



#### HAPPENING NOW

- **Two-Can Sunday, July 2**
- **Yarn Angels, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., July 2**
- **Commissioning for High School Youth Mission Trip, 10:45 a.m., July 2**
- **Independence Day, July 4, Office Closed**
- **MUST Snack Preparation Day, 8:30—10:30 a.m., July 6**
- **Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., July 8**
- **High School Mission Trip to Chicago, July 8-15**
- **MUST Summer Lunch Assembly 8:30—10:30 a.m., July 10—14**
- **Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., July 11**
- **Youth-Led Services, July 16**
- **Faith Formation Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., July 17**
- **Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., July 18**

# News You Can “Ewes”

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## Welcome Our New Youth Ministry Coordinator Catalina (Cat) Ontiveros!

Cat Ontiveros will begin her duties as full time Youth Ministry Coordinator for GSLC on Saturday, July 8—just in time to leave with our High School youth for their annual mission trip. After an extensive search, our Personnel Committee and Congregation Council endorse Cat to you with great enthusiasm.

Cat grew up as a member of the ELCA-Southeastern Synod and actively participated in her home congregation in Huntsville, AL both as a youth and an adult. She has also participated, as both a youth and adult leader, in the synod's Affirm Event and Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization, as well as ELCA Youth Gatherings. Cat is a past member of the Synod Council.



*Catalina Ontiveros, who goes by the nickname Cat, will start as GSLC's Youth Ministry Coordinator on July 8.*

A graduate of an ELCA college, Newberry College, Cat participated in Lutheran Campus Ministries, and served as a Resident Advisor and an officer of the Panhellenic Council. Other volunteer work includes: Fan Mail for Troops, Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Huntsville Rescue Mission Soup Kitchen, Operation Christmas Child, The Village Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Disaster Response, and much more.

Please join us in welcoming Cat to Good Shepherd! Her email address is [youthministry@gslutheran.org](mailto:youthministry@gslutheran.org) and her phone extension is 104,

## ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

## Lutherans Come to North America



Henry Melchior  
Muhlenberg

Most of us know that Lutheranism had its start in Germany with Martin Luther. But when and how did it come over to North America? The story begins with the arrival of a pastor with a distinctive name, at least to our ears. On April 17, 1640, Swedish pastor Reorus Torkillus arrived in Fort Christina, near present-day Wilmington, Delaware. The Swedish government was developing a small settlement there and needed someone to attend to the spiritual needs of the Swedish immigrants.

If we wish to see a sustained presence of Lutherans, though, we must wait about 100 years. Germans had begun arriving in America in the 1680s, with most settling in Pennsylvania and upstate New York but others heading for Louisiana and the southeastern colonies. Many were fleeing poor conditions in Germany, and though they brought their beliefs from home, there was, at first, no provision for Lutheran pastors. But in 1741 Lutherans in Pennsylvania issued a call to a 30-year-old pastor in Saxony, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. He arrived in

Philadelphia in 1742. Muhlenberg turned out to be an excellent choice. Not only was he untiring in his pastoral work, but he laid the foundations for what would become the Lutheran church in America. He helped more congregations to organize and call pastors. He called into existence the first North American organization of Lutherans, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He helped prepare a standard Lutheran liturgy and create a constitution. He even contributed to a hymnal published in 1786.

Lutherans kept coming from different European lands. Swedes and Norwegians settled largely in the upper Midwest; Danes were more widespread. German immigrants were concentrated in a band across the northern part of the country, but they also established concentrations in places like Missouri and Texas. Slovaks, heirs to Luther's predecessor Jan Hus, also arrived. Often these groups set up their own separate church systems, such as the Augustana Synod, the Norwegian Synod, and the German-based General Synod. Then there were groups that formed in opposition to teachings of the earlier groups, like the Hauge Synod and the Missouri Synod. Mergers have occurred, but so have divisions. Currently the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is by far the largest Lutheran body in the United States, followed by the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and many smaller bodies.

But the story doesn't end with the first immigrations from northern Europe. The nineteenth century brought increased missionary activity to the scene, and in time some of those who had been taught by these missionaries also came to North America, bringing their own Lutheran customs. So now our mix includes heritages such as Ethiopian, Nigerian, Liberian, Korean, Chinese, Indian, Palestinian, Brazilian, and many more. Where can your congregation trace its roots?



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## Caring for Creation, Luther-style



Lutherans around the world are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Simultaneously, the Southeastern Synod is also celebrating 2017 as the "Year for Care for Creation". As part of these celebrations, the Southeastern Synod Green Team is lifting up Luther's commitment to creation. He taught us to care for creation through his writings and the explanation of the First Article to the Apostle's Creed (below).

