "Where Needed Most" on your check's memo line.) As always, our first and best response to all disasters is prayer. Please pray for all those affected by this terrible storm and for the relief workers who are at work on their behalf.

FALL FAIR. Organizers are seeking volunteers for set up, clean up, and to help run kids' games, book sale, bake sale and silent auction. Items for loan (tables and coolers) are also needed. Forms are located in the Narthex. Please also consider donating your used books and DVDs – this was a big fundraiser last year!

MUST Thanksgiving Baskets. October 9–November 6, we will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the needy in our community. MUST Ministries Cherokee will distribute baskets filled with food for a delicious Thanksgiving meal to over 1000 families this year. Monetary donations will be accepted and used for purchases of turkeys. *Please mark your check accordingly.*

Shopping List

- Cans of corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes
- Boxes of mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, cornbread mix, stuffing
- Jars of gravy or packages of gravy mix
- Grocery store gift cards

You may leave your donations in the OutREACH bins in the fellowship hall.

LSG (Lutheran Services of Georgia) Holiday Shoe Box Collection. We need your empty shoeboxes! Please leave them in the designated bin in the fellowship hall. You will be able to pick up a shoebox with instructions on items for filling the boxes beginning November 6.



The Congregational Council reported the following from the September 2011 meeting:

DISCUSSIONS

- The financial status is holding steady. Budget planning is underway for 2012.
- Sheep Talk congregational meetings will take place October 1, 2, 4, and 5. It is hoped that every confirmed member of the congregation will attend a session.
- A Small Group Training session will take place on Sunday, November 6. Leaders of any small groups are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Reports were received on the following: new website, potential memorial site, Fall Fair.

ACTIONS:

- Ratification of Priscilla Hughes as council member, replacing Janice Swinford who stepped down to take the Sunday School Superintendent position.
- Adopted a resolution for a formal congregational partnership with the Koenigsbrunn of Evangelisch-Lutherisches Dekant Augsburg. This partnership will involve communication with one another, learning from each other, and the sharing of views, expressions of faith, and prayer.
- Determined a list of potential candidates to be nominees for council positions in 2012. Elections will take place at the GSLC annual meeting on Sunday, November 13.

Flower Committee

A chair or co-chairs is needed for the Altar Flower committee. The duties mostly involve picking up and arranging the poinsettias at Christmas and the lilies at Easter. To volunteer, call the church office for more details, 770-924-7286. Many thanks to Judy Roberts for her service in this capacity!

Volunteers Needed!

Help! We need adult volunteers for Saints and Sinners (High School Youth) on Thursdays night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Also, we need volunteers to prepare a meal on Thursdays for them. Please contact Brenda Kvitlen.

Lead...



2011 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President—Mary McCoy
Vice President—Holly Jones
Treasurer—Chuck Halhofer
Secretary—Mary Tucker
Financial Secretary—Paul Christensen

CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Christian Education: Priscilla Hughes
Community Outreach: Jennifer Taylor
Congregational Care: Richard Oleson
Evangelism: Mary Tucker
Facilities/Maintenance: Steve Frink
Fellowship: Barb Blanke
Finance: Chuck Halhofer
Mission Endowment: Barb Blanke
Personnel: Scot Bauer
Stewardship: Ray Smith
Worship & Music: Paul Christensen
Youth: Brenda Kviton, Meredith Bauer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education: Donna Garges, Margaret Mixon, Lori Peters
Community Outreach: Emilie Gudger, Laurie Porter, Lynn Torres,
Congregational Care: Max Epling, Tammy Olsen, Pam Strong
Evangelism: Lisa Morton, Reba Sumner, Lyn Thaxton
Facilities/Maintenance: Joe Coupland, Steve Ebert, Damon Garges
Fellowship: Karen Dery, Karen Epstein, Bonnie Halhofer
Finance: Scott Bureson, Pete Dumpis
Mission Endowment: To Be Named
Mutual Ministry: Gai Lyn McCarthy
Personnel: Tammy Frink, Trina Hutchison, Mike McCoy
Stewardship: John Adams, Tony Endozo, Don Vogt
Worship & Music: Paulette Alderfer, Myra Rissmiller, Wendy Vogt
Youth: Anna Angalet, Eric Hutchison, David Johnson

