



HAPPENING NOW

- **Sing into Spring**, 6 p.m., **February 15.**
- **Habitat Build**, Noon, **February 18.**
- **Confirmation and FX3**, 12:30 p.m., **February 19.**
- **Making Sense of the Cross Conversation** begins 7 p.m., **February 21.**
- **Ash Wednesday Services** Noon and 7:30 p.m., **February 22.**
- **Lenten Supper, Youth Fundraiser**, 6:30 p.m., **February 22.**
- **Making Sense of the Cross Conversation** begins 10 a.m., **February 23.**
- **CPR Training**, 2:30 p.m., **February 26.**
- **Making Sense of the Cross Conversation** begins Noon, **February 28.**
- **Lenten Services** Noon and 7:30 p.m., **February 29.**
- **Lenten Supper, Facilities/Maintenance & Fellowship** 6:30 p.m., **February 29.**

Lent 2012

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

“God’s Story. Our Story.” continues during Lent, Holy

Week and Easter as our study of Mark’s Gospel leads us to the crucifixion and resurrection

of Jesus. In addition to the Mark narrative, we will consider some of the major characters of the story during our Wednesday worship services. Those services will be at noon and 7:30 p.m. beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 22.**

We encourage members, committees and organizations to unplug for Lent from as many distractions as possible to give priority attention to scripture and worship. We seek to schedule as few business or fellowship opportunities as possible because of the increased



opportunities for worship and Bible Conversation.

During Lent, three of our Bible Conversation Groups will read “Making Sense of the Cross” by David Lose. Join Michelle Tuesdays at 12 p.m., Pastor Justin Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or Pastor Paul Thursdays at 10 a.m. At our 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Suppers, we will view brief video presentations by Dr. Lose based on the book. If you would like a copy of “Making Sense of the Cross” please sign the book order form at Sign Up Central. Cost is \$12.

Soup and Salad Suppers—Yum!

Wednesday evening Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers take place **February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28.**

The meal is served from 6-7 p.m. Different committees host the suppers. If you are on one of the committees below, indicate on the sign up sheet (at Sign-Up Central) that you will bring soup on your committee’s date. Everyone

else is asked to bring a salad or simple side dish. Rolls, crackers, and beverages are provided.

HOST GROUPS:

- February 22
Youth provides all food as a fundraiser — freewill offering
- February 29
Facilities/Maintenance, Fellowship

- March 7
Christian Ed, Community Outreach
- March 14
Youth provides all food as a fundraiser — freewill offering
- March 21
Finance, Mutual Ministry, Personnel
- March 28
Stewardship, Worship & Music



• I would like to personally thank you for your contribution to MUST in the amount of \$1,250 dated December 2, 2011. I know that there are many causes worthy of your financial support, and MUST is truly grateful for your conscious choice to support us as we fulfill our mission of serving our neighbors in need. Thank you again, on behalf of the thousands who benefit from your generosity in support.

— Dr. Dwight "Ike" Reighard
President and CEO of MUST Ministries

• Thank you for coordinating the Saturday, January 12 blood drive. You may be interested to know that 59 donors registered, 5 donors were deferred, and 54 units were collected! 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.

— Jenny Reedy

Red Letter Jesus

Join God's Little Achers on **Sunday, March 4** at the Theater in the Square, Marietta for a performance of "Red Letter Jesus."

"Red Letter Jesus" is Brad Sherrill's captivating new

performance of the red letters of Jesus from the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) performed with an original multimedia presentation including stunning imagery captured

throughout Israel and Jordan.

We'll meet at 1 p.m. for lunch and then attend the 2:30 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$24. Sign up at Sign-Up Central to attend.

Have You Been Saved?

February is American Heart Month and GSLC's Community OutREACH offers a CPR/AED Certification class on **Sunday, February 26**, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The class, instructed by HeartSavers is three hours and covers child and adult CPR as well as training on use of an

AED. Each participant practices on their own mannequin. On completion of the course, certification is valid for two years.

Please sign up at Sign up Central. Cost is \$25 (due on arrival for class). A total count is needed to ensure the

correct number of mannequins.

If you have never been certified or need a renewal, don't hesitate...now is the time! You may one day SAVE A LIFE! For further information about the class, visit HeartSaversCPR.com.

Welcome New Members!



Laurie Hilgert moved to Acworth in 2005 from San Diego, California. She is a senior property manager for commercial office buildings. She typically attends the 9:30 a.m. service with her children, **Alexa** and **Jake Tomlinson**, who also joined, and Bryanna Botner who was baptized at GSLC last year. Laurie enjoys running and scrapbooking.



Paul Evans lives in Canton with his wife JoAnn. They have two children and two grandchildren. Paul usually attends the 8 a.m. service. He is retired but consults with the Department of Energy. He is a life-long Lutheran from birth and has served on council at nine Lutheran congregations.

