

THE Shepherd's Fold

October 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT LUKE, PHYSICIAN AND EVANGELIST: A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL OF US

This past Wednesday was the feast day of Saint Luke. We did celebrate his feast on the Wednesday 7:00 am Eucharist, but I want to continue the celebration of his feast day in this little article.

Of all the New Testament writers, Luke in terms of volume, accounted for one-fourth of the New Testament. The characteristic features of Luke's Gospel show a particular concern for the poor, for victims of injustice and for repentant sinners welcomed back into the arms of God. Luke is the only one that tells us of Lazarus and the rich man; of the Prodigal Son and the merciful father; and of the woman who washed Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair. Only Luke gives us Mary's Magnificat. Without Luke we never would have had the Acts of the Apostles, which chronicle the beginnings of the early church.

The only mention of Luke as a physician is in Paul's letter to the Colossians (4:14), "Our dear friend Luke, the physician, and Demas send greetings." A close reading of Acts indicates that Luke must have been a frequent companion of Paul and probably gave him medical care. Paul was not in good health from all the beatings he had sustained.

Luke does not give us any insight as to how he was called to write his Gospel. As a physician he was well educated. He was a Greek. He was the only non-Jew writer in the New Testament. He did not know Jesus, but obviously researched Jesus' story even to the point of discovering stories not included in the other Gospels.

I don't believe that Luke resigned his job as physician. He just changed medicines. Instead of prescribing herbs and bandages he used words to tell the healing stories, powerful stories that mended broken hearts and lives. He used words like, "Do not be afraid," "Go, your sins are forgiven." Luke's medicine was Gospel medicine, words of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As baptized people of faith we are all healers, doctors of the Gospel. We are all tellers of the stories. This Gospel medicine does not always cure or relieve the pain. What it does do is give us a way to live with it and through it by sharing it with each other and knowing through Jesus' promise that all will be well.

Peace,



THIS SUNDAY

Join us for Evensong at 5:30 pm. A service of Holy Eucharist will follow Evensong at 6:00 pm.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Be sure to save the date for next week's Halloween Party at Good Shepherd! Wednesday, **October 25th, 6-7:30 pm**. Hot dogs and chili will be served in the Parish Hall from 6-6:30pm followed by games, s'mores, costume prizes, and more! Costume Parade starts at 6:30 pm and Costume Prizes will be announced at 7:15 pm at the Scarecrow on the lawn. Please reach out to Jinny Bradshaw at 706-836-9927 or jinny@goodshepherd-augusta.org if you are available to help!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Parish Directory is finished! You can pick up a copy on the cart in front of the church on Sundays or in the church office during office hours.

THANKSGIVING HELP WANTED

Our Thanksgiving dinner at Good Shepherd is **November 23rd, at 11 am**. We need 10 committed volunteers to help cook and clean up! Please contact Robin and/or Kathleen Bailie if you are willing to help:

robin.bailie@gmail.com, kathleen.bailie@gmail.com.

KRISTALLNACHT THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

Each November, countries around the world mark the November 1938 Pogrom, the tragedy also known as Kristallnacht, which means "Crystal Night" or "the Night of Broken Glass." The Kristallnacht pogrom marked a turning point in the treatment of Jews in Germany. In just two days, hundreds of synagogues were burned, thousands of Jews were arrested, and around one hundred Jews were killed. Any illusions that Jews could even be tolerated in Germany were finally laid to rest. We will commemorate this remembrance with our Jewish brothers and sisters on Thursday, **November 9, at 7:00 pm**. Please join us for this solemn service of remembrance. The service will be followed with a dessert reception in the Parish Hall.

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your own "brown bag lunch" to enjoy as we reflect on a different illumination and scripture from The Saint John's Bible each week. **Tuesdays at 12 noon, September 19 - November 28**. Meets in the Conference Room.

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION FOR ADULTS

For those adults interested in being confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church when the Bishop comes on **November 12**, or for anyone simply wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church, we will meet in the Setz Cottage during the Sunday School hour **THIS** Sunday. Fr. Joe will lead the session, which will focus on the liturgy and Anglican spirituality.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On **November 5th at 10:00 am**, Join us for worship. After the service, join us for lunch in the Parish Hall. For lunch we will have smoked chicken, WifeSaver Mac & Cheese, green beans, and cookies. After lunch we will elect new Vestry, recognize retiring Vestry and have our Annual Parish Meeting. We will have a nursery for the little ones and activities for children and youth. We look forward to being together!

