



HAPPENING
NOW

- Two-Can Sunday, September 4
- Yarn Angels, 10:45 a.m., September 4
- OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY, September 5
- Lunch and Learn Bible Study, Noon, September 6
- Mission Endowment Committee, 6:30 p.m., September 7
- Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., September 7
- Finance Committee, 7 p.m., September 8
- Council Retreat, 9 a.m., September 10
- “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, September 11
- Confirmation and FX3, 12:15 p.m., September 11
- Children and Youth Protection Training, 12:15 p.m., September 11
- Faith Formation Committee, 7 p.m., September 12
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., September 13
- Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m., September 14

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“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

On Sept. 11 Good Shepherd will join nearly 10,000 other ELCA congregations and put our faith into action on “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. This year, in recognition of the 15th anniversary of 9/11 we will honor first responders and servicemen and women. Here are a few of the events we will sponsor:

Assembling goody baskets to be delivered to our local police precinct and fire station (see donation requests below). We will need a few crafty decorators to join us in Fellowship Hall to help assemble and place the final touches on goody baskets to be delivered to our local stations. If decorating is not your thing, you can still participate by donating needed items for the baskets and taking the time to add your family’s name to our appreciation cards which will be delivered with the baskets. The cards will be located in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship hour at 9:30 a.m. and after the 10:45 a.m. service.

Making Paracord bracelets: Join us here at GSLC and spend some time in Fellowship as we make paracord bracelets for our servicemen and first responders. Working in partnership with Operation Gratitude we will help them reach their goal of 100,000 bracelets in 2016 to include in each of their care packages delivered to deployed troops overseas; new recruits graduating from Boot Camp; veterans here at home, and first responders aiding in emergency situations. Activity begins at GSLC at Noon. All supplies and instructions will be provided. **No experience necessary.** Please Sign-up at Sign-up Central so we are able to provide adequate materials.

Donate your old cell phones to Operation Gratitude. By recycling your old cell phones/smartphones you help Operation Gratitude deliver much needed supplies to our first responders as well as care packages to U.S. troops who are deployed around the world. Bring in your old Smartphones, iPhones, Cell Phones, iPads, iPods, and MacBooks. There will be a special collection bin in the entryway on Sunday, September 11.

In order to assemble goody baskets for our local first responder precincts we need donations from our congregation. After speaking with our local precincts the top requested items are:

**Coffee (no K-cups)
Beef Jerky
Cooking/grilling Spices
Microwave popcorn**

**Power/Energy Bars
Energy drinks/5-Hour Energy
Candy Bars
Steak Sauce/Marinades**

Drop off your donations in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Urgent Request!

We still have an urgent need for Sunday nursery at 9:30 as well as 10:45 a.m. Please see Janice Swinford if you have any questions, or fill out a Sunday Servant form on the table in the entryway if you can help. Thank you for returning the blessing with service.



Two-Can Sunday

Don't forget to bring your two cans of food for our hunger initiatives on Sunday, September 4!

Taste of Habitat

The 12th Annual Taste of Habitat Fundraising Event takes place **Friday September 23** from 7 – 9 p.m. at The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta. The goal this year is to raise \$15,000 to build Habitat homes in Metro Atlanta. More than 50 fabulous chefs from the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat churches will be sharing the foods they love to make. It's a fun "date night" with outstanding food & drink, great fellowship and live music. There will also be a Silent Auction and trivia contest! Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased through Max Epling or Kristin Brenneman. Please see Max or Kristin if you are interested in being a chef for this event as well.

Council Notes August 2016

Discussions

- Financial Secretary, Mike Angalet, reported that July giving was approximately 88% of budget, making this the best July within the past 4 years, however, we are still \$39,000 behind budgeted income.
- Appointed Treasurer, Mary McCoy reported that expenses were below budgeted figures.
- A task force has been created to assist with planning for the 500th anniversary of the reformation next year. More information will follow as specific activities are identified.
- The Capital Reserve Study has been completed, with reports and recommendations being reviewed by Council and the Finance Committee.
- Council Members will participate in a retreat on Saturday, September 10 to continue work begun at the annual retreat in February – discussing vision, identity, and focus for GSLC for the next five years.

