



News You Can “Ewes”

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HAPPENING NOW

- Ladies’ Luncheon, Noon, March 8
- Church council Meeting, 7 p.m., March 8
- Lenten Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., March 9
- Lenten Service, Noon and 7:30 p.m., March 9
- Lenten Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., March 9
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m. March 12
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, March 13
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, March 13
- Hunger Walk/Run 2016 March 13
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., March 14
- Ladies’ Night Out, 7 p.m., March 15
- Lenten Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., March 16
- Lenten Service, Noon and 7:30 p.m., March 16



He Is Not Here, But Has Risen...

The 40-day journey of Lent will soon be over. During Lent, we have been returning the blessing devotionally, giving more emphasis to worship and scripture and personal meditation. We have also considered the sensory nature of the Gospel message, reminding ourselves that it involves very real human beings like us, relating to other real human beings like us, and to God. Now we travel into Holy Week, the most focused week of the Church Year. On Palm Sunday, Jesus geographically reached the end of his journey: Jerusalem. It was there that the events of Holy Week, including Jesus’ last supper with his disciples, and his crucifixion, and his burial took place. We will mark those significant events with special opportunities for worship. Jesus’ burial was no ending, however, because God raised him from the dead. At what seemed to be journey’s end, God gave a whole new beginning—to Jesus and to us. The end of the Lenten Journey is no real “end” either, but the beginning of the Easter celebration and our renewal as the baptized saints of God.

Palm Sunday—March 20
Traditional Service 8 & 11 am
Praise Service 9:30 am
The Bridge 6 pm

Maundy Thursday—March 24 at Noon & 8 pm

Good Friday—March 25 at Noon & 8 pm

Easter Sunday—March 27
Sunrise Service—7am
Traditional Service 8 & 11 am
Praise Service 9:30 am
The Bridge 6pm

Easter Breakfast

The annual Easter Continental Breakfast will be held after the 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. Please see the sign-up sheets at Sign-Up Central to volunteer to bring something. Fellowship will provide paper products, coffee, water, and juice. Join us for good food and great fellowship! Contact Kitty Sienkiewicz or Bettina Miller to assist.

Everyone deserves a good pair of shoes!

SOLES 4 SOULS

As **Caretakers of our Community** we will be collecting shoes during the months of March and 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.

Shoes keep people healthy, happy and thriving.

In many developing nations, walking is the primary mode of transportation. Every day millions are exposed to unsanitary conditions that lead to diseases such as hookworm, threadworm and the dreaded Tunga Penetrans, or “jiggers”. These diseases can lead to sickness, even death. They also keep children out of school leaving them without an education and continuing the cycle of poverty. A pair of shoes provides relief today so thousands can succeed tomorrow. With your help, we can provide a life-changing solution: a good pair of shoes.

Since 2006, Soles 4 Souls has collected and distributed 26 million pairs of shoes to those in need in 127 countries around the world and all 50 states in the U.S.

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

Learn Life-Saving Skills!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church staff will participate in CPR training on **Wednesday, March 30** at 2 p.m. Any member of the congregation who wishes to do so may participate. The class lasts approximately 2.5 hours and costs \$45. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Gunn in the church office at 770-924-7286 or office@gslutheran.org.

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!**



February YTD Budgeted Income Summary *

Target \$113,707

Received \$104,030

Ahead/Behind (\$9,677)

Percent of Target 91%

** 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.*

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

Pastor Justin—pastorjustin@gslutheran.org

Kathy Gunn—office@gslutheran.org

Meredith Hale — media@gslutheran.org

Kristin Brenneman—outreach@gslutheran.org

Janice Swinford — inreach@gslutheran.org or sundayschool@gslutheran.org

Lenten Soup and Salad

Suppers

Prior to the Wednesday Lenten services GSLC hosts Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers. The meal is served from 6-7pm. Different committees host the suppers each week. If you are on a committee below, please bring soup on your committee's date. Everyone else is asked to bring a salad or simple side dish to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide rolls, crackers and beverages.

Host Groups

March 9 — Worship & Music and Personnel

March 16 — Faith Formation and Finance



Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13! Set your clocks ahead one hour!



Lutheran Coalition and Habitat for Humanity Build

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

Build Starts – March 19

Runs for 9 Weeks

March 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, May 7, 14 & 21

Dedication – Saturday, June 4

What Can I do?

- Work 1 or more Saturdays
- Provide and/or serve breakfast (05/07) or lunch (03/19)
- Provide 100 bottles of water for volunteers
- Participate on youth day (5/21)
- Make a Donation

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/go/10c0b4fabaa2aabff2-habitat> or sign up at Sign Up Central in the Fellowship Hall.

