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HAPPENING NOW

- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., September 3
- Two-Can Sunday, September 6
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., September 6
- Yarn Angels, Noon, September 6
- Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed, September 7
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., September 8
- Saints and Sinners, 6:30 p.m., September 9
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., September 9
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., September 10
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., September 12
- “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, September 13
- Stewardship Committee, 7 p.m., September 14
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., September 15



“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **On Sept. 13, 2015 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!

Serving a Meal at The Extension: Join us later in the afternoon as we venture down to The Extension, a residential recovery program serving homeless men and women of Cobb County who suffer from alcoholism and other addictions, to help prepare and serve a hot meal to their residents. Meet at GSLC at 4:30 to carpool to The Extension where we will use their facilities to prepare the meal, serve, and participate in a brief worship service with the residents. Sign-up at Sign-up Central.

Toiletry Kits for Shelter Guests: Join us here at GSLC and spend some time preparing toiletry kits for shelter guests to be divided between MUST ministries and Redeemer Lutheran Church to distribute to those in need in the coming months. Activity begins at GSLC at 12:30. Feel free to bring donated supplies such as toothbrushes and travel size toiletry items such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and disposable razors. Travel size toiletry items will also be provided. Sign-up at Sign-up Central.

Decorating Hats for Ronald McDonald House: Join us here at GSLC to help brighten the day of pediatric cancer patients by bringing a little pizzazz to their wardrobe. All materials will be provided to help jazz up and give character to colorful baseball hats that will be donated to various pediatric cancer organizations around Atlanta via our local Ronald McDonald House. Activity begins at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up at Sign-up Central.

If you can’t join us offsite or for the afternoon for GWOH Sunday you can still participate in our efforts by donating toothbrushes, disposable razors, deodorant, and travel size toothpaste and shampoo. Donations will be collected in the Fellowship Hall at Sign Up Central.

New Series Begins at

“The Bridge”



Starting September 6, The Bridge begins a new three-week focus on faithful questions. Have you ever wondered with all the differences between people and denominations of the Church if Christians can ever really be a united people? How can we journey faithfully with people who disagree with us? Or maybe you’ve always wondered why Lutherans baptize babies. Are babies really ready to be baptized? Or how about reading the Bible? How can we make sense of passages that seem to contradict each other? Come to worship for all or any of the upcoming Sundays at 6 p.m. as we ponder these questions as a worshiping community gathered around the table of Christ. There will be plenty of snacks, so come at 5:45 to hang out before worship.

- September 6: Can Christians really be united?
- September 13: Why do Lutherans baptize babies?
- September 20: How should we read the Bible?

September Sessions

Confirmation and FX3 meet September 6 and September 20 for pizza lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by individual groups.

Yarn Angels will meet September 6 after the 11 a.m. service in Room 116.

Needlework Friends meets Saturday, September 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Myrtle Beeler. Contact Myrtle at 678-402-5840 or myrtle.beeler@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out takes place on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. at Hana Steakhouse located in the Publix shopping center at the intersection of Highway 5 and East Cherokee Drive. Contact Jennifer Taylor for details.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Like many refugee families, No Lian is the sole provider for his family of five. He feels blessed because, where he is from, there are so many in need that no one qualifies for assistance. Although he is happy to be here in America, making ends meet has been very difficult. Currently, the family lives in Clarkston, and No Lian is employed by Tyson Foods, where he began working shortly after his arrival in Georgia, more than three years ago. No Lian says he is really grateful to be in the United States, and looks forward to moving his family into a place where there are not as many break-ins, so they can all feel safer. He also says no matter how much he pays, he will never own the apartment he lives in today; but with hard work and the help of Habitat for Humanity, one day he will be able to say that he is truly a homeowner.

No Lian’s story is why we ask you to participate in the Ecumenical Thrivent Financial Build at Park Creek, Hickory Flat Hwy/140, Woodstock on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by anytime or sign up for a shift at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4bafad2baaf58-313village1>. See Max Epling for more details.



