



#### HAPPENING NOW

- Pastor Justin at LVC board April 1-3
- Outdoor Clean-Up Day, 8 a.m., April 2
- Habitat Build, 8 a.m., April 2
- Two-Can Sunday, April 3
- Yarn Angels, Noon, April 3
- FX3 & Confirmation, 12:30 p.m., April 3
- Habitat Build, 8 a.m., April 9
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., April 9
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., April 25
- Ladies Lunch at Yeero Village, 11:30 a.m., April 12
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., April 12

# News You Can “Ewes”

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## Refugee Sunday

We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities, pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people.

Today, for the first time since World War II, there are more than 50 million refugees in the world. Yet Lutherans are not discouraged: we continue to meet conflict, war, and persecution with God's love. In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939.

On **Sunday, April 24**, Good Shepherd will join with Lutheran Services of Georgia (LSG), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in celebrating the power of God's love to transform the lives of those fleeing horrifying danger. By setting aside April 24 as **Refugee Sunday** we will gather in worship to consider the plight of refugees around the world.

We will learn about the courageous and often perilous journey made by millions of refugees. We will pray for their safety and rest. We will bring an offering of life sustaining nourishment. We will listen to a message of hope given by Crispin Ilombe. We will partake in the selfless work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ and we will prepare our hearts to welcome each newcomer in Christ's name and support their new life in America.

Along with customized liturgy and prayers, we will receive a special offering of bags of rice from our members during each morning service. Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services to learn about the plight of refugees and unaccompanied minors around the world by guest speaker Melanie Johnson of Lutheran Services of Georgia. We will also have special collection bins in the Fellowship Hall, for new and gently used children's shoes, one of LSG's greatest needs right now. Following Melanie's presentation, join us in a hands on service project of creating individual rice bags for refugee families serviced by the International Rescue Committee.

## Congregational Voting Results

The resolution on purchasing and implementing ACS church software, voted on by the congregation on March 15, passed with 159 votes cast in favor of the resolution and 7 against. Please continue to be patient as we install new hardware, software and phone systems. Thanks to everyone who is working hard to bring about these great changes!

## Pay It Forward...

Beginning in April, Good Shepherd will offer the “Pay It Forward” gift card sales on a monthly basis. Orders will be taken throughout the month and then placed on the last Sunday of the month. **Profit made through the sale of Gift Cards in April and May will directly support our MUST Summer lunch service project.** Order forms can be picked up at the Outreach Communication Board in the Administration hallway.

## Give A Kid A Chance!

Good Shepherd will collect donations for Cherokee County Give a Kid A Chance program to help low-income families equip their children for the new school year. Donations will be collected during the month of April. Please look for the specially marked collection bins. If you would like to help, please contact Gina Crittenden at [gina@gcrittenden.com](mailto:gina@gcrittenden.com).

## On Break:

Please note that during Cherokee County Schools spring break, the following groups WILL NOT meet:

- Saints and Sinners will NOT meet Wednesday, April 6.
- Tuesday Lunch and Learn will NOT meet Tuesday, April 5.
- Word on Wednesday, will NOT meet Wednesday, April 6.
- Jubilate Ringers and Shepherd’s Choir will NOT meet Wednesday, April 6.

## Two-Can Sundays!

Don’t forget the first Sunday of every month is designated as Two-Can Sunday. Bring your Two-Cans on **April 3!**



## Mother’s Day Corsages

GSLC will be selling corsages for Mother’s Day benefitting The Cherokee Family Violence Center. Order information will be available in the entryway on April 10. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the corsages Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help out sign up on Sign-Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabaa2aabff2-mothers> or contact Kristin Brenneman at [outreach@gslutheran.org](mailto:outreach@gslutheran.org).

## Trying to Reach us?

You may know that Good Shepherd’s phone system died and we are working to correct that. Currently we have only two lines coming into the offices and no voice mail. That will be the situation for the foreseeable future as we want to take the time for making the best decision regarding a new system. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience. You can always email staff at:

- Pastor Paul—[pastorpaul@gslutheran.org](mailto:pastorpaul@gslutheran.org)
- Pastor Justin—[pastorjustin@gslutheran.org](mailto:pastorjustin@gslutheran.org)
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## Men's Retreat

Good Shepherd's Men in Mission (MIM) is having a retreat!