VESTRY VOTING

You can now vote online! Deadline to vote is **November 3rd** at noon. Parishioners above the age of 16 are eligible. In the event of a run-off, only those present at the meeting will be voting. Scan the following QR code.



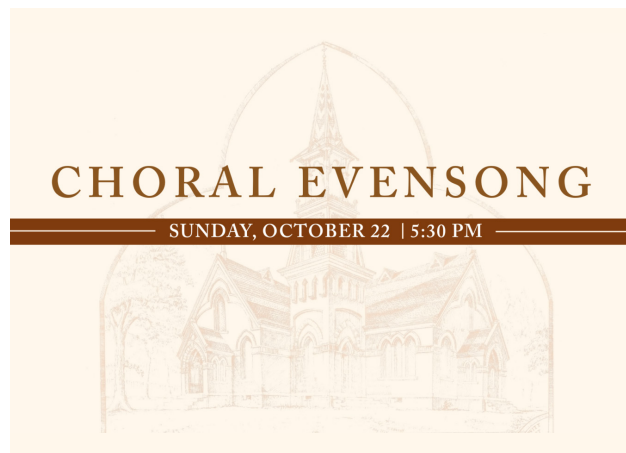
VISIO DIVINA

Visio Divina will resume Wednesday nights, **November 1-29, at 6 pm**. This is an opportunity to experience more from the Scriptures and Illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. Each week we will

look at a different Illumination and Scripture reading. Please join us for a meaningful way to move into the Advent Season.

SEMINARIAN NEWS

Our seminarian, Roger Speer was recently awarded the Woods Leadership Award for outstanding leadership as in the junior year at Sewanee. Congratulations Roger!"



EVENSONG AND THE SUMMERVILLE TOUR OF HOMES & RECEPTION

On **October 22**, as a close to the annual Summerville Tour of Homes, the Good Shepherd Choir will offer a service of Evensong. Evensong is considered by many to be the "Crown Jewel" of all Anglican liturgies. The service will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1789, which was the prayer book in use at the founding of the parish. All the music will be of the period and rendered in much the same manner as it was heard in the early days of Summerville. The service **will begin at 5:30 pm** and last about thirty minutes. **Afterwards join us for a catered reception in the Parish Hall.**

FLU SHOT CLINIC

October 29, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Publix will be in the Church Office giving flu and pneumonia shots. Medicare plans cover flu and pneumonia shots 100%, and 99% of commercial drug plans cover 100%. Paying by cash costs \$40 for under 64 and \$68 for over 65. The Prevnar 20 (pneumonia) for people 65 years and older is also free on Medicare plans.



GROUNDS UPDATE

The Grounds Committee has been hard at work. Our landscaping contractor is to undertake a comprehensive cleanup of our grounds including new mulch and shrub trimming. We have contracted with a tree company to clean out and trim many of our larger trees and to remove the dogwoods that were mostly dead. (The stumps should be removed shortly.) Our sidewalks will be cleaned in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience as we have worked to be good stewards of the property that the Lord has entrusted to Good Shepherd.

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Due to the Summerville Tour of Homes, Evensong, and Reception this Sunday at Good Shepherd, we will not be gathering for Youth Group. We will gather for Rite-13 and J2A as usual on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for Evensong at 5:30 pm and the reception to follow.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Church League Basketball will be starting in December! Registration and payment for Church League Basketball are due by **November 9th**. Please go to the SHELL newsletter for sign ups.

Servers of the Shepherd

8:00 AM

Celebrant..... Ted Clarkson
 Preacher Joe Bowden
 Organist Wayne Lord
 Lay Readers Bobbie Ingenito, Camilla Davis

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
 Preacher Bunny Simon Williams
 Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
 Ushers Bill Hollingsworth, Alex Wier
 Verger..... Mark Pritchett
 Lay Readers David Lentz, Cissy Bowden
 Acolytes..... Frank Anderson, Mary Dennis Trotter, Wiley Trotter,
 Bridges Trotter, Mallory Morgan, Caroline Doyle

11:15 AM

Celebrant..... Ted Clarkson
 Preacher Bunny Simon Williams
 Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
 Ushers Lewis Baird, Peter Martinez
 Verger..... Jerry Woods
 Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Andrew Austin
 Acolytes..... Fripp McDougal, Crawford McDougal
 Eliza McCutcheon, Caroline McCutcheon, Bo Cates

All Services

Altar Guild Team IV
 Breakfast Ministry Team VI
 Vestry Person of the Day John Cates

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for our annual Halloween Party, October 25 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Dinner is served from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Free hot dogs, candy, games, and more! Put together your best Halloween Costume and plan on a spooky good time.