



HAPPENING NOW

- **Two-Can Sunday, October 2**
- **Yarn Angels, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., October 2**
- **Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m.**
- **Dessert Bake-Off and Lunch, Noon, October 2**
- **Worship Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., October 5**
- **Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., October 8**
- **Confirmation & FX3, 12:15 p.m., October 9**
- **New Member Orientation, 3 p.m., October 9**
- **Faith Formation Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., October 10**
- **Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., October 11**
- **Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m., October 12**
- **Personnel Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., October 12**
- **World Food Day, October 16**
- **Confirmation Rehearsal, 12:15 p.m., October 16**
- **Confirmation Luncheon, 1:15 p.m., October 16**

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Reformation Sunday

October 30 is Reformation Sunday and in Lutheran Churches everywhere, in fact in Protestant Churches everywhere, members will recall the life and work of Martin Luther and the dramatic 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. He had created a list of things that seemed to be abuses, malpractices and corruption in the Roman Catholic Church, of which he was a priest. He challenged the Church to take a good look at itself. He challenged the Church to renew itself by scripture. These are still important challenges for the Church today. The very word “reformation” does not mean a static event; it is a dynamic process by which Christ continually keeps his Church alive and his disciples growing. Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world.” [Sundays and Seasons]

In 2017, the ELCA and Lutherans everywhere will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. GSLC has formed a Reformation Task Force to plan our commemoration of this historic event. You'll be learning more about Good Shepherd's plans in the coming months.

Confirmation Sunday

Good Shepherd is excited to celebrate the confirmation of youth at the 10:45 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 30**. 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 of our church, but 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.

In preparation for Confirmation Sunday, Confirmation class will meet as regularly scheduled on Sunday, October 9. Then, on October 16, those being confirmed and their parents will attend a Confirmation rehearsal and luncheon. A Confirmation retreat takes place October 22-23 (see article, page 5). Confirmation returns to its regular schedule in November.

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training takes place **Sunday, October 23**, immediately following the 10:45am service. Any youth in 3rd grade or higher who wishes to serve in this capacity is welcome — you do not need to participate in FX3 to attend. Meet Karen Epstein in the Sanctuary after the service.

Join us— literally!

New Member Orientation will take place on **Sunday, October 9**, from 3-5pm in our Library. Together we will explore Lutheran doctrine, theology and organization; membership and stewardship; our Children and Youth Protection policy; and opportunities for participating at GSLC. Presenting information will be Pastor Paul, along with Jaime Escamilla, Council President; Janice Swinford, Inreach and Sunday School Coordinator; and Kristin Brennehan, Outreach Coordinator.

If you decide to proceed with membership, we will receive new members at both of our worship services on Sunday, October 23.

Celebrate Rosh

Hashannah with us!

Join the congregants at the Bridge on **Sunday, October 2**, when they celebrate the New Year, Jewish style. It's an opportunity to find out more about the Jewish high holy day, Rosh Hashannah, which occurs October 2. Fellowship at 5:45 p.m. followed by the service at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Lunch, Italian Style

Don't forget the Faith Formation Committee of Good Shepherd invites you to a delicious Italian lunch **Sunday, October 2** after the 10:45 a.m. service. For your free-will donation to support youth programs, you'll get lunch AND a chance to sample the congregaton's best creations in the Dessert Bake-Off! Be sure to come in a "judging mood" since members of the congregation will be expected to select the dessert with the most creative name!

Council Notes, September 2016

Discussions

- Financial Secretary, Mike Angalet, reported that August giving was approximately 81% of budget, resulting in this being the lowest August within the past 5 years. To date, we are \$46,000 behind budget.
- Appointed Treasurer, Mary McCoy reported that expenses were below budgeted figures, largely due to the Associate Pastor position.
- In preparation for the November annual meeting, proposed January – June 2017 budget was prepared by the Finance committee and discussed.
- We are currently working on updating and refreshing the Good Shepherd web page. More information will be forthcoming as this process continues.

Accolades

- Everyone who donated items and participated in the "God's Work, Our Hands" activities on Sunday, September 11.
- All members for their support of the new Sunday schedule.

Getting a

New Iphone?

If you have an old Iphone laying around and would like to donate it to Good Shepherd, please call the office at 770-924-7286. We are looking for an Iphone 5 or greater to use as a camera on trips and at events. Thanks for helping us keep our members up to date on what is happening at GSLC!!

Confirmation Retreat

A Confirmation Retreat will be held from **9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 22 through 2 p.m., Sunday, October 23**. The overarching theme of the retreat addresses, "The Wilderness Temptation".