The First Article: Creation: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.** *What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. — Martin Luther*

To assist in this awareness, the SE Synod Green Team has developed "95 Theses of Creation Care." Ten of these theses will be published each month in our Good Shepherd Newsletter. Here are the next ten:

### 95 Theses for Creation Care (42-51)

42. Any national leader who permits the misuse of God's earth is misusing her/his God-given responsibility for protecting the earth.
43. National leaders are responsible for bringing awareness of the need to keep God's earth for future generations.
44. The need for conservation and earth care are the responsibility of all citizens of every nation.
45. The love of God, as demonstrated by the gift of this earth, is revealed through the Holy Spirit as the Spirit inspires us to keep the earth.
46. The earth is the living testimony of God's love.
47. We return God's love by keeping the earth.
48. Priests, pastors, and other religious authorities are called to a ministry of keeping the earth.
49. Priests, pastors, and other religious authorities are influenced by national leaders and the congregants they serve.
50. Concern of priests, pastors, and other religious authorities about offending those they serve leads to abusing the earth.
51. Priests, pastors, and other religious authorities many times are more concerned about their own welfare than caring for creation.



## Two-Can Sunday!

Don't forget the first Sunday of every month is designated as Two-Can Sunday. Bring your Two-Cans on **July 2!**

# Wear Red for Reformation!

Beginning in July we will be taking orders for Reformation Tee shirts to be worn at events throughout the year including God's Work, Our Hands Day. Join us as we wear red to show that we are living out God's Grace in Action and, at the same time, supporting the good work of Unchained Movement. Unchained is a non-profit organization that raises awareness and works with victims of domestic sex trafficking. Unchained owns a screen printing shop where the residents gain job skills and the funds benefit the residential program. You can learn more about Unchained at [UnchainedMovement.org](http://UnchainedMovement.org). Tee shirt order forms will be in the bulletins or you can find them in the church entryway. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran with "Reformation Tee" on the memo line.

## REFORMATION TEE SHIRT ORDER FORM



\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Shirts at \$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

### All Sizes are Adult!

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Xtra-Small | <input type="checkbox"/> Small    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium     | <input type="checkbox"/> Large    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-Large    | <input type="checkbox"/> XX-Large |

Please make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and note

"Reformation Tee" on the memo line.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please include check with your order. All orders **MUST** be received by **Sunday, August 6**. Please put your order, including check, in the slot outside the door of Kathy Gunn, Office Coordinator. Thank you!

## Being In Need Doesn't Take a Vacation

The GSLC Emergency Fund has been depleted. If you can spare any money for a donation, or if you would consider contributing grocery or gas cards, please do so! You can drop off a check or the cards in the locked box in the administration hallway. Thank you for helping our members, and community members, in need!

# Caretakers of Community

For the months of July and August GSLC will focus its Caretakers of Our Community collection efforts on MUST Ministries. Although we host year-round collection bins for MUST Ministries, we have not given specific, individual attention to this vital outreach program since the inception of Caretakers of Our Community began almost two years ago. Since we will be helping MUST with its summer lunch ministry this July we thought now is the perfect time to help them restock their food pantry for the upcoming school year. Here is a list of their most requested needs:

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

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|---|--------------------|
| Jelly                                   | Dry Beans          |
| Boxed Dinners                           | Dry Potatoes       |
| Peanut Butter                           | Canned Baked Beans |
| Coffee                                  | Sugar              |
| Canned Beef, Chicken, Ham, Salmon, Tuna | Mac & Cheese       |
| Chili                                   | Flavored Rice      |
| Beef Stew                               | Flavored Pasta     |
| Pancake Mix                             | Spaghetti Sauce    |
| Tea                                     | Oatmeal            |
| Canned/Dry Milk                         | Grits              |
| Canned Pasta                            | Bread/Muffin Mix   |

All items can be dropped off in the blue designated MUST bins in the church entryway or Fellowship Hall during the months of July and August.

## Give-A-Kid-A-Chance

The Give-A-Kid-A-Chance event extravaganza is set to take place **Saturday, July 15** at both Hillside United Methodist and First Baptist Church in Canton. If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful program please do so at [Giveakidachance.org](http://Giveakidachance.org) or speak to Kristin Brenneman. Volunteers are needed to distribute backpacks, serve food, translate English, direct participants, and much more...

## MUST Summer Lunch Assembly

**MUST Summer Lunch Assembly is just around the corner.** Plan to join us as we assemble 2,500 sack lunches for the food insecure children of Cherokee County. This is a perfect family service opportunity and all ages are welcome!

