

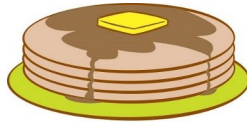


# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## SHROVE TUESDAY

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 13  
PANCAKE SUPPER  
5:30 P.M. IN FAB**

Please join us on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. for a Pancake Supper and Bingo in the FAB to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. A love offering will be collected and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Fund. After dinner we will play Bingo. **Volunteers and prize donations are needed. Please call or text Chris Herrmann at 803-227-9776 as soon as possible.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Wednesday, February 14 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Now that Advent and Christmas are in the past, we look ahead to the Lenten Season which begins February 14 with Ash Wednesday and culminates with Holy Week. We have scheduled the following services to take place during this season of Lent.



Ash Wednesday Noon and 6:30 P.M. This service will include Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

## LENTEN MEALS 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20

A light meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. before each Lenten Service.

## LENTEN SERVICES 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20



Each Wednesday, starting February 21 and ending Wednesday March 20, services will be held in the FAB at 6:30 p.m. There will be Holy Communion at each of these services.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



This month, as hard as it may be to believe, we enter into the Lenten season again. As we do so, I want us to focus yet again on our congregational theme: “Reach Out.” Lent has traditionally been a time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving (that is, reaching out). When Jesus addresses these three themes in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6, it is interesting to me that he says, “When you fast...” and “When you pray...” and “When you give alms...” He doesn’t say, “If you choose to do these things, here’s how you do them.” Rather, he takes for granted that God’s people are going to be about this work of fasting, prayer, and giving.

I don’t know about you, but I have a hard time finding the time to do much of anything on top of my already busy schedule. Perhaps you can relate. We have more than enough to keep us busy, don’t we? Whether it is work, school, family, friends, leisure activities, or other responsibilities, we hardly need MORE stuff to fill our time. Yet during Lent (and in our lives as disciples in general) there are many opportunities that come our way. God invites us not just to be part of “the club” called church; rather God invites us to live out the love we’ve been shown by helping others and by deepening our relationship with God. But where do we begin? I suppose we could start in those areas we might think of first—serving at a soup kitchen, donating food and clothing to those who are hungry and cold, or sponsoring a child in a developing nation. Those are all great ways to serve! But there are other ways to start that might be less intimidating. If you can barely find the time to rest, you don’t necessarily have to put “building an orphanage” at the top of your discipleship to-do list.

Remember that Jesus is willing to start with you anywhere. He proved that by dying for us, as St. Paul reminds us, while we were still sinners. And now that same love that embraced you at your baptism despite yourself is holding your hand and leading you out into the world to love others with Christ’s love. Even if you start small—helping a neighbor in need, showing kindness to those who are mistreated, or inviting a friend to come experience the love of God through this congregation. All of these are ways we can reach out.

In the same way, you need not fast for 40 days in order to deepen your relationship with God. If you want to do so, great! Yet don’t discount the difference that small things can make in your relationship with God—set aside a few minutes a day to pray, read your Bible, or just sit in silence and listen to what God might be saying. Small changes in action can have a big effect on your life of faith.

This Lenten season you’ll have plenty of opportunities knocking at your door to keep you busy all day, every day. Part of the call to follow Christ is to learn to reprioritize our lives so that they better reflect God’s love at work in our lives. During this season of Lent, I challenge you to find one or two new ways you can love others (showing kindness, inviting others to worship, etc.) AND one or two new ways you can nurture your relationship with God (come to the Wednesday midweek meals and services, establish regular prayer/Bible study habits, etc.)

I challenge you in these ways to give God space to grow his life and love in your life. If you accept my challenge and find yourself changing, let me hear about it. I always love to celebrate God’s awesome work in our lives! Peace be with you this Lenten season and always!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew



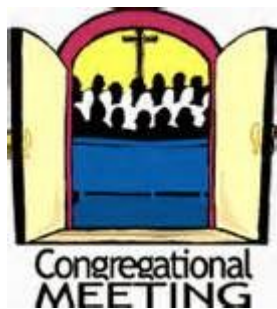
**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING –  
FEBRUARY 11**

The Souper Bowl of Caring collection is Sunday, February 11. Monetary donations will be collected after the Worship Service. Monies will go to Transitions Homeless Center in Columbia.



**PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD  
(POGS)  
1:00 P.M. LUNCHEON  
AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Please make a reservation and join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m. for a luncheon in the FAB following the 12:00 noon Ash Wednesday service. This will be a catered meal with soup and salad from Olive Garden. **When you make the reservation, include \$8.00 to cover the cost of the meal. Make checks payable to “Pathfinders of Good Shepherd or POGS.”**



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25**

The 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting to conduct the church’s business will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. We will vote on the 2023 Annual Report for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday**, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.



**Easter Sunday Services**

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.  
8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in FAB  
Service at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us and participate in the opportunities for worship that are scheduled during Lent and throughout the church year.



## FUN FRIDAYS – FEBRUARY 9

Fun Fridays' participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, February 9, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. This event will feature activities with a Valentine's Day theme.

Fun Fridays is a highlight in the life of the participants and they and their families appreciate Good Shepherd providing this activity. Parents of one of our long-time participants recently wrote,

*"We want to express our deepest gratitude for allowing our daughter to participate in your Fun Fridays Events. I've noticed that so many of the Special Needs adults have a great time and we just want to say thank you for reaching out to the community and making a positive impact."*

All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or just come to the FAB on February 9 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to Happy Wheels. As a program that exists solely on donations, your gift allows us to continue delivering smiles to hospitalized kids in SC. To date, we have visited over 100,000 children, and we couldn't do it without people like you and your "Noisy Offering." Thank you for supporting Happy Wheels.



Sincerely,  
Riley Smith  
Assistant Director

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your generous donation. I can't express how humbled I am to partner with such a dynamic group! Thank you for your generous gift and your continued support.

My Gratitude,  
Angie  
The Women's Shelter

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,765.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,  
Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity



MY LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

Our Lenten theme this year is "Drawing Closer to Christ Together." Please use this daily calendar to help you practice encountering Christ and deepening yourself by making a daily offering during our Lenten season.

Our Self-Denial Lenten Offering this year will go to Homeless No More, The Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter. These envelopes may be placed in the basket in the narthex during any of our Holy Week services, put in the offering plate, mailed or brought to the church office.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			Feb 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Holy Week

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING FOR 2024

The recipients of this year's Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will be three local organizations that help individuals get back on their feet and become self-sufficient: Homeless No More, The Providence Home, and The Women's Shelter.

**Homeless No More** offers a spectrum of care – from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing – to keep families together and meet their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they work to eradicate family homelessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence.

**The Providence Home for Men** is a Christ-based “place of new beginnings” for men. It offers a temporary home for men in life transitions or recovery. Providence’s programs help men renew mind, spirit and body; seek reconciliation with family, friends and neighbors; and reintegrate fully into the community.

**The Women's Shelter** has been an integral part of the Columbia Community for over 30 years. As a part of the Providence Home Organization from 1976 until 1991, the shelter served homeless men, women, and children in the community. In 1991, The Women's Shelter formed a separate, private nonprofit organization from the Providence Home, in order to carry out a comprehensive ministry specific to homeless women. The changing needs of homeless women have required The Women's Shelter to adapt its programs over the years. They strive to offer more than a bed and something to eat as a means to provide lasting change in the lives of their residents. The Women's Shelter offers a variety of educational and support programs to women and families in need.

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor. You will be receiving a special offering envelope in the mail so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering envelope during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Homeless No More, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.

## ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 13

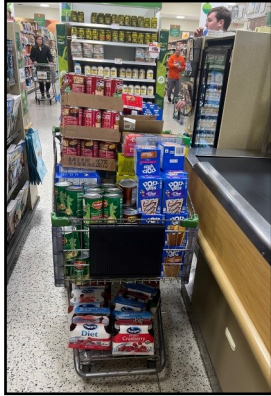
Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary using the Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes which can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the front of the envelope to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate. The cost is \$15.50 each. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order.

**All orders must be in by Wednesday, March 13 and accompanied by payment. The office will place the order Thursday morning.** Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on March 31.



## VA FOOD PANTRY

Last November's monthly emphasis was the VA's Food Pantry. This food pantry serves veterans who are in need of meals. If a veteran goes to the VA and tells them they are hungry the food pantry provides them with some groceries. The monthly emphasis effort raised \$965. Cathy Milejczak shopped for the groceries. Daniel at Publix at Trenholm Plaza made sure we got the most for our money! The VA shipping and receiving staff were on the dock cheering us as we drove up. Good Shepherd's efforts are greatly appreciated especially since we supply some of their favorite foods in our gift!