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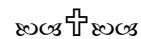
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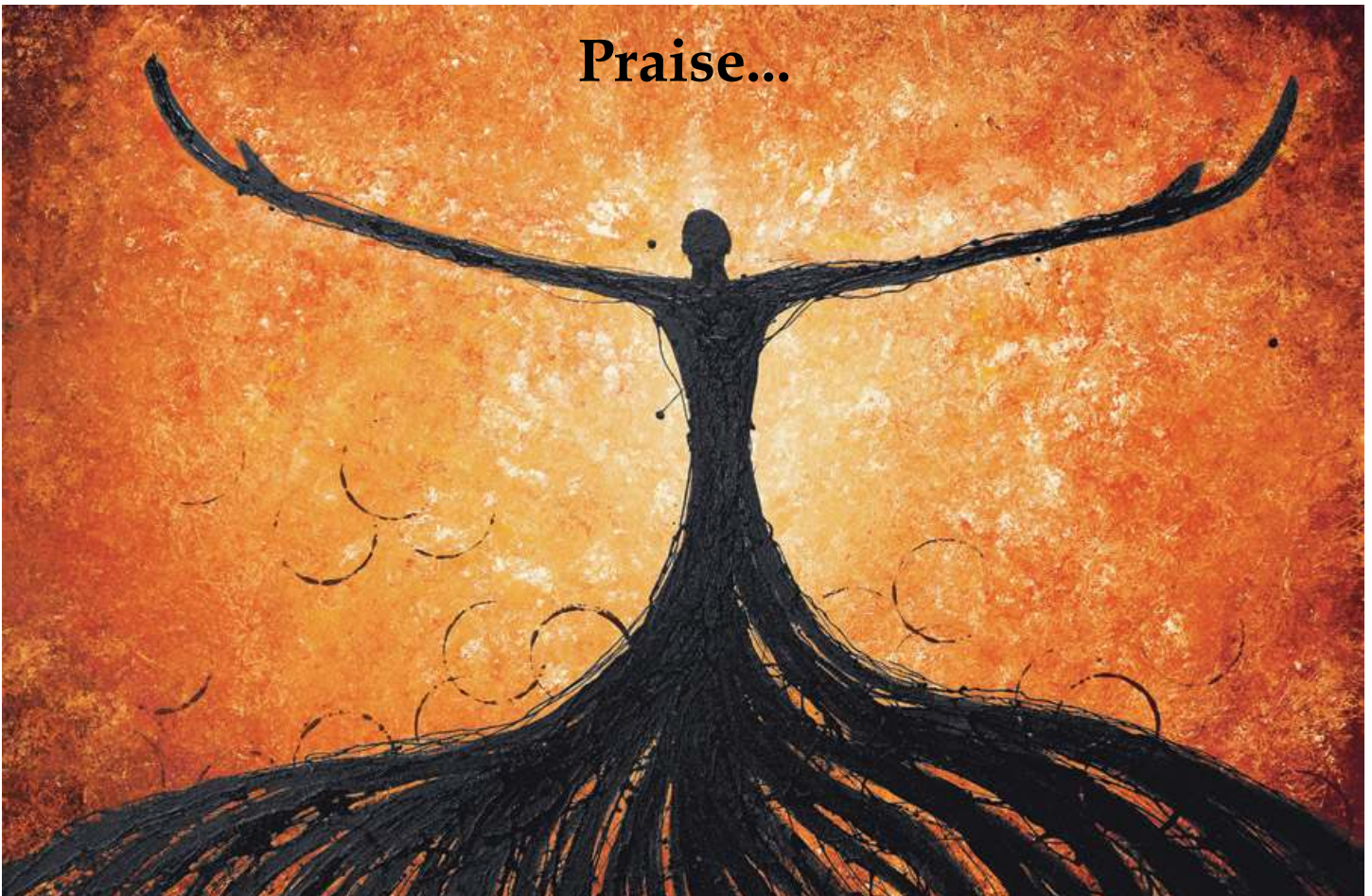


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Praise...