Two-Can Sunday

Don’t forget to bring your two cans of food for our hunger initiatives on Sunday, September 6!



Above—Empty Nesters attended a Rome Braves game in August. The Empty Nesters are a group that welcome everyone, but typically participants do not have young children living at home. Join them for their next event!

Empty Nesters

SAVE the DATE—SEPTEMBER 12! “Gimme Abbey” a Summer Concert in the park in downtown Woodstock! It is free, fun, and you don’t even really need to RSVP! Geoff Morton may need some help getting chairs out that morning to save our spot....more details on that as we get closer. Last year everyone brought an appetizer or dessert to share and own beverages and it was great.

SEPTEMBER 19 – Let’s Return the Blessing with SERVICE!! Let’s volunteer with “Forever Fed”... those that participated in June really enjoyed it! Forever Fed’s website is great and will tell you more about their ministry if you are interested. Go to www.foreverfed.org. There are two opportunities that day....prep the meal at kitchen they use at Hillside (12 -3 p.m.) and/or help serve at their “block party” in Canton (5:30-7:30 p.m.). Minimally it looks like they still need 5-6 helpers for prep and 8-10 helpers for the evening. Please email Lisa or Geoff Morton ASAP if you are interested and in which time of day...even if you are not 100% certain you can do it, we are trying to gauge the Empty Nester Group’s ability to fill the rest of their needs for that day!

Council Notes August 2015

Discussions

- Financial Secretary Mike Angalet reported that July was the worst giving month in the past five years. Currently income is running \$6,963 behind budget
- The Stewardship campaign will be have “Return the Blessing with Offering” in August and “Return the Blessing with Service” in October
- The Personnel Policy was recently reviewed and revisions were approved by council vote
- The council voted to reduce Child’s Play rent to \$3000/month for the 2015-2016 school year
- The council continued their conversations on Same Gender Marriage
- All Committee Meeting is set for September 1, 2015
- The 2016 Budget process has begun. Each committee will be meeting to discuss and submit budget requests for 2016
- The audit committee has begun their review and will have a report by the end of the year

Accolades

- Kristin Freeman and all VBS volunteers and organizers for another successful week of teaching 97 wonderful children in our community
- Michael and Karen Epstein, Patrick Swinford, Jaime Escamilla and everyone who assisted in preparing and serving the meal to welcome the New Wine performers from Minnesota
- All volunteers who helped with the MUST summer lunches
- Tony Endozo, Ron Mixon, Tim and Karen Ferg, Mary McCoy, Lynn Torres, Mike McCoy, Kathleen Duclos, Carrie Escamilla and Patrick Swinford who made this year’s High School and Middle School mission trips a success
- Michael and Karen Epstein for the wonderful lunch for the mission Trip presentations
- All guest speakers, master of ceremonies and Pastor Paul for helping make The Bridge service a success while Pastor Justin was on parental leave
- Lori Peters, Dalton Hutchison, Bettina Miller, Michael Epstein, Al Reynolds, Patrick Swinford, Kitty Sienkiewicz, Steve Gould, Sheila and Matthew Ficken for making the Sunday at the Lake service a success

HAPPENING LATER

- Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., September 16
- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., September 17
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., September 20
- Pastor Justin on vacation, September 25—September 30
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., September 29

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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.

Pastor Paul's
Thursday Morning
Bible study begins a
new study on the
book of Genesis on
September 10
at 10 a.m.
All are welcome!

Let's All Go the Ballgame!

24th Annual Lutheran Night at the Braves!

Atlanta Braves vs New York Mets
September 12 — 7:10 PM game time

Upper Box seats - \$17 Car Parking - \$10.00
Great family event!

To join our group, sign up at Sign-Up Central or contact
Sandy Cerstvik @770-928-4627 or sugarbear0123@comcast.net

Deadline for Tickets is Wednesday, Sept. 9



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