*Loaded grocery carts.*



*Cathy and Daniel load the carts to take the groceries to the van.*



*Pastor Andrew blesses the groceries!*



*Steve and Rod help off load the van at the VA.*



*VA shipping and receiving loading the carts from delivery to the food pantry.*

## ANGEL TREE DELIVERIES

Santa made a visit to the Providence Men's Home to help pass out Angel Tree gift cards. A CiCi's Pizza meal was also served to the 60 men who received \$25 gift cards. The Women's Shelter also received 17 gift cards and a CiCi's pizza meal. Thank you to the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for their generosity, and Jon Frew, Juli Calhoun, Sandy Gundlach, Susan and Mitch Uehling and Thrivent for their help.



# CHILI COOK-OFF

There were 44 attendees on Sunday, January 7, with 7 varieties of chili, 6 of cornbread, and a host of sweets for dessert. The winner for cornbread was Teri Tokaz with Barbara Nagy as runner up. Winner of the chili cook-off was Becky Shealy with runner up being Steve Bowden.



Thank you to our 3 Kings:  
David Lucas, Steve Bowden, and  
Joey Allison.





**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-114)  
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

February 2024



<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<p><b>4 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><i>Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>6:00 pm Property Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p>
<p><b>11 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>6:00-8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FAB)</i></p>
<p><b>18 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b></p> <p><i>11:30—1:00 pm WELCA Unit meeting (FAB)</i></p> <p><i>6:30 pm Council Meeting (CL 2)</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p>
<p><b>25 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>



Please see an updated church calendar  
and the calendar for other months at  
<http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the  
bottom of the page.

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB)	<b>2</b> Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge	<b>3</b> Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge
<b>7</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study  5:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting (Conf Rm)  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> Fun Fridays set up (FAB)  6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>9</b>  6:00—9:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Sanctuary) 1:00 pm POGS Luncheon (FAB)  <b>6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Sanctuary) Choir Practice	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  5:30 pm Dorcas meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study  5:45—6:15 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB)</b>  Choir Practice	<b>22</b>  6:00 pm Learning Committee meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study  5:45—6:15 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB)</b>  Choir Practice	<b>29</b>		



## THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION

The congregation generously gave \$3,215 for Christmas gifts to staff. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is fortunate to have dedicated staff members who serve us so well. We appreciate all of their efforts! We look forward to serving together in 2024!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation Council

## THANK YOU FROM GSLC STAFF

*Dear Good Shepherd Members,*

*We, the Staff of Good Shepherd, wish to thank all of you for remembering us during the Advent and Christmas season. We so appreciate all of the cards, notes, kind words, and gifts you blessed us with. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing what God has given you to help us feel loved and appreciated. We especially thank you all for the generous Christmas gifts you presented to us. We thank God for each of you and the ministry we share.*

*May God richly bless you now and always,*

*Pastor Andrew Susan Sterkie Deborah Mitchell JOEY ALBERTSON*



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food to 35 families in December serving 122 individuals.



## WELCA UNIT MEETING

Sunday, February 18,  
 In the FAB following Sunday School  
 Bring something to share—Potluck Lunch.  
 All women of Good Shepherd are invited.  
 We will discuss the 2024 budget, vote on officers, get ideas for this year.

## FEBRUARY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the many learning opportunities available at Good Shepherd. We encourage you to participate and/or to consider serving as a Sunday School assistant. We are blessed to have dedicated lead teachers who are in need of assistants to serve on monthly rotations. Please contact Barbara Nagy, Chair of Learning Committee if you are able to volunteer with our youth Sunday School program.



### Sunday School Classes

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade

10:45-11:45 Youth School Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

### **Around The Corner Adult Class: Parlor**

The Around the Corner class is a discussion-based class that utilizes various resources, such as podcasts, books, music, or television shows, to inspire talking points and areas of interest. ***This class starts a little closer to 10:55, as several members need time to sign children into their Sunday School classes.*** All are welcome to join this lively class!

### **Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1**

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and bible readings for the upcoming service.

### **Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 2**

The Fellowship Class, led by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh, is continuing with the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. The current topic is "Faith That Glorifies God." Scripture for these lessons comes from Isaiah, Daniel and Habakkuk. Everyone is invited to join us at any time for these informal, discussion-based classes.

### Additional Learning Opportunities

#### **Weekly Bible Study**

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew. Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room or virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.