Accolades

- A big thank you to Gina Crittenden and all the volunteers and donors who helped us have another successful Give a Kid a Chance campaign.
- Michael & Karen Epstein, Patrick Swinford, Bettina Miller, Jaime Escamilla and all the parents, youth and members who contributed and participated in the Share the Story luncheon for the youth who travelled to Savannah and Washington, DC on mission trips.
- Kristin Freeman and all the Vacation Bible School volunteers who contributed to another successful week for children in our community.
- All the High School youth and mission trip leaders who lead worship on July 17.
- Sharon Bost for the wonderful new nametag boards in the entryway
- All the members of the Reserve Study committee – Steve Ebert, Bill Alderfer, Geoff Morton, Mary McCoy, Karl Anderson, Kelvin Garmon (of Ray Engineering), and a very special thank you to Ken Eggers and John Bost, without whom this project would not have happened.

New Series Begins at “The Bridge”

Starting September 4, The Bridge worship will begin a four week series titled “Introductions,” which will look at the very different ways in which each of the Gospels writers starts his story of Jesus' life and teachings. Join us at 6 p.m. for this laid-back service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of snacks, so come at 5:45 to hang out before

Shop at Kroger and Help GSLC

It's time to enroll or re-enroll in the **Kroger Community Rewards** program. Good Shepherd earned approximately \$400 dollars this year from Kroger Rewards. If you would like to start earning dollars for Good Shepherds Outreach endeavors in this way or need to re-register your card, please visit the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway to pick up instructions on how to do so or visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Don't Miss These September Events...

Confirmation and FX3 meet at 12:15 p.m., **September 11 and 25.**

Yarn Angels will meet **September 4** at 10:45 a.m. service in Room 116.

Needlework Friends meets **Saturday, September 10**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Susan Epling (260 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 Susan at 678-880-3056 or email at susanfepling@hotmail.com .

Ladies Night Out takes place at **7 p.m., September 20** at Longhorn Steakhouse on Towne Lake Parkway in Woodstock. Please remember that if you sign up and can't make it, to call and cancel.

Angels in Shoeboxes

Christmas is coming, and soon the shoebox project for refugees will begin. This year, Good Shepherd's Yarn Angels are inviting all talented people to make hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to be included with the boxes. This is a great way to use up that leftover yarn and cloth that you may have on hand. If you're interested but don't know where to start, the Yarn Angels can help you with ideas or assist you in locating patterns to make these items. We will receive approximately 150 boxes to hold these gifts for tweens and teens. Let's keep these children warm! Thank you for your help.

It's also time to collect the shoeboxes for the gifts! Please bring any **LARGE** shoeboxes you may have to church over the next few weeks and leave them in the Fellowship Hall. We need lots of them!

CYP Training

Children and Youth Protection Training takes place **Sunday, September 11** at 12:15 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Janice Swinford. This training is required of anyone working with children at GSLC.

HAPPENING LATER

- Pastor Paul on Vacation, September 16—October 1
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., September 20
- Confirmation/ FX3, 12:15 p.m., September 25
- God's Little Achers Movie, 1 p.m., September 29

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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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES PEOPLE OF ANY AGE, RACE,
NATIONALITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE,
AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPABILITY.

Get Ready to Bake Off!

Do you have a great baked good recipe that has been passed down through your family? How about a delicious new dessert you've been dying to try? The Faith Formation Committee of Good Shepherd is challenging you to enter your best dessert in a Dessert Bake-Off on **Sunday, October 2**. All members of Good Shepherd are invited to compete in two epic battles of kitchen skills. The first competition will test the taste of your dessert and a prize will be awarded to the best-tasting dessert. A second prize will be awarded to the dessert with the most creative name so be sure your dessert is well named before you complete the entry form. ***This form must be completed and turned in to Hailey Hovda before September 25 if you plan to compete. Forms are available at Sign Up Central.***

Maybe all this talk of baking doesn't sound like you, but you like to eat. The Faith Formation Committee will be providing a delicious lunch for all, and we need help to gobble up these yummy dessert entries. Plan to join us after the 10:45 a.m. service for a luncheon with a free-will donation to support upcoming Youth Activities. 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!

Let's All Go to the Movies!!

God's Little Achers, the group for 55+ adults at GSLC, will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, September 29 to watch "The Queen." Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided but you may bring a snack to share. There will be a short planning meeting for the group before the movie. All are welcome to attend! Contact Sandy Cerstvik if you need transportation or more information, 770-928-4627 or



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