**Assembly will be the week of July 10-14  
in the Fellowship Hall  
8:30 – 10 a.m.**

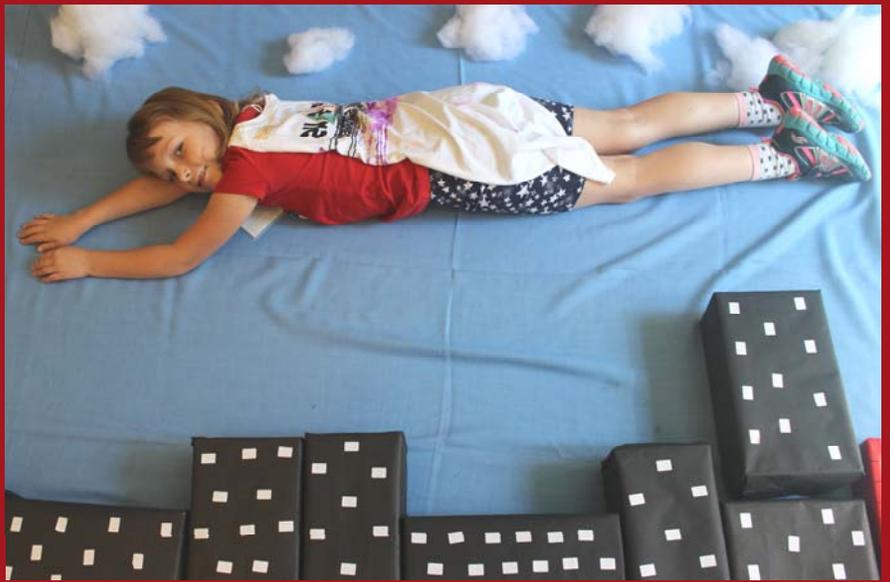
**This year we will also have an individual snack assortment day on Thursday, July 6 from 8:30 – 10 a.m.**

On this day, we will prepackage the donated snacks we received from the preschool, in order to better plan our menu.

Drivers are also needed to deliver the food to New Life Church on Exit 14 in Holly Springs. Look for Sign Up Sheets at Sign Up Central.

# VBS 2017

Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who made this year's VBS—Hero Central—such a great success! One hundred kids, mostly non-members, had a great time! See you next year!



## Summertime Schedules

**Yarn Angels** meet **Sunday, July 2** from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in Room 120.

**God's Little Achers** are attending patriotic concerts. Check the sign-up sheets at Sign-Up Central to let the group know which concert you would like to attend and if you need a ride. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church hosts concerts on **Sunday, July 2** at 7 p.m. and again on **Monday, July 3** at 7 p.m. Call Sandy Cerstvik at 770-928-4627 with questions.

**Needlework Friends** meets on **Saturday, July 8** 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. Light refreshments provided. Contact Linda at 770-924-4869 or larowell@bellsouth.net.

**Empty Nesters** plan to attend the Drivin N Cryin concert on **Saturday, July 8** at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Amphitheatre. Contact Karen Yerkes at yerkesk@comcast.net for information.

**Ladies Night Out** meets at California Dreaming on Chastain Road at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 18**. Sign up at Sign-Up Central and leave your cell phone number. Call Sue Pence, 678-522-3670 for information. Thank you!

## Council Update, June 2017

### Discussions

- Financial Secretary, Jaime Escamilla, reported that February income was \$58,033, which is ahead of budgeted figures.
- Several applications for the Youth Leader position have been received and Pastor Paul and the Personnel Committee are actively reviewing those candidates.

### Accolades

- Thank you to everyone who coordinated, donated toward and filled the backpacks for the annual Give-a-Kid-a-Chance backpack program.
- Many thanks to everyone who donated items to be used during VBS and the Must Summer Lunch programs – your generosity is very much appreciated!
- Thank you to all our wonderful Vacation Bible School volunteers, who are vital to this program. A special thanks to Kristin Freeman for once again leading this outstanding ministry!
- Thank you to everyone who made our Middle School mission trip possible, especially the adult leaders – Mike McCoy, Carrie Escamilla, Tim Ferg and Kristin Brenneman – we truly appreciate your dedication to the youth of Good Shepherd.

## Time to Taste the Vino!

### Saturday, July 22

Lutheran Coalition for Habitat

Wine Tasting Fundraiser!

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Vino 100

131 S. Main, Alpharetta, 30009

\$10 (50% to Habitat)

Music, Tastings, Light Snacks, Silent Auction!

Contact Max Epling for information.

## Share the Story...

The High School Youth invite you to a Continental Breakfast with juice, coffee, muffins and donuts on **Sunday, July 16** during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. They'll share slides of their mission trip and tell of their experiences. Join them!

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SERVING NORTH COBB AND CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMUNITIES. JOIN US!  
8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL  
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER)  
10:45 A.M. PRAISE

“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.

## We're Dedicated!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to and/or came to the Habitat for Humanity build this year! As you probably have read by now, this year's project was built for Angela Scheitlin — the granddaughter of GSLC members Bob and Barbara Scheitlin.

The build is set to be dedicated on July 15. However, last work day scheduled for June 24, was delayed, so Landscaping Day—open to all ages — will now take place from 8 a.m. to Noon **Saturday, July 8**. So, there's one last chance to participate! See Kristin Brenneman or Max Epling if you'd like to help. Thanks everyone!

Don't forget —  
GSLC Administrative Offices