Be sure to thank the following people for giving their unique talents to Good Shepherd:

- Helpers at pine straw/clean-up/maintenance day:
Pinestraw: Jeff Brenneman, Jason Champion, Paul Christensen, Tony Endozo, Chuck Halhober, Geoff Morton, Al Reynolds, Patrick Swinford; Lights/Electrical Work inside: Paul Christensen, Joe Coupland, Steve Ebert; Fellowship Hall chair/table cleaning: Beth Ebert, Bonnie Halhober, Holly Jones, Lisa Morton
- Sharron Ryan for coordinating home and funeral meals for the past several years.
- Sharon Bost for taking on the responsibilities of meal coordination when Sharron Ryan stepped down
- Janice Swinford for her excellent work as new Sunday School Superintendent
- Max Epling, Joe Coupland, and Bill Alderfer for reviewing the insurance policies for Good Shepherd
- All the staff and congregation members who participated in the Service of Prayer, Remembrance, and Hope held at Hilside UMC on September 11: Included were Pastor Paul Baumgartner, Brenda Kvitlen, Lori Peters, Erin McCarthy, Matt McCarthy, Anna Angalet, Kaitlyn Johnson.
- All who helped make confirmation banners including Catherine Isaac, Susan Epling, Paulette Alderfer, Eileen White, Laurie Porter, Kathleen Duclos, Tracey Homer, Andrea Howard, Paul and Cynthia Christensen, Jennifer Taylor,

Mary Murphy, Michelle Angalet, Mary Tucker, Jennifer Lucier, Karen Dery, Donna Maczko, Pam Hough and Analise Wrye. Also thanks to Pr. Paul for letting us use his design "God's Story, Our Story."

Thank you for coordinating the August 13 blood drive. The efforts of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have always been greatly appreciated and your support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. In addition, we very much appreciate your effort during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 62 donors registered, three donors were deferred and 59 units were collected!

*Jenny Reedy
American Red Cross*

Grow...



Above – In September, members of the Break Through Middle School Youth Group honored the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and other public safety workers that respond to the Good Shepherd area.

Break Through Scores a Big Hit!

The Break Through youth group had another great event in September! With this year being the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we decided to honor the Police and Firemen that take such good care of us every day! We made lunches as a way to say "THANK YOU!!" We were able to provide lunch for Fire Station 1, 19 and 20 as well as the Cherokee County Sheriff's office on Bells Ferry. Thank you to all the kids who worked so hard to put all of the lunches together, thank you to the parents who helped provide the food, thank you to all the adults who were there to guide the lunch-making process and help deliver the lunches and a HUGE thank you to Chef Michael Epstein for planning and coordinating the making of the

lunches. We had lots of fun and the homemade ice cream was delicious!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

Saturday, October 22: Good Shepherd's Annual Fall Fair...

Spend some time helping out at the Fall Fair! Can't make the fair? Plenty of opportunities are available to help before hand. Break Through will also donate a Gift Basket!

Tuesday, November 8: Volunteer at MUST Ministries! Yes, Tuesday! It's Election Day, so there's no school. Sleep in and then meet at the church (TBA) and travel to MUST Ministries in Canton to help with Thanksgiving Baskets.


Sunday School Change

In September, some changes were made to the 11 a.m. Sunday School program. After beginning the year anticipating a need for three classes for children ages 3 years-5th grade (pre-K class, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade), attendance in the pre-K and K-2nd grade classes was very low. In order to respect the time our teachers and assistants give and to make the best use of our resources, the pre-K and K-2nd grade classes were eliminated, and the 3rd-5th grade class became a 2nd-5th grade class. Children ages 3 years old and younger will be welcome in the nursery at 11 am. Children younger than 2nd grade are welcome and encouraged to attend worship with their families.