This year's retreat takes place at GSLC members Trina and Eric Hutchison's farm where there is a lot of completely fenced-in land with walking paths through a forested area, a stream, barn, horse corral and fenced-in pool.

This will be a camp out with separate areas for boys and girls. There is also an option for sleeping indoor for those that are not comfortable out under the stars. Parents can also pick up their child Saturday evening and bring back to the retreat on Sunday. Any parents who have attended CYP training are invited to chaperone this fun event!

In addition to the "Wilderness Temptation" lesson, activities will include crafting projects, hiking, games, cookouts, scavenger hunt, bonfire, outdoor movie under the stars as well as games of Quidditch in the Hutchison's horse corral that Eric has converted with Quidditch goals and more.

If you have any questions, or are interested in chaperoning please contact any of the Confirmation Leaders: Tony Endozo, Eric Hutchison, Kristin Breneman, Donna Garges, or Holly Jones.

Caretakers of Community

Thank you for your generous donations that filled gift baskets of appreciation for our local first responders on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Thanks to you we were able to supply baskets to FIVE, local fire departments as well as THREE local police stations — and we planned on two!

In October as Caretakers of our Community we will continue collecting station supplies for our local first responders, the list of suggested items has been shortened to quick "grab and go" items most requested by our local civil servants. Donated items can be dropped off in the marked boxes located in the entryway or the Fellowship Hall.

Items needed are:

- Travel size hand sanitizer and handy wipes
- Protein/granola bars
- Individual bags of chips/crunchy snack
- Beef Jerky
- Individual/small bags of trailmix or nuts
- Bottled Water/Soft Drinks
- (please stack in Fellowship Hall)

World Food Day

Hunger is still one of the most urgent challenges faced around the world. Nearly 800 million people, that's 1 in 9, in our world today – are hungry; yet the world produces more than enough food for all. Show your support for ELCA World Hunger, as we, and thousands of others around the world commemorate World Food Day on **Sunday, October 16**. The goal of World Food Day is to create awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger as we work toward food security for all. Good Shepherd Outreach asks you to show your support for World Food Day by:

- Offering a special prayer for those who go hungry.
- Bringing in a nonperishable food item to donate to MUST Ministries or our Two-Can Basket.
- Consider making a special monetary donation to ELCA World Hunger. Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin.

From water wells to animal husbandry, microloans to health clinics, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Join us on this day and help put an end to hunger and ensure all are fed.

We Want to Suck Your Bl-o-o-o-d!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 29**. Good Shepherd will host a blood drive that day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be sure to sign up to donate!

HAPPENING LATER

- Pastor Paul at Continuing Education, October 18
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., October 18
- Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., October 19
- Confirmation Retreat, October 22—23
- New Member Sunday, October 23
- Acolyte Training, 11:45 a.m., October 23
- Blood Drive, 8 a.m.—1 p.m., October 29
- Reformation Sunday, October 30
- Rite of Confirmation, 10:45 a.m., October 30

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8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR
10:45 A.M. PRAISE
6 P.M. "THE BRIDGE" - CONTEMPORARY, LAID-BACK

"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE,
AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU."

ROMANS 15:7

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AGE, RACE, NATIONALITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE,
AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPABILITY.

Ribbons of Remembrance



The church will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6. To help you honor your loved ones who are deceased, Good Shepherd's Mission Endowment Committee will be selling white "Ribbons of Remembrance" for you to wear that day. In addition, the names of your loved ones will be printed in the All Saints' Sunday worship bulletin. These ribbons will be available in the Fellowship Hall on the Sundays leading up to All Saints' Sunday, beginning on **October 9**.

Good Shepherd's Mission Endowment Fund was established in 2006, and its purpose is to fund mission work beyond the operational budget of the congregation. This wide-ranging work may include projects at GSLC, in the community, and around the world. Many of our congregation members choose to honor a loved one by donating to this fund, and All Saints' Day is the perfect opportunity to do so!

Taste of Habitat

Members of GSLC supported the Lutheran Coalition's Taste of Habitat event in September. Guest chefs included Lisa Morton, Susan Epling and Karen and Michael Epstein. *Pictured are: Back Row, left to right, Norman Schumaker, Paul Christensen, Max Epling, Karen Epstein, David Mundis. Middle Row (left to right), Ken Kidder, Barbara Kidder, Geoff Morton, Lisa Morton, Susan Epling, Michael Epstein, Melinda Mundis, Vic Rowell. Front Row (left to right), Brenda Kviton-Schumaker, Cynthia Christensen, Linda Rowell, Jennifer Taylor.*