Spring Into These Events

Ladies Night Out will be on **Tuesday, March 15**, at 7 p.m. at Mi Casa Restaurant located at 8265 Georgia 92, Woodstock.

New! Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Chicken Salad Chick, 1105 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, located at Highway 92 and Hardscrabble Road.

Needlework Friends meets on **Saturday, March 12**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Linda Rowell (114 Newcastle Walk, 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 Linda at 770-924-4869 or larowell@bellsouth.net.

Crispin Fund

Soon GSLC's Ministry Candidate, Crispin Ilombe Wilondja, will at long last be reunited with his family. All the legal aspects for Jacqueline and Ahadi's immigration are complete, and plans are being made to bring them here permanently in May. The last obstacle for them is the high price of international flight: possibly as much as \$3000. You have been incredibly generous in caring for Crispin and his family since he came to prepare for ministry with us last year, and we are so very grateful for your support. Now we would like to give him, and his family, a fresh start in America, unencumbered by financial debt. If you would like to help with these final travel expenses, please leave your contribution in Kathy Gunn's mail slot and mark it "CRISPIN FUND."



**March 13
2 p.m.**

Good Shepherd will once again partner with Lutheran Services of Georgia, and we encourage all of our members to join us on this wonderful walk through the streets of downtown Atlanta. The walk is a fantastic event bringing together people of all faiths to make a huge impact on hunger. It is an easy walking loop that begins and ends at Turner Stadium and meanders through the campus of Georgia State University and around our state capital.

For every dollar raised by Good Shepherd, 60% goes to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and its partners and 40% comes back to us for our own use against domestic hunger. Please consider walking with us or donating to our team so we can have a greater impact on fighting domestic hunger in our own backyard. The \$25 entry fee is part of our fundraising efforts and counts toward our overall contribution. If you cannot participate the day of the race, you can donate any amount you choose to our team and we will walk in your honor. If you would like to walk, please join us for a pizza lunch here at Good Shepherd before the race immediately following the 11 a.m. service and then carpool down with us.

There are three easy ways to support our efforts:

Join our Team and register as a walker or runner:

Visit www.HungerWalkRun.org. Choose "register" and select "Lutheran Services of Georgia."

Choose "Join a Team", search for our team titled "Good Shepherd" with Kristin Brenneman as our captain, and then join as a new participant.

Donate to our team electronically:

Visit www.HungerWalkRun.org. Choose "donate". Under "Donate to a team" search for our team titled "Good Shepherd" with Kristin Brenneman as our captain, and then choose "Good Shepherd" when it is found. Choose the "Donate Now" option.

Donate to our team at church:

Make a simple donation by cash or check. Simply drop your donation in a sealed envelope labeled "Hunger Walk" in the offering plate. Be sure to write "Hunger Walk" on the memo line of your check.

Congregational Meeting

March 13

The Good Shepherd Congregation Council has called a special meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, March 13**, to consider the following resolution, that we:

Purchase and implement ACS church software, the cost of which, including setup, database conversion and staff training, will be approximately \$10,000.

Over the past several years, members of the GSLC Staff, Congregation Council and Finance Committee have researched the best church software for our congregation. Our current software (Shepherds Staff) has proven to be dated and inadequate in meeting the needs of our financial recording, committees, and project groups; overly structured; and limited in its access to the staff and members of the congregation. Our current software, developed in the '80s, has done the basic job asked of it, but over the last few years ACS has emerged as the premiere church software because of its versatility, wide range of applicable packages, and use of 21st century technology.

After interviewing numerous congregations that use ACS, it was concluded that this software will best meet the needs of our congregation now and in the future. In addition to the increased flexibility and availability of the ACS software, as well as enhanced security of congregational data, it resolves two issues that the current software does not: installation and management of updates, and recovery of critical data. ACS is "web hosted," with the data residing on the secured ACS servers. ACS assumes the responsibility for all upgrades, security of the database, and back-up of the data.

At the end of 2015, the Finance Committee and Congregation Council determined that we are in a positive cash situation that will allow this expense without affecting the 2016 budget. As is our policy, the Finance Committee reviewed the details of the proposal and then recommended it to the Council.

After unanimous affirmation by our Finance Committee and the Congregation Council, because the price exceeds the Constitutional spending limit of \$5,000 for the Council, it is necessary for the Congregation to vote on this matter. Because of the extensive process by which ACS software was chosen, and the very unique and specific nature of church software, the meeting will occur in a modified form that we have used on previous occasions. The meeting will be called to order after the 8 a.m. service on March 13, at which time the resolution will be read and ballots distributed. Ballots will be distributed again after each Sunday service (9:30 and 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.), and then the meeting will be adjourned after the 6 p.m. service. Ballots will ask for a simple selection of "YES" or "NO."