**When:** Saturday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch and refreshments provided)  
**Where:** Red Top Mountain Park, picnic pavilion #2  
**Who:** All men interested in learning more about MIM and who would enjoy a day at this beautiful park.

Please join us! Let us know you're coming by emailing paul.christensen@jbtc.com.

Men in Mission meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

## Outdoor CleanUp Day

The Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee is having a workday for spreading pinestraw and doing some yard work at the church. We will be cleaning up the planted beds and spreading pine straw. So get out your gloves, rakes, brooms and blowers and come join us on **Saturday, April 2**, from 8 a.m. until we finish. Any questions, please contact Geoff Morton at (678) 410-0107.



*Above, Michael Epstein whips up a delicious lunch at the Habitat for Humanity build on March 19.*

## Lutheran Coalition and Habitat for Humanity Build

The Teshome Family  
1357 Fair Oaks Ave., SE, Marietta

Thank You to **Michael Epstein** (pictured, left) for managing the Habitat Build lunch on March 19 and for cooking hamburgers as well as to those that contributed food items for the lunch!! Thanks to all who participated or contributed to this effort!

The build continues weekly every Saturday after Easter. Start times are 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided. GSLC's Empty Nesters will work and provide lunch on Saturday, April 19. Contact Jennifer Taylor to contribute items or to help!

Sign up to Volunteer with Good Shepherd's coordinator: Max Epling at maxepling@windstream.net or sign up by going to Sign-Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com> or sign up at Sign Up Central in the Fellowship Hall.

## Spring Into These Events

**Yarn Angels** meets **Sunday, April 3**, after the 11 a.m. service in Room 116.

**Needlework Friends** meets on **Saturday, April 9**, 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 jennifer3094@windstream.net or 678-880-2842.

**Ladies Luncheon** on **Tuesday, April 12**, at 11:30 a.m. at Yeero Village located at 4751 Sandy Plains Rd, Roswell (located on the SW Corner of Sandy Plains & Hwy 92).

**Ladies Night Out** will be on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 7 p.m. at Vespucci's Pizza & Pasta, located at 4805 Canton Rd., Marietta.

**God's Little Achers** hosts a "Movie on the Big Screen" on **Thursday, April 21** at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at GSLC. Bring a sack lunch, we'll provide the popcorn and cokes! For details, see Vernee Zagel.

## Faith Stepping Stone

All New Drivers will be acknowledged with a blessing and Good Shepherd keychain on **Sunday, April 17** at all services

## Empty Nester News

The Empty Nesters will participate in the **April 18** Habitat for Humanity Build and provide breakfast to all the workers. Please contact Jennifer Taylor or Max Epling if you can donate items or are planning on attending!

## Service Opportunity

Serve a Meal at Elizabeth Inn Shelter, Saturday, April 30 from 5:45—7:30 p.m. See Kristin Brenneman for details.

## Under 18...

**Confirmation and FX3** meet at 12:30 p.m. on **April 3 and April 17** for pizza lunch followed by small groups. Confirmation topics include "Sin" on the 3rd and "Why does God let bad things happen?" on the 17th.

## Saints and Sinners Youth Group

continues to meet every Wednesday night with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by activities. **NOTE: NO MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6.**

**Graduating Seniors:** GSLC members know graduation is a very special time in our young people's lives and would like to celebrate this occasion. The church plans to recognize graduates and pray for God's continued blessing on their lives during all three services on **Sunday, May 22**. The congregation also has a gift to present graduates on that day.