Bible Tutor

Did you know that Good Shepherd's website provides access to a Bible tutorial? Visit the **Open the Bible** page from our homepage: gslutheran.org. At the bottom of the page is a "click here" button for Bible Tutor and follow the instructions. Bible Tutor was developed by Dr. Craig Koester, one of the Luther Seminary faculty working with our Biblical Fluency Project. Bible Tutor is user friendly, offers two levels of learning, and has self-tests that you can do to check your learning. It's a great tool for beginners as well as those who have spent years studying the Bible.



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Break Through

Break Through, the Middle School Youth of Good Shepherd, extends its thanks for the generous donations received for their December Christmas project. Almost \$500 was collected and used to purchase gifts for the Goshen Valley Boys Ranch in Waleska.

In December the youth and chaperones spent the afternoon bringing Christmas cheer to the residents of the ranch. They had a cookie swap and made six large cookie trays to take to each home at the

ranch. Then the group traveled to Walmart where they purchased two portable basketball goals, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs; baseball bats, and more! The gifts were loaded into cars and taken to the ranch. Zach Blend, coordinator of Goshen Valley Boys Ranch, spent time educating our youth about the ranch. The gifts and cookie trays were delivered and the youth had

fun meeting with the house parents and boys who lived in one particular home.

Thank you again to everyone who made a donation, to our chaperones, and to our youth for making this special day happen!



Above — members of GSLC's Break Through Middle School Youth Group in December.

Wild Women Weekend

Adult women of all ages and life situations have an opportunity to gain strength and vision for the new year; deepen fellowship with women you know; or find friendships in Wild Women from across the South East. Resurrection is this year's Wild Women Weekend theme. We will encounter Bible Women surprised by

new life, and discover the power of death and resurrection for ourselves today.

There are still openings for Wild Women Weekend at Lutheridge. If you missed the 1st sign up, or if that weekend was not a good date for you, let's try to get a few of us together for March 9—11.

Cost per person is \$185 (includes two night's lodging, all meals, and on-site program costs)

Please contact Tammy Olsen at tammyolsen@comcast.net if you are interested or for more information visit www.11mi.net/adult/WildWomen.aspx.

Open the Bible

A variety of Bible Conversations continue at Good Shepherd. Know that you are welcome to join any of our current discussions!

Biology and Beliefs
9:30 a.m., Sunday

Adult Bible Study
11 a.m. Sunday

Crossways
9:30 a.m., Mondays

Ladies Lunch and Learn –
Noon, Tuesdays
Making Sense of the Cross
Begins February 28

Making Sense of the Cross
begins Tuesday, Feb. 21
at 7 p.m.

Word on Wednesday
The Greatest Story
9:30 a.m.

Making Sense of the Cross
Begins February 23
10 a.m. Thursdays

The Greatest Story
11 a.m. Saturdays

First Communion Celebration

We rejoice with the following who celebrated First Communion in February:

- William Glenn Brenneman,*
- Nicholas Lawrence Castel, Emily Grace Condra, Evan Lucas Graham, Parker Thomas Heibesen,*
- Ryan Shayne Hensley, Kyle Alan Hillhouse, Maggie Elizabeth Hughes,*
- Natalia Rose Kraft, Olivia Nicole Myers, Christopher Jonathan Olsen,*
- Wade Joseph Pirkel, Jamerson Alexander Riva, Courtney Brooke Swinford,*
- Alexa Jordan Tomlinson, Jake Edward Tomlinson,*
- Analiese Mae Wrye*

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- Lenten Services Noon and 7:30 p.m., **March 7.**
- Lenten Supper, Christian Ed & Community Outreach 6:30 p.m., **March 7.**
- Wild Women's Weekend begins **March 9.**
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., **March 10**
- **Bishop Gordy preaches March 11.** Lunch to follow.
- Yarn Angels, following the 11 a.m. service, **March 11**
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., **March 13**
- Lenten Services Noon and 7:30 p.m., **March 14.**
- Lenten Supper, Youth Fundraiser 6:30 p.m., **March 14.**
- Tai Chi Classes, 6:30 p.m., **March 19**

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SERVING NORTH COBB AND CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMUNITIES. JOIN US!

8 A.M. TRADITIONAL

9:30 A.M. PRAISE

11 A.M. TRADITIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AND 11 A.M.

We're on the Web!
gslutheran.org

GSLC Helps Build Habitat House!



Left — area churches participate in the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Habitat for Humanity Build in Woodstock. GSLC member Max Epling, 2nd from left, regularly participates in the builds.

Members from GSLC faithfully trek to 322 Village Chase in Woodstock every Saturday to assist with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Habitat for Humanity House. Volunteers are always welcome — and needed. No experience

necessary, but bring your tools if you have them! In February, the build takes a break during the Cherokee County School Winter Break, but construction resumes on March 17. Members from GSLC are needed at Noon to help with siding and drywalling.

In May, there'll be a special Youth Day when kids under age 16 can help with landscaping.

If you'd like to assist, contact Max Epling or Greg Hayes or sign up at Sign-Up Central.



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