You may address questions to Vice President John Bost, who has spearheaded this project, or other members of the Council at any time prior to the meeting. We thank you for your attention to, and prayerful consideration, of this matter.



Special Congregational Meeting

Welcome New Members!

Welcome New Member who joined in February!
Be sure to stop and say hello!



Drew Dickerson lives in Woodstock now, but he grew up in Chicago. As an active member of the chancel choir, hand bells and Jubilate Ringers, Drew typically attends the service when the choir is singing! Drew works as a computer systems architect, specializing in logistics management. In his spare time, he builds race cars, cooks and is an avid hockey fan!



Jeffrey and Carrie Finney have lived in Woodstock for 11 years. You can usually find them at the 9:30 a.m. service with their sons, **Ben and Joshua**. Jeff is a computer programmer and Carrie is a nurse in the cardiac lab at Northside Cherokee Hospital. When not at work, Jeff enjoys trains and scuba diving, and is a member of the Cherokee County Rescue Dive Team. Carrie likes to cook and read, and Ben is a Cub Scout!



David and Misty Hauswirth moved to Woodstock from Monterey, California with their son **Mason**. The Hauswirths usually can be found at the 9:30 a.m. service. While Misty currently works as a Mom, she also likes to read and bake. David is a hotel manager, but is also an author, novelist and script writer. They are excited to be parents to Mason and look forward to getting involved at GSLC!



Marion Janzen (above, front) was most recently a resident of Homosassa, Florida where she was a member of Nativity Lutheran Church in Weeki Wachee, Florida. She now lives in Dallas, Georgia and attends the 11 a.m. service here. Marion has two children (Diane, pictured above), five grandchildren (GSLC members Donna Garges and Beth Ebert included), and 14 great-grandchildren!!

Diane and John Mau, (above, back) moved to Dallas, Georgia from Florida. They attend the 11 a.m. service with Marion. Beth Ebert and Donna Garges are their daughters, and they also have one son. John is a retired school principal and Diane a retired school librarian. When not wrangling their 10 grandchildren, Diane enjoys sewing, quilting and reading and John collects stamps and books about Chicago and baseball.

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Michelle and Max McCall joined GSLC on February 7—be sure to welcome them!!



Mark and Karen Yerkes recently moved to Canton from Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, a town just north of Philadelphia. The Yerkes typically attend

the 9:30 a.m. service. They have three children and six grandchildren. Mark is a quality manager at Metal Coaters and Karen works in office administration—let her know if you know of any job openings! Karen enjoys gardening and walking while Mark plays men's softball and dabbles in home improvement. They are excited to get to know their new friends at Good Shepherd!!



Karen Weltz relocated to the Canton area from Louisiana. She was widowed in 2014, but she and her husband, Frank, had two sons and four grandchildren. Her sons live in Cobb County and Towne Lake! Karen attends the 11 a.m. service at GSLC. She likes to read and play bridge. Welcome!

Easter Lily Order Form

March 13 is the last day to place your order.



_____ *Number of Lilies ordered at \$10 each*

_____ *Total amount enclosed*

Please make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and note "Lilies" on the memo line.

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name _____ *Phone* _____

Please include a check made out to GSLC with your order & place in Sharron Ryan's mailbox in the library!

HAPPENING LATER

- Habitat for Humanity First Nail Ceremony and Build, March 19
- **PALM SUNDAY**, March 20 — 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- FX3 and confirmation, 12:30 p.m., March 20
- Maundy Thursday Services, Noon and 8 p.m., March 24
- Good Friday Services, Noon & 8 p.m., March 25
- **EASTER SERVICES:** 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., **MARCH 27**
- No Sunday School, March 27
- CPR Training, 2 p.m., March 30
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., March 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,

6th Annual Heart Burn Chili Cook- Off

Our 6th Annual Heartburn Chili Cook-Off was held on Sunday, February 28. There were 15 chili's entered into the contest with the winner of the Best Named Chili (as voted on by the congregation) being "Before the Wall Mexican Chili" submitted by Jaime Escamilla, and the Best Tasting Chili (as voted on by our wonderful panel of judges) "Sneaky Heat" provided by Linda and Paul Kronau. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported this wonderful event!!



Left to right - Paul & Linda Kronau (winners of best tasting chili), judges Thomas Eisnor, Grant Morris, Bishop Julian Gordy, and Jaime Escamilla (winner of best named chili).



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