



## HAPPENING NOW

- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., January 9
- Council Installation at all four services, January 10
- New member orientation, session 1, 11 a.m., January 10
- FX3 and confirmation, 12:30 p.m., January 10
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., January 11
- Church council meeting, 7 p.m., January 12
- Staff meeting, 10:30 a.m., January 13
- Saints and Sinners Youth Group resumes, 6:30 p.m., January 13
- Confirmation Retreat, January 16-18

## Ladies Night

Out...takes place

**Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m.** at the Tuscany Italian Restaurant in Woodstock. Please sign up at Sign-Up Central!

## Lutheran MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 18  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church  
Stone Mountain



Join volunteers from around Metro Atlanta to serve on the national day of service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Against what seemed like impossible odds, Dr. King and scores of his fellow citizens of all races came together and, ultimately, helped bend the moral arc of the universe toward justice. The upcoming commemoration of the MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 18 is an opportunity to remember that history and re-commit ourselves as citizens by volunteering in service to one another.

The Lutheran MLK Day of Service is co-sponsored by the Lutheran Theological Center of Atlanta and the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and it benefits refugees and immigrants served by Lutheran Services of Georgia. Join others to donate and pack rice and other staple food items to stock the pantries of newly arrived refugees resettled by LSG in Georgia. Also come to engage in learning and action about how people from all faiths can help welcome refugees from around the world. Any questions? Email Melanie Johnson at [mjohnson@lsga.org](mailto:mjohnson@lsga.org).

## Thinking of Joining?

New Member Orientations begin **Sunday, January 10** at 11 a.m. in Pastor Paul's office and continue January 17 & 24. New members join on Sunday, February 7. All considering membership are invited to attend.

SESSION ONE, on January 10, explores Lutheran theology and doctrine.

SESSION TWO, on January 17, explores membership and stewardship in the Good Shepherd Lutheran congregation, the Southeastern Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

SESSION THREE, on January 24, includes review of our Children and Youth Protection Policy, and opportunities for participating at GSLC.

## Under 18...

Confirmation and FX3 meet at 12:30 p.m. on **January 10** and **January 24** for pizza lunch followed by small groups.

Saints and Sinners Youth Group resumes **January 13!**

Minions Assemble! Youth in grades 4 and 5 are invited to a Despicable Weekend at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC from January 16-18. There will be games, crafts, and lots of Minion Fun as we learn more about our faith and serving others. The weekend will be centered on a service project in the Appalachians as we team up with other Lutheran youth from the Atlanta area. Through our service project and other activities we will learn how God calls us to love and serve others. Don't miss out on a weekend of faith and fun!

Confirmation youth will attend their annual retreat over Martin Luther King weekend, January 16-18. Youth will be staying at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC and learning first hand about the elements of worship. We will join youth from Holy Trinity (Marietta) and First United (Kennesaw) as we play games, meet new friends, and have fun while learning. We are looking forward to sharing our Dodge Ball tradition with other youth and learning to play Capture The Frog from them. See Pastor Justin for more details.

## Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The 2016 Altar Flower Calendar is up and ready to be filled with dedications honoring your loved ones or celebrating special occasions.

After selecting a date on the Altar Flower Calendar (located on the bulletin board in the Administrative Hallway), it is very important that you fill out the Flower Dedication Form with all the information exactly as you would like it printed in the bulletin. Then: **PLACE THE COMPLETED FORM AND A CHECK FOR \$30** in Sharron Ryan's MAILBOX. Thank you!

## Council Update, December 2015

### Discussions

- Council officers were elected for 2016 and Committee liaisons appointed for 2016.

### Accolades

- Everyone who helped with the time, talent and treasure for the MUST Thanksgiving Campaign
- Everyone involved in the LSG shoebox Christmas campaign, especially Susan Epling for coordinating.
- All who assisted in decorating the church for Advent, especially Cynthia Christian, Donna and Gary Rollins, Peter Shultz, Sharron Ryan, Pam Hough, and Beth and Steve Ebert.
- The Stewardship Committee and Kathy Gunn for all the extra effort in providing the congregation and council updated information on the 2016 Return the Blessing Campaign.
- Ray Smith, Tony Endozo and Dalton Hutchison for their service on our Congregation Council.

## Donuts!

The 2016 sign-up calendar for donuts is posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Hallway. If you wish to, kindly select a date and sign-up. Cost is \$45 and payment can be made via check, made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support of this Fellowship opportunity!



## December YTD Budgeted Income Summary \*

Target \$688,859  
 Received \$679,078  
 Ahead/Behind (\$9,780)  
 Percent of Target 98.6%

*\* Detailed Income and Expense reports are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please see Mary McCoy, Treasurer, or Mike Angalet, Financial Secretary.*

2016 Church Council Officers

- President— Jaime Escamilla
- Vice President—John Bost
- Treasurer—Mary McCoy
- Secretary—Karen Epstein
- Financial Secretary—Mike Angalet

Church Council Committee Liaisons

- Congregational Care: Kristin Freeman
- Facilities/Maintenance: Al Reynolds
- Faith Formation: Karen Epstein  
Hailey Hovda
- Fellowship: Bettina Miller
- Finance: Mary McCoy
- Outreach: Ron Mixon
- Personnel: Robert Leubke
- Stewardship: Mike Angalet
- Worship & Music: Marci Heintz

# First Communion Instruction

First Communion instruction, for first graders and older children who have not received communion yet, will be **Sunday, January 31** from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. First communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 7**. Parents or guardians are expected to participate with their child. Sign up at Sign-Up Central.

## Studies Resume

WOW (Word on Wednesday) - Studying *The Acts of the Apostles, The Christian Community Comes Alive* by Chip Borgstadt Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

Coffee and Conversation - Studying *Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings* by Kay Richter (a study of a variety of Old and New Testament Texts) Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in the adult education room #117.

## Thank You

Good Shepherd Congregation,

Thank you for the outpouring of love and affirmation you showed us in the many gifts you gave during the Christmas season. We are deeply appreciative of all of the support you offer us throughout the year and during the celebration of Christ's birth. We wish you all a happy new year and look forward to our continued partnership in ministry.

GSLC Staff



*Pictured left — GSLC's confirmation and FX3 groups went caroling at Benton House in Woodstock in December. Thanks to everyone who participated!*

## HAPPENING LATER

- New member orientation, session 2, 11 a.m. January 17
- Southeastern Synod Martin Luther King Jr. service of commemoration, 3 p.m., January 17
- Lutheran MLK Day of Service 9 a.m.—1 p.m., January 18
- Outreach Advisory Board meeting, 10 a.m., January 19
- Endowment committee meeting, 7 p.m., January 19
- Ladies night Out, 7 p.m., January 19
- New Member orientation, session 3, 11 a.m., January 24
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., January 24
- Pastor Justin at continued Education, January 25—29
- First Communion Instruction, 9 a.m.—2 p.m., January 31

## Amazon Smiles

Good Shepherd is now a recipient of Amazon Smiles donations. If you like to shop Amazon.com, please consider directing a donation to GSLC as we receive a portion of every dollar spent shopping on Amazon. For directions and further information about Amazon Smiles contact Kristin Brenneman.

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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,



*GSLC's Men In Mission recently served meals at The Extension in Marietta. Pictured above are Men in Mission members Greg Crittenden, John Bost, Jaime Escamilla, Paul Christensen and Mike McCoy. Men in Mission meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the church library.*



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