Serve... October 2011

	8:00 AM	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct
8:00 AM						
Greeters		John & Betty Kofoed	Vic & Linda Rowell	Catherine Jolkovsky, Patty Smith	Randy & Donna Marek	John & Betty Kofoed
Acolyte		Alexis Swinford	Jacob Kish	Irina Vogt	Carter Maczko	Alexis Swinford
Lay Reader		Debi Radcliff	Shawn Posway	Ray Smith	Kris Hebeisen	Shawn Posway
Communion Assist.		Al Reynolds	Cynthia O'Neal	Monica Smith	Cynthia O'Neal	Jenny Champion
Altar Guild		Shirley Wise	Tammy Frink	Steve Frink	Marsha Bleick	Shirley Wise
Ushers		Ray & Monica Smith	Pete Dumpis, Donald Vogt	Richard Oleson, Patrick Swinford	Jacob Kish, Thomas Kish	Al & Leanne Reynolds
Fellowship		Al & Leanne Reynolds	Jason & Jennifer Champion	Frank & Emilie Gudger	Richard & Peggy Oleson	Jason & Jenny Champion
Assisting Minister		Myra Rissmiller	Kris Hebeisen	Paulette Alderfer	Allen Bleick	Brenda Kviten
9:30 AM						
Greeters		Ed & Judy Roberts	Lou & Lee Oswald	Marie Arnold, Robert Luebke	Jim & Sharon Samples	Ken & Ruth Clark
Acolyte		Jaylin Lucier	Peyton Brenneman	Alex Johnson	Taylor Hillhouse	Kyle Renner
Lay Reader		Jennifer Lucier	Kristin Brenneman	Meredith Bauer	Allison Frink	Trina Hutchison
Communion Assist.		Pam Strong	Trina Hutchison	Angela Renner	Brenda Kviten	Deborah Johnson
Altar Guild		Kay Abramson	Linda Ferentini	Anne Archer-Johnson	Gail Tverberg-Setzer	Linda Ferentini
Ushers		Dan Alvarado, Ruth Clark	Tony Endozo, Ronnie Ferentini	Damon Garges, Tyler Garges	David R. Johnson, Kyle Johnson	Kevin Gardner, Lynna Wilke
		Richard & Sherry Costello	Jeff & Sharon Lentz	Tervor Winnett, Steven Setzer	Jeff Hovda, Vic Johnson	Michael & Ginny Slifcak
		Sharon Samples, Manuel Torres	Jeff & Kristin Brenneman	Sue Pence, Nancy Dias	Steve & Beth Ebert	Eric & Sheila Ficken
Fellowship						
11:00 AM						
Greeters		Max Epling, Mike Angalet	Keith & Laurie Porter	Karen Britts, Jennifer Taylor	Geoff Morton, Paul Cheng	Keith & Laurie Porter
Acolyte		Daniel Koger	Jared Homer	Carlisle Epstein	Ben Angalet	Abbi Heintz
Crucifer		Mitchell Koger	Anna Angalet	Mitchell Koger	Anna Angalet	Daniel Koger
Lay Reader		Lisa Morton	Lyn Thaxton	Holly Jones	Pattie Newton	Melinda Mundis
Communion Assist.		Susan Epling	Pam Hough	Kelly Burleson	Dewey Newton	Karen Britts
Altar Guild		Vernee Zagel, Virginia Mille	Debbi St. Germain	Virginia Mille, Vernee Zagel	Karre Jo Cromwell	Pattie Newton
Ushers		Frank Avis, Geoff Morton	Karre Jo Cromwell, Rob Homer	Frank Avis, Dan St. Germain	Michael & Diane Kniffin	Sydney Torres, Dave Mundis
		Dewey & Pattie Newton	Dave Mundis, Sydney Torres	Mike McCoy, Pete McCoy	Nolan Rinderknecht, Randy Rinderknecht	Jared Homer, Dan St. Germain
Counters		Madison & Meredith Bauer, Scot Bauer	Sharon Bost	Scott Burleson	Janice Cady	Susan Bonds, Paul Christensen
		Robert Luebke, Bruce O'Neal	Don Wright	Holly Jones, Al Reynolds	Patty Smith	David A. Johnson, Pam Strong
Fellowship		Mimi Flynt, Tammy Lupien	Gai Lynn McCarthy, Reba	Sandy Cerstvik, Tammy	Max & Susan Epling	Mimi Flynt, Gai Lynn
Assisting Minister		John Bost	Melinda Mundis	Paul Christensen	Debbi St. Germain	John Bost

