



HAPPENING
NOW

- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., September 17
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., September 20
- Bag Lunch Assembly, September 24
- Pastor Justin on vacation, September 25—September 30
- Outreach Committee, Noon, September 27
- Finance Committee, 7 p.m., September 28
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., September 29



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Stewardship Challenge

A challenge has been made to you, Good Shepherd members. Recently you heard that we were \$7,000 behind expected giving at the end of July. An anonymous challenger has stepped forward and said he will take care of half of that amount if the rest of you can make up the other \$3,500!! If you accept this friendly challenge, please put your contributions in the mail slot by Kathy Gunn's office and mark them "The Challenge." It's a fun and effective way to take care of that bump in the road.

Unfortunately at end of August we were \$16,000 behind expected giving—so it's an even larger bump than it was. Now that's *really* a challenge!

Outreach Opportunities!

God's work.
Our hands.

On **Thursday, September 24**, Good Shepherd will provide 200 bag lunches to the children of Hidden Falls Mobile home park as a coordinated effort to provide lunches to these children during fall break. We will need several volunteers that morning to help us assemble the lunches. Sign up at Sign-Up Central.

There will be an Outreach meeting on **Sunday, September 27** after the 11 a.m. service. If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd's Outreach program and our plans for the remainder of the year and 2016 we invite you to join us in Room after the service.

Summer Mission Trip Planning

It's time to start thinking about the summer of 2016 and that means youth mission trips. This year the high school youth head to Washington DC from July 2-10. Middle school youth are changing things up as well and after years of serving in Nashville will head to Savannah from June 19-24. There is much more information to share about these trips so please plan to attend the informational meeting on Sunday October 18 at 5 p.m.

Under 18...

Confirmation and FX3 meet October 4 and October 18 for pizza lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by individual groups.

Shepherd's Choir, for kids in kindergarten—3rd grade, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. to sing, dance and learn about God's love. Shepherd's choir performs at a Christmas Eve service, takes field trips to senior facilities, and sings about once a month on Sunday mornings. Contact Denise Kelly or Thomas Eisnor for details.

Jubilate Ringers, is a beginning handbell group for those in 4th grade through adult. These ringers meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The group learns to play bells and chimes, and then performs in the community and on Sunday mornings. See Sharon Bost or Thomas Eisnor for more information.

Saints and Sinners is GSLC's high-school age youth group. They meet for dinner and activities on Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. See Pastor Justin if you'd like to participate.

Created by **God Class** for children in 5th and 6th grade takes place for six weeks beginning on October 4. This class is designed to open the door for parents to talk with their children and for the children to receive age appropriate information from a Christian perspective. If you have any questions about this class, please see Janice Swinford, Sunday School Superintendent.

Blessing of the Pets

Do you have a four legged family member that never gets to come to church but wants to? Join us at The Bridge on October 18 as we celebrate all creatures of God's creation with a special blessing ritual for pets. The service starts at 6:00, but there will be snacks for pets and humans so plan to come early to hang out at 5:45. The service will take place outside to be most hospitable to our furry friends.

Empty Nesters

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!



Two-Can Sunday

Don't forget to bring your two cans of food for our hunger initiatives on Sunday, October 4!

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Thanks to everyone who participated in the ELCA day of service, “God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday!” GSLC made toiletry kits for Action and Redeemer Lutheran Church’s shelter guests; we crafted 50 hats for kids with cancer who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House; and Sunday School classes made keychains for Lutheran Services of Georgia’s Refugee Resettlement program. In addition, a group from GSLC prepared and served a meal to 47 men at The Extension, a homeless shelter in Cobb County.



Above — Patrick Swinford and Michael Epstein man the grill at The Extension during “God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday.”

More importantly, we returned our blessings with service. Thank you!

Council Notes September 2015

Discussions

- **Financial Secretary, Mike Angalet**, reported that at the end of August the budgeted income is running a deficit of \$18,000
- **Treasurer, Mary McCoy**, reported that expenses are running at 96% of budget. The council approved a motion to include Same Gender Marriage. A letter was recently mailed to the congregation
- The council will have a special budget meeting on September 29, 2015
- Nominations for the 2016 Council were discussed and nominees will be contacted by the pastors
- An anonymous benefactor has recently come forward and will match up to \$3500 given by the congregation toward the deficit

Accolades

- The Stewardship Committee for their work on the recent Return the Blessing with Offering Campaign.
- The anonymous benefactor of the \$3500 Matching Fund Challenge.

Fire and Lost Person Drills

Sunday, October 4 the Sunday School classes will be practicing a fire drill. Saints and Sinners, our High School youth group, will practice a Lost Person Plan on October 7. Both of these are done as Good Shepherd strives to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for emergencies. If you have questions about any of our safety procedures, please see Sunday School Superintendent Janice Swinford.

Yarn Angels

Yarn Angels will meet Sunday October 4 after the 11 a.m. service in Room 116.

HAPPENING LATER

- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., October 1
- Pastor Justin on Vacation and Continuing Ed October 1-10
- Two-Can Sunday, October 4
- Yarn Angels, Noon, October 4
- Created by God Class Begins, 9:30 a.m., October 4
- Confirmation and FX3, 12:30 p.m., October 4
- Empty Nester Trip to Booth Art Museum, October 10
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., October 10
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., October 12
- Church council Meeting, 7 p.m., October 13

Ringers Needed

The Adult Handbell Choir needs a couple more ringers to complete our group! If you enjoy handbell music and are looking for a way to expand your stewardship at Good Shepherd – come join us! It's a great group for fun and fellowship. No experience necessary but some sense of rhythm is helpful!! Practice is Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Debi Radcliff – or just come Monday night!!

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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.

Men in Mission

Men in Mission is an ELCA sponsored mission for men. It provides support and guidance for the men of all ages of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in their walk with Christ and service to His ministry.

The focus of MIM is the formation of small groups (3-4 members each) meeting regularly to grow in their faith, support, and ministry. The foundation of these groups will be to focus on the study of scriptures, prayer for one another and the world, growth in true Christian fellowship through action, and helping every man to become a bold and daring follower of Jesus Christ!

We meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at GSLC except the first Wednesday of every month when we have a Social Outing. Please check the church calendar for detailed information on the location or contact Jaime Escamilla.



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