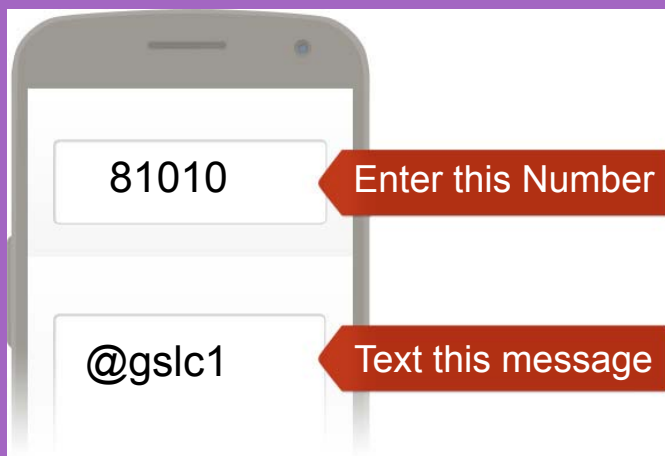
All graduates should have received a form and need to turn that in to the church by May 5. Be sure to place May 22 on your calendar and make plans to attend one of the three worship services that Sunday.

# Emergency Fund

Good Shepherd's Emergency Fund is in the red. The pastor's use this fund to attend not only to special needs in our community, but also to support special needs of our members. Please consider a contribution to this important ministry.

# Crispin Fund

Thanks everyone who contributed to "The Crispin Fund."! We are glad to announce that Jacqueline and Ahadi have been given permission to come to the US sooner than expected and your generosity helps make that possible. They will arrive in Atlanta from Belgium on Thursday, April 21. Thanks be to God for enabling this family to be permanently reunited in America! Crispin plans for the family to be with us when he is our guest preacher for Refugee Sunday on April 24. Come and meet them and congratulate Crispin on recently being awarded the first Lutheran Services of Georgia Excellency Award.



# Join Remind 101

Good Shepherd would like you to join GSLC Congregation! To receive messages about GSLC activities and events, via text, text @gslc1 to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @gslc1'.

# Council Update, March 2016

## Discussions

- Financial Secretary, Mike Angalet, reported that February 2016 income was approximately \$10,000 behind budget and \$2,500 behind 2015 figures.
- The resolution to implement ACS church software voted on at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting was approved.
- The SE Synod Assembly will be held May 27-29, 2016 in Birmingham, Alabama. Several council members, as well as the Pastors, will be in attendance.

## Accolades

- Everyone who attended and assisted with the Confirmation Retreat January 16-18.
- Those who supported and worked with the Blood Drive February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Michael and Karen Epstein, Al Reynolds and all the volunteers who assisted in the First Communion banquet January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Marci Heintz for the delicious cupcakes for Pastor Justin's birthday celebration at The Bridge.
- All the members who wrote a devotional for Lent.
- All the committees and members who brought food for the Lenten Meals.
- All the youth and their families who worked the Ash Wednesday Youth Fundraiser event and provided food. A special thank you to all members of the congregation who joined us for dinner to support the youth attending summer mission trips.
- Everyone who participated in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartburn Chili Cook-Off – from the people who entered chili into the contest, to the youth who worked the event and provided additional desserts and accompaniments, to our judges who had the formidable task of choosing the best tasting chili, to those who voted for their favorite named chili, and to all the members of the congregation who supported our youth at this fundraiser.
- Stewardship Committee and members who helped make Bishop Gordy's visit to Good Shepherd a success!



## HAPPENING LATER

- Men in Mission Retreat, 9:30 a.m., April 16
- Habitat for Humanity Build, 8 a.m., April 16
- Faith Stepping Stone—New Drivers. All services, April 17
- FX3 and Confirmation, 12:30 p.m., April 17
- Worship Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., April 19
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., April 19
- Thursday Bible Study resumes, 10 a.m., April 21
- God's Little Achers Movie, 12:30 p.m., April 21
- Habitat for Humanity Build, 8 a.m., April 23
- Refugee Sunday, April 24
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., April 25
- Mission Endowment Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., April 26
- Habitat for Humanity Build, 8 a.m., April 30

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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,

## Soles for Souls

As **Caretakers of our Community** we will continue collecting shoes during the month of April. So, get ready to do some spring cleaning and bring in those shoes to donate! Spearheaded by GSLC youth, Jacob Kish and Christian Adams, Good Shepherd has partnered with Soles4Souls to help collect new and gently worn shoes to deliver to some of the more than 400 million children and untold adults in deep poverty around the world.

Soles4Souls accepts all types of new and gently worn shoes including: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip-flops.

Bring your shoes to the bins located in the entryway and the Fellowship Hall.



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