#### **Faith 5**

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

**Share** your highs and lows of the day/week

**Read** a bible verse or story

**Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows

**Pray** for one another's highs and lows

**Bless** one another

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Ed Woodward**

DATE	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	3/5
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Bowden, Mike Brown, Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Jeff Tondini	Steve Bowden, Mike Brown, Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Jeff Tondini	Steve Bowden, Mike Brown, Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Jeff Tondini	Steve Bowden, Mike Brown, Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Jeff Tondini	Jeff Inabinet, Lauren Chandler, Richard Inman, Bruce Shealy, Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Jim Tucker
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Lector & Communion Assistant: Virginia Morris	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector & Communion Assistant: Cathy Quinton	Lector & Communion Assistant: Elaine Zornow	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross
<b>ACOLYTE &amp; CRUCIFER</b>	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: William Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Matthew Herrmann
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Mike Sanchez, Lavina Chandler	Jim Tucker, Mary Stallings	David Lucas, Donna Foster	Leigh Tondini, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Rebecca Richardson

### FEBRUARY 2024 MEETINGS

*Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.*

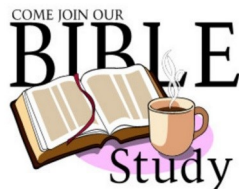
- February 1      Mary Circle (10:00 a.m.)
- February 6      Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)  
Property Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- February 7      Evangelism Committee (5:00 p.m.)
- February 8      Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- February 13     Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
- February 15     Dorcas Circle (5:30 p.m.)  
Tamar Circle (offsite)
- February 18     WELCA Unit Meeting (11:30 a.m.)  
Council (6:30 p.m.)
- February 20     Worship Life (5:30 p.m.)
- February 22     Learning Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- February 25     Annual Congregational Meeting



### ASH WEDNESDAY LECTOR & COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Noon      Barbara Nagy  
6:30 p.m.    Don Caughman

Meet in the Conference  
Room on Tuesday  
mornings at  
11:30 a.m. for a  
Bible Study.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

- 1 Ephraim Ulmer
- 1 Sandra Lybrand
- 1 Kaitlyn McFarland
- 1 Bob Fortner
- 3 Phill Netzel
- 5 Corley Frierson
- 6 Gus Inabinet
- 6 Terri Tokaz
- 8 Jade Shelton
- 8 Connie Donovan
- 8 Marcia Woodward
- 9 Micki Morris
- 9 Leigh Tondini
- 12 Trisha Benson
- 12 Al Kahrs
- 12 Sara Burrows
- 12 Deb Embrey
- 13 Lillian Ford
- 14 Harrison Seay
- 14 Steve Bowden
- 16 Judy Hoy
- 18 Katie Green
- 19 Ed Woodward
- 19 Adam Ortiz
- 21 Chris Dionne
- 21 Trace Cannon
- 22 Evan Stallings
- 23 Melissa Ellington
- 24 Becky Shealy
- 26 Joann Nagy
- 26 Jason Michael Ortiz
- 26 Jim Johnson
- 28 Violet Fetner



### WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Deadline to submit articles  
for March Newsletter  
is **FEBRUARY 15.**

## LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2024

### **FEBRUARY 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 40:21-31**

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

*The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 1:29-39**

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

### **FEBRUARY 11 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

#### **FIRST READING – 2 Kings 2:1-12**

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 50:1-6**

*Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 9:2-9**

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

### **FEBRUARY 18 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 25:1-10**

*Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

### **FEBRUARY 25 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 22:23-31**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38**

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

## WITH PRAYER

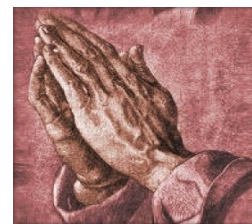
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### PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 **to renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month.**

**You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

**Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**



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CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
(CL 1, 2, & Parlor)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School  
(Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115)

February 2-4

Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge

February 4

Sunday Schedule above

February 7

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

February 9

Fun Fridays

February 11

Sunday Schedule above

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 13

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 14

**12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**

1:00 p.m. POGS Luncheon

**6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service**

**March Newsletter Deadline**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

Sunday Schedule above

February 15

**5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper**

February 18

**6:30 p.m. Lenten Service (FAB)**

February 21

Choir Practice

February 25

Sunday Schedule above

February 28

**5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper**

**6:30 p.m. Lenten Service (FAB)**

Choir Practice