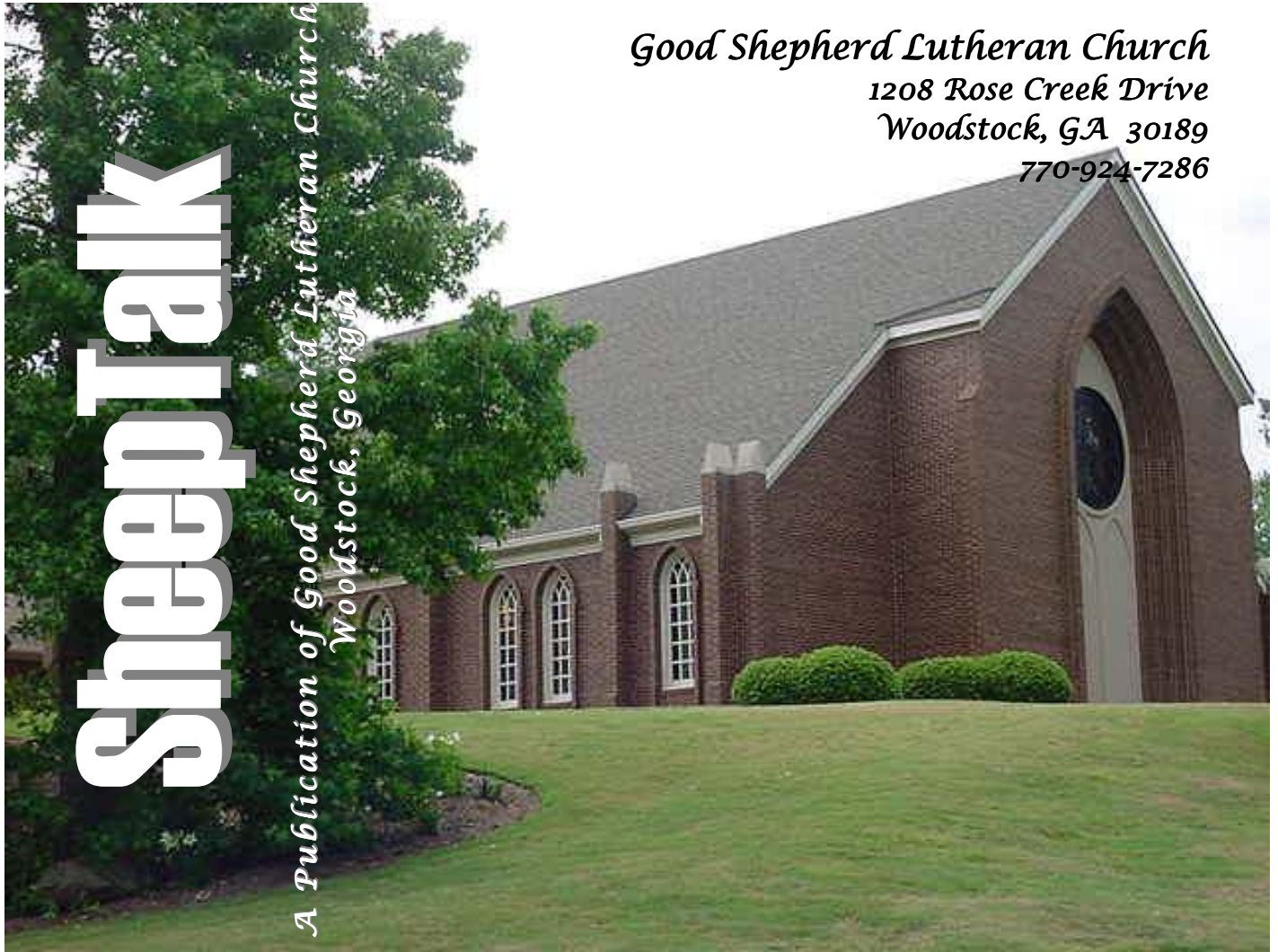
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 11:00 AM Lectionary Gospel Lessons 5:00 PM SheepTalk Meeting</p>
<p>2 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Praise Service 9:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM SheepTalk Meeting 7:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Pastor Justin's Day Off 9:30 AM Crossways Bible Study 5:30 PM Jubilate Ringers 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Pack 94 Den Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir 6 PM Personnel</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM SheepTalk Meeting 12:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 11388 6:00 PM GS Troop to be named 7:00 PM Conference 5 Meeting 7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM Wed Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Shepherd's Choir 7:00 PM SheepTalk Meeting 7:00 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Fall Fair Meeting</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #11446 6:30 PM Saints and Sinners 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>7 Pastor Paul's Day Off Lutheridge: Michelle & Justin Out 5:30 PM GS Troop 2870</p>	<p>8 Lutheridge: Michelle & Justin Out 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 11:00 AM Lectionary Gospel Lessons</p>
<p>9 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship 8:00 AM Confirmation/FX3 Lutheridge Retreat Lutheridge: Michelle & Justin Out New Member Sunday 9:30 AM Praise Service 9:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Yarn Angels 7:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>10 Lutheridge: Michelle & Justin Out 9:30 AM Crossways Bible Study 3:45 PM Brownie Troop 11378 5:30 PM Jubilate Ringers 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Pack 94 Den Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 SE Synod Leadership Convocation 12:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2753 7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</p>	<p>12 SE Synod Leadership Convocation 9:30 AM Wed Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Shepherd's Choir 7:00 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Fall Fair Meeting</p>	<p>13 Michelle Out SE Synod Leadership Convocation 5:00 PM Brownie Troop 20409 6:30 PM Saints and Sinners</p>	<p>14 Michelle's Day Off Newsletter Deadline Pastor Paul's Day Off Michelle Out</p>	<p>15 Michelle Out 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 7843 11:00 AM Lectionary Gospel Lessons</p>
