



News You Can “Ewes”

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HAPPENING NOW

- Pastor Paul on Vacation through May 23
- Forever Fed Meal Prep, Noon, May 16
- End of year Sunday School Party, May 17
- Faith Stepping Stones: Graduates, All Services, May 17
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., May 19
- Pentecost Sunday, May 24
- Office Closed for Memorial Day, May 25
- Congregational Conversation, 10 a.m., May 26
- Congregational Conversation, 7 p.m., May 27
- Congregational Conversation, 5 p.m., May 30
- Guest Pastor, Bishop Grabow, May 31
- Congregational Conversation, 12:30 p.m., May 31

Congregational Conversations

By now, all members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church should have received a letter from Council President, Jaime Escamilla and Senior Pastor, Paul Baumgartner. Below are excerpts from the letter. Please contact the church office, 770-924-7286 if you did not receive your copy.

It is possible that in the very near future the United States Supreme Court will legalize same-gender marriage in all states. In order to best address that ruling as it applies to our congregation, should it occur, the congregation Council has been studying available resources. Because we continue to acknowledge that faithful people can and will come to different conclusions about what constitutes responsible action, the congregation Council is also inviting input from the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It is our hope that you will attend one of the scheduled sessions:

*10 a.m., Tuesday, May 25
7 p.m., Wednesday, May 27
5 p.m., Saturday, May 30
12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 31*

The scheduled session are intended for the council and pastors to listen to you. Each of the pastors will make a statement of how they view this issue and then members will have an opportunity to likewise state their views. The meetings will not be for the purpose of changing each other's minds. Because we continued to acknowledge that faithful people can and will come to different conclusions about what constitutes responsible action in response to same-gender couples seeking marriage, the purpose of the sessions will be to speak and to listen so that the council and pastors may discern the best path for us going forward.

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, or are hesitant to speak in a group setting, you are also invited to speak to a Council Member or one of the pastors individually.

For information on the ELCA 2009 “Human Sexuality Gift and Trust” Social Statement go to: <https://www.elca.org/en/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Human-Sexuality>.



New Wine, an interfaith music and drama troupe of high school students from St. Cloud, Minnesota will be offering a performance of their musical, “The Family,” at Good Shepherd on **Friday, June 19**. New Wine is based out of a Lutheran church in Minnesota and is comprised of 40 students representing several schools and churches of varying denominations.

“The Family” is a full-length contemporary Christian musical centered around the question, “What does it mean to be a family?” Beginning with teenagers wanting their freedom and parents desiring respect, the show evolves to a much wider message of mutual love and respect for the family of God.

Come enjoy a great family evening! Dinner by our own Chef Michael Epstein will be served at 5:30 followed by the performance at 7 p.m. There are no tickets required and no charge to attend—just a freewill offering at the door! All are welcome! Sign up at Sign-Up central or see Pastor Justin for more information.

Ladies Night Out takes place on **Tuesday, May 19** at 7 p.m. at the Gondolier Restaurant in Woodstock on Highway 92 and Main Street. Contact Jennifer Taylor for details.

Council Update, April 2015

Discussions

- Financial Secretary Mike Angalet reported that March 2015 giving was above annualized budget.
- Treasurer Mary McCoy reported that net cash flow is below budget by \$2660. There were several one-time expenses that occurred in March.
- The council approved the Audit Committee members of Ruth Clark, Karen Ferg and Lexi Desrosiers
- The council continues to have conversation regarding the upcoming Supreme Court Hearing on same sex marriages
- The council reviewed the annual meeting process and recommendations for changes were discussed

Accolades

- Everyone who assisted with the outside clean-up and pine straw day
- Everyone who assisted and donated food for the Easter brunch
- Jaime Escamilla, Holly Jones, Paul Christensen and Mike McCoy for taking part in the LSG Friends in Hope Visitation to Stewart Detention Center
- Paulette Alderfer, John Bost, Nolen Rinderknecht, Holly Jones and Bruce O'Neal for presenting during Lenten Services

Special May 31 Guest Pastor

Be sure to come to the 8, 9:30 or 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 31 to hear our special guest pastor, Michael Grabow, Regional Bishop for Augsburg and Schwaben districts in Augsburg, Germany. We are delighted that Bishop Grabow will stop by GSLC during his visit to the US. His message that day will come from Numbers 6:24-26 as found in the German Lectionary.

Give-A-Kid-A Chance!

*“Love one another, as I have loved you”
– John 13:34*

We have the opportunity to share the love for the school children in our community by collecting for the annual Give-A-Kid-A-Chance backpack program in April and May. The Community Outreach Committee of GSLC will once again be providing 150 backpacks filled with all the necessary school supplies for needy children in Cherokee County for only \$15 each. Rather than shop for supplies, we are requesting that Good Shepherd members support the program with donations only. There will be a box in the narthex for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Crittenden at gina@gcrittenden.com or Christine Rea at ckgrea@yahoo.com.



VBS Week – June 15-19 (9 a.m. -Noon)
Ages: Children entering Pre-K to 6th Grade
Cost: FREE!

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School, children from age four (as of September 1, 2015) through rising 6th graders will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience God's love in action. During VBS at "G-Force: God's Love in Action," children will explore how to serve God and others with active love. After a high-energy opening assembly at the G-Force Zone, kids make their way to the Scripture Zone. Interactive Bible lessons reveal five Action Words for following God's plan for our lives, and children will discover Velocity Verses, Bible memory verses that will move them in their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Zone, singing new music at the Music Zone, exploring science activities at Science Zone, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Zone, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Zone.

GSLC VBS is FREE and includes snacks, crafts and a commemorative tee shirt. Registration forms are available by calling the church, (770) 924-7286 or at www.gslutheran.org. Join Good Shepherd VBS this year for lots of summer fun! Space is limited, so register early!

Thank you!

Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for the remarkable generosity you have once again showed us. We were overwhelmed by the many blessings we received at the baby shower. As we eagerly await the arrival of our daughter we are grateful for your support and excitement. We can't wait for you to meet her so she can experience firsthand the wonders of this community and the love of the body of Christ.

Pastors Justin & Seyward



Above, Pastors Seyward and Justin open their gift from the GSLC Congregation – the crib they wanted!

HAPPENING LATER

- Kristin Brenneman vacation June 1-5
- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., June 4
- Southeastern Synod Assembly, June 5-7
- Habitat for Humanity Build, 8 a.m.—3 p.m., June 6
- Yarn Angels, Noon, June 7
- Two-Can Sunday, June 7
- Mission Trip Meeting, 7 p.m., June 7
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., June 9
- Kathy Gunn vacation June 10-18
- Faith Formation Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., June 11
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., June 13
- FREE Vacation Bible School, June 15-19

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8 A.M. TRADITIONAL

9:30 A.M. PRAISE

11 A.M. TRADITIONAL

6 P.M. "THE BRIDGE" - CONTEMPORARY, LAID-BACK
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.

"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.

Summer Service Trips

The youth of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are preparing for another summer of service. An informational meeting for youth and their parents will take place in Fellowship Hall on June 7 after The Bridge service at 6 p.m.. High School youth will travel to the rural community of Oaks, Oklahoma to serve from June 20-27. The Middle School youth are again returning to Nashville, Tennessee to work from July 6-11. Please remember the youth in your prayers and plan to join them for lunch as they share stories and pictures after worship on July 12.



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