

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH



HAPPENING
NOW

- Pastor Justin at Continuing Ed October 2-10
- 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
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., October 7
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., October 8
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., October 10
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., October 12
- Church council Meeting, 7 p.m., October 13
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., October 14

GSLC Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 8 followed by congregational dinner!

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See GSLC on the Big Screen!



Let's all go to the movies! Seriously, the next time you visit

Regal Cinemas (the old Cherokee 16 movie theater located at 355 Cinema View Drive in Woodstock), be sure to keep your eyes open during the trailers for GSLC's big screen debut!

After carefully researching an array of marketing options, the Outreach Committee chose running a 30-second spot at the movie theater as a great way to let the community know about Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! The first ad specifically targets people who might be interested in The Bridge service on Sunday nights. The ad will change throughout the year based on marketing plans the committee is making. Thanks to everyone involved in making this project a reality!

With so much attention on GSLC, we will be working hard to keep our social media sites up to date and especially to welcome visitors on Sundays. In the meantime, our first ad airs October 2, so grab your popcorn, sit back and enjoy the show!

Up to the Challenge!

The Stewardship Challenge was a success! In September an anonymous challenger said he would give \$3,500—half of the shortfall of expected giving of \$7,000 — if the congregation made up the other half. Well, GSLC members got busy and overachieved by giving \$3,855! Thanks to everyone who accepted this friendly challenge. And there's more good news! Another anonymous donor gave a check for \$3,500 — so in all, \$10,855 came our way in just two weeks! You truly returned the blessing to GSLC and then some!
Thank you!

How Udderly Fantastic!

This year the Sunday School classes are again collecting money to donate to the ELCA's Good Gifts God's Global Barnyard. Our goal is to raise at least \$500 so we can purchase a cow. We currently have received \$66.69. If you have a child in Sunday School, please remember to send them with an offering, if possible. If you do not have a child in Sunday School, but would like to help us reach our goal, please see Janice Swinford, Sunday School Superintendent. If we raise more than enough, we will purchase whatever other farm animals we can. Please go to the ELCA website to look into all the wonderful things provided by donations to ELCA Good Gifts as well as the other important endeavors our church is doing in the world.

Confirmation Sunday

Good Shepherd will celebrate confirmation at the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 25**. 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 and also for our congregation. Each year these proclamations made by the youth are powerful and inspiring messages as they reflect their commitment to God. It is a special worship service that you won't want to miss.

Under 18...

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

Mission Trip Planning for 2016 — 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.

Empty Nesters

News

Please join the Empty Nesters for a docent -led tour of the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville. **THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM OCTOBER 10 to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17.**

We will meet at the museum 11 a.m. for a 30-minute tour then be free to visit the current exhibit of the Photography Guild. Cost is \$8 plus tax. Lunch is available at the Museum café or a short walk to the popular Appalachian Grille. We need to give the Museum a number for the tour so please contact Judy Roberts if you are interested in attending. Call 770-926-6500 (leave message) or write judyaroberts@comcast.net.

Make a Note...

Beginning October 8, Chancel Choir Rehearsals will now take place on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Stewardship Update



As of September 28 we have received 110 pledges totaling \$404,010. The goal of the committee is to get 100% participation or 233 pledges. Last year we received 138 pledges; let's beat last years' number!

If you have already submitted your offering pledge for 2016 – thank you!



Blessing of the Animals

Join us at The Bridge on Sunday, October 18 as we celebrate all creatures of God's creation with a special blessing ritual for pets. The service starts at 6 p.m., but there will be snacks for pets and humans so plan to come early to hang out at 5:45 p.m. The service will take place outside to be most hospitable to our animal friends.

Note: Please keep your pet on a leash or otherwise restrained. Plastic bags are available for unexpected "gifts" from our furry, feathered or scaly friends. All—and we mean all creatures great and small — are welcome!

Fall for these Events...

Needlework Friends meets Saturday, October 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Taylor (223 Orchards Circle, Woodstock) 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 Jennifer at 16788802842 or jennifer3094@windstream.net.

Ladies Night Out will next meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. at The Butcher and Bottle (the old Sixes Tavern) located at 3568 Sixes Road, in Canton.

Reformation Sunday

October 25 is Reformation Sunday and in Lutheran Churches everywhere, members recall the life and work of Martin Luther and the events of 1517 that led to the Protestant Reformation and the formation of the Lutheran Church. October 31 is the date that marks the historical commemoration of the Reformation: the day when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. As Lutherans, we are a Reformation Church and a Reforming Church.

Children and Youth Protection Class

For anyone interested in volunteering with children from nursery age through high school, there is a Children and Youth Protection class on Sunday, October 24 at 12:30 p.m. If you plan to take the class, please see Janice Swinford to let her know you will be attending.

HAPPENING LATER

- Confirmation Banquet, Noon, October 17
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., October 18
- Summer Mission Trip Meeting, 5 p.m., October 18
- Blessing of the Animals, 6 p.m., October 18
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., October 20
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., October 21
- Chancel Choir, 7 p.m., October 22
- Confirmation Sunday, October 25
- Reformation Sunday, October 25
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., October 28
- Chancel Choir, 7 p.m., October 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.

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"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,

Coming Soon from Outreach...

The fall and holiday seasons are fast approaching and the Outreach Committee at Good Shepherd has several opportunities to serve your neighbor during this time. Look for these upcoming events during October and November:

- The Christmas Shoebox Campaign benefitting Lutheran Services of Georgia's Refugee Resettlement Program is back. Currently, we need large (tennis shoe, ankle boot) shoe boxes. Please bring any boxes you may have to Fellowship Hall. Look for the boxes to become available for pickup in the weeks to come.
- The Pay It Forward Gift Card program will return later this month and run through the holiday season. Proceeds from the sales of gift cards will directly support our outreach and mission endeavors as well as help our pastors fill their "emergency" fund, so please be thinking of ways you may be able to use these cards for every day purchases, holiday gatherings, and gifts.
- We will also begin to collect thanksgiving food donations for MUST Ministries Thanksgiving campaign. More information regarding MUST's needs coming soon.



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