<p>16 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship Consecration Sunday CYP Training Class 9:30 AM Praise Service 9:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM Sunday Night Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Pastor Justin's Day Off 9:30 AM Crossways Bible Study 5:30 PM Jubilate Ringers 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Pack 94 Den Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18 12:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 11388 6:00 PM GS Troop to be named 7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous 7:00 PM Jr. Service League 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 9:30 AM Wed Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Shepherd's Choir 7:00 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Fall Fair Meeting</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #11446 6:30 PM Saints and Sinners</p>	<p>21 Michelle's Day Off Pastor Paul's Day Off 5:30 PM GS Troop 2870 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00 AM Fall Fair 11:00 AM Lectionary Gospel Lessons</p>
<p>23 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Traditional Worship Confirmation/FX3 9:30 AM Praise Service 9:30 & 11 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00 PM Confirmation Banquet</p>	<p>24 Pastor Justin's Day Off 9:30 AM Crossways Bible Study 3:45 PM Brownie Troop 11378 5:30 PM Jubilate Ringers 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Pack 94 Meeting 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 12:00 PM Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2753 7:00 PM Emotions Anonymous</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Child's Play Halloween Parade & Party 9:30 AM Wed Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Shepherd's Choir 7:00 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM Child's Play Halloween Parade & Party 10:00 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:00 PM Brownie Troop 20409 6:30 PM Saints and Sinners</p>	<p>28 Michelle's Day Off Pastor Paul's Day Off</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 11:00 AM Lectionary Gospel Lessons</p>
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