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Sunday, May 19 has been designated for Graduate Recognition. Please plan to join us in the courtyard after worship service for light refreshments to honor and congratulate London Clow, Matthew Herrmann, and Alex Nagy who are graduating from High School this May. We also recognize Forrest Havird, Samuel Seay, Millie Sox, and Brock Tollison as they will earn college degrees.

London, Matthew, and Alex will receive a matted frame signed by members of GSLC and a picture of our Cross that hangs inside the Sanctuary. It has become a tradition for graduates to receive these small gifts as a reminder of all those congregational members who have helped them grow along the way in their faith journey and who will continue to love and pray for them in the future. **Please stop by the Narthex over the next several weeks to sign the mats.**

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

London Clow is the daughter of Candy Limehouse and the granddaughter of Bonnie Hammond. London attended St. Joseph's Catholic School. She is graduating from Cardinal Newman. She has received class awards and is on the Bishop's Honor Roll. She is a member of the National Honor Society and maintains a 4.7 and higher GPA. She is a member of Beta Club and placed 2nd at the State Convention for her art. She plans to attend RIT in N.Y. or High Point, N.C. where she will pursue Digital Design and Development. She will continue to study sign language and translation.



Matthew Herrmann is graduating from Cardinal Newman High School on May 18. He was a starting Varsity wrestler for the SCISA State Championship wrestling team in 2024. He also played on the soccer team that has a 2-time SCISA State Championship record. Matthew will be attending Clemson University in the fall majoring in Construction Science and Management.

Alex Nagy is the son of Joann Nagy and the grandson of Barbara Nagy. He will be graduating from AC Flora High School.

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



In some of our upcoming gospel lessons we hear about characters who are drawn to Jesus. One of my favorites is the character Nicodemus from John's gospel. Nicodemus comes to Jesus first at night. He is drawn like a moth to a flame. He knows Jesus must be from God, for he knows that Jesus could not perform signs and miracles without God's presence and help. But Nicodemus does not yet understand fully who Jesus is or why he has come. By the end of the gospel, Nicodemus comes to anoint and bury Jesus' body, bringing with him ointments and spices weighing over a hundred pounds. That is not easy work and it is not work someone would do for a stranger. It would, rather, be performed by a family member or close friend or follower. Nicodemus moves from curious onlooker to servant and, perhaps, follower of Jesus.

This is a big deal, of course, because Nicodemus was a member of the ruling council—the same council that voted to put Jesus to death. In fact, John tells us, Nicodemus was Jesus' only defender during that meeting of the council. So, it is not without risk to his own well-being that Nicodemus comes to pay homage to Jesus. We don't know for sure that he became a disciple, but it seems possible if not likely that he became a part of the early church gathered in the name of the risen Christ.

Jesus describes another way that those who follow him are drawn in. In John 15, he tells his disciples that he no longer calls them servants, but friends. In following Jesus, they have moved beyond mere servants and have become friends with Jesus. That alone would be wonderful news, but Jesus goes on to tell Mary Magdalene after his resurrection, "go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Jesus not only calls servants to follow him, he makes them his friends. Then through his death and resurrection he makes them children of God and siblings!

I invite you to ponder your own trajectory of being drawn to Jesus. Where do you feel you are on that path? I admit, there are times I feel very close to God. There are other times when I feel that I've lost my way. The wonderful news for us is that God's love for us and God's call in our lives is not dependent upon how we feel. Rather, in great love, God is drawing us ever deeper into the life Jesus came to share with us. He calls us servants, friends, and indeed even sisters and brothers. May we live joyfully and confidently into this good news together.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST



Pentecost Sunday is May 19. The term Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning *fiftieth*. While the Apostles were gathered for the Jewish Festival of Weeks 50 days after Passover, the Holy Spirit came upon them and began the process of spreading the good news about Jesus throughout the world. Today, Pentecost in the Christian faith takes place each year 50 days after Easter and commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit. While God's Spirit is always leading and guiding us, on this day the Church celebrates the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The liturgical color of the day is Red. All members and visitors are invited to wear red to worship on Sunday, May 19 as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost together.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Forrest Havird graduated *magna cum laude* in December 2023 from the University of SC. He is currently working in the HR Department at Harsco Rail.

Samuel Richard Seay is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business at Clemson University this August.

Millie Sox is graduating *summa cum laude* and receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Charleston Southern University. She will begin working as a Research Specialist in the School of Medicine at the University of SC in May. Millie was involved in Alpha Chi Honors Society and received the American Chemical Society Biochemistry Award.

Brock Tollison is graduating from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering specializing in mechanical engineering. While at USC he was on the Dirty Birds Ultimate Frisbee team, who were Regional Champions in 2019-2023. He also spent time with the frisbee community playing disc golf on the Horseshoe with its historically disguised targets. Brock regularly attended Lutheran Campus Ministry. With other Gamecock Lutherans he was a camp counselor at Lutheridge for two summers. He cooked at Villa Tronco and assisted with USC's Railway research in their indoor rail track testing lab. Railway research led to becoming the secretary for the AREMA club. The club traveled to two national conferences attended by railway professionals.

Brock's research team and lab was featured in a couple of commercials during March Madness and can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjVxAll0kXo> and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/Cm1whCpkSe5a1qYd/?mibextid=oFDknk>



Forrest Havird



Samuel Seay



Millie Sox



Brock Tollison



THANK YOU TO THE RAMP MINISTRY

Good Shepherd's volunteer ramp-building team recently completed its 134th wheelchair ramp since the ministry began in 2007. The ramps were built free of charge for recipients who met certain criteria.

After the most recent ramp was built, the daughter of the couple who received the ramp sent a thank-you message with the pictures on these pages. She said, "I'm so touched and your ministry is such a blessing. I'm amazed at what they did and now I do not have to worry about my father falling down the steps caring for my mother."

She went on to say that "it's people like you and your church that make the world a better place. God's peace to you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Mike Weaver and Rod Kent head up this wonderful ministry, and over the years, many Good Shepherd members and friends have given their time and talents to provide wheelchair ramps for those in need in the Columbia area.

Volunteers working on the most recent ramp, besides Mike and Rod, were Steve Bowden, Russ Cox, Ben Haigh, Harry Oakes and Greg Sox as well as non-Good Shepherd members Sydney and Lyndsey Amodio, and Zeke Hanford.

Each situation is different, but the average cost of materials for a ramp is \$800. So, in addition to volunteer help, financial contributions are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, Mike and Rod or other volunteers could give you more information.



Donations are welcome at any time. You may send them to the church office or put them in the offering plate on Sunday. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate them for Ramp Ministry.





FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food in March for 41 families serving 119 individuals.

When the food pantry began operations, it was decided that one of the main components of the grocery bag would be peanut butter because of its nutritious value. The pantry volunteers would welcome donations of store brand (16 oz) peanut butter.



SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS



The emphasis for May is The Big Red Barn Retreat. The Big Red Barn Retreat offers integrated practices and programs that allow American Warriors to thrive at home. These integrated practices are alternatives to traditional treatments and are provided to veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders at little to no cost to them.

If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during May by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Big Red Barn Retreat.



South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace be with you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

While there was a Lutheran presence in South Carolina before 1824, in 2024 we are celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the South Carolina Synod. From the very beginning of the founding of the synod on January 14, 1824, congregations like your own have contributed generously to support God's mission in the synod and the wider church through offerings received in congregations.

St. Paul regularly used his letters as opportunities to thank God for his fellow believers. Romans, Philippians, Colossians, and I Thessalonians all contain words of thanks to God for Paul's fellow believers and their faith: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

Being thankful for one another and for our relationship as church together is important right now. The very first thing we get to share is our faith in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for those with whom we share faith in Jesus Christ and the ways in which God is at work in our lives in these times. Second, we give thanks to God for your congregation and your 2023 Mission Support. Mission Support is undesignated money that your congregation gives without restriction to the work of the South Carolina (SC) Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). God is changing lives through your Mission Support dollars. Because of your generosity the SC Synod and the ELCA can respond to mission and ministry opportunities beyond the congregation for Synodical and Churchwide ministries of the ELCA. Your Mission Support to synod and churchwide helps provide and makes possible the education of pastors and deacons, youth ministry, campus ministry and numerous other ministries in the synod.

We have enclosed a Mission Support "certificate of thanks" in grateful appreciation for your response in 2023. Along with the certificate, we have enclosed a South Carolina Synod story titled, *Pathways to Leadership*.

Please share these words of thanks with the members of your congregation and consider posting the certificate in a prominent place. The total amount shown on the "certificate of thanks" does not include designated giving to such causes as ELCA Disaster Response and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, etc. We are very grateful for all those gifts as well.

In Christ,

Rev. Ozzie Herlong
 Director for Stewardship
 ELCA Synod of South Carolina

Raymond L. Hendrix Jr.
 Treasurer
 ELCA Synod of South Carolina

MISSION SUPPORT

2023



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Pathways to Leadership

"In the experience of the church, we have observed some dynamic pathways to leadership and rostered ministry" said Bishop Virginia Aebischer. Have you ever wondered how people become pastors and deacons? God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, calls in many and various ways and there is no one-way God calls. Beyond congregations that seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel, the pathways to leadership might look like any of these:

Synodical youth ministry is such a pathway for youth to grow into who they are, whether that is lay leadership or rostered ministry.

Pr. Emily Hartmann, Assistant to the Bishop.

There are two primary ways that camps like Lutheridge shape and form folks for ministry. I think it has to do with skills and community.

Pr. Drew Yoos, Lutheridge Staff, NovusWay Ministries

Our mission for South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers is to provide Holy Spaces for God to change lives.

Deacon Dallas Shealy, Executive Director.

I think another thing that happens in college is a lot of self-identify work ...it's great to have a place like campus ministry or a church to come to and find the support you need to figure out the answers to those questions....a lot of our students do end up knowing they want to be a part of the church.

Pr. Josh Kestner, Campus Pastor, Clemson University

The purpose of the candidacy process is to walk with those individuals who are discerning a call to ordained ministry.

Pr. Rick Carter, Assistant to the Bishop.

I received grants from the candidacy committee. It would not have been possible without that support.

Emily Whitlow, Candidate

Because of Mission Support dollars that people of the church contribute to the offering each week in their congregations, we can give grants to candidates each semester. This is a powerful witness to our church in forming leaders.

Bishop Virginia Aebischer

I think what we are doing at seminary in terms of forming future leaders for the church is crucial...by supporting the mission and ministry of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary we can walk together with congregations where we are able to send out students to experience their vocation.

Dr. Chad Rimmer, Rector and Dean, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

The generous portion of your weekly offerings to your congregation sent to Mission Support for the South Carolina Synod makes possible these pathways that shape, and form lay leadership and persons to become rostered ministers. Thank you!

Quotations from 2024 Mission Support Video Like Good Stewards [1 Peter 10:4]



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)

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>  <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 pm GSLC Foundation meeting (CL 1)</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>Graduate Recognition</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting (CL 2)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p>
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</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.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Mary Circle meeting (FAB)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm POGS (FAB)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 pm Memorial Subcommittee meeting (Conference Room)</p> <p>6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm Dorcas Circle meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Tamar Circle meeting (off-site)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 pm Learning Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



A reminder for the GSLC family. Vacation Bible School will be coming soon. Volunteers are needed and we are asking for you to consider giving your time and talents to our young (future leaders) of our congregation. These are some of the ways you can serve: teaching, crafting, meals, all round helpers. You are all appreciated.

WELCA RETREAT

October 4-6, 2024

Isle of Palms Coastal Retreat Center

\$180, can pay in installments

Total due by **August 25, 2024**

Make check payable to WELCA

Give checks to Laura Leigh Smith or
put in WELCA box

4 meals included (*Friday night is on your own.*)



ATTENTION ALL ADULTS!



Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) will meet on Wednesday, **May 8, at 12 noon** in the FAB. It will be a **cook out** with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The meat and buns will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and dessert to share for a traditional cook out lunch.

The program will focus on **The Big Red Barn** which was built in Blythewood, SC, in honor of Leon Irons, who passed away in 2009. Leon served in the Navy out of high school before beginning a successful career in the restaurant business. His family still operates the Sonic Drive-Ins in the Columbia area, as well as some other markets. To honor his life and his love of country, his family opened The Big Red Barn Retreat to help our Soldiers and First Responders in need of healing find peace.

Since we will be taking a summer break (NO meetings in June, July and August), you do not want to miss this event! Come join us for good information, food and fellowship on May 8!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew.



Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Join us 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.

- 1) **Share** your highs and lows of the day/week
- 2) **Read** a bible verse or story
- 3) **Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows
- 4) **Pray** for one another's highs and lows
- 5) **Bless** one another



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades Kindergarten-6th grade
- 11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades Kindergarten-6th 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 "Examining our Faith." Scripture for these lessons comes from the Gospels and other New Testament scripture. Everyone is invited to join us at any time for these informal, discussion-based classes.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Jason Fowler

DATE	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26	6/2
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Mike Weaver	Wade Wingard, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Mike Weaver, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown, Jeff Tondini
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Virginia Morris	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Adam Ortiz	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez Banner Bearers: Lucas Ferlauto Torch Bearer: Natalie & Kate Ferlauto	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Savannah Gross C: Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, Mike Sanchez	Mary Margaret Hoy, Rebecca Richardson	Leigh Tondini, Steve Steck	Mary Stallings, Donna Foster	Jim Tucker, David Lucas

MAY 2024 MEETINGS

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

May 2	Mary Circle (10:00 a.m.)
May 7	Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
May 9	Memorial Subcommittee (4:00 p.m.) Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.)
May 13	GSLC Foundation (5:30 p.m.)
May 14	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.) Social Ministry Committee (5:30 p.m.)
May 16	Dorcas Circle (5:30 p.m.) Tamar Circle (offsite)
May 19	Council (6:30 p.m.)
May 23	Learning Committee (6:00 p.m.)



**MAY
BIRTHDAYS
(ACCORDING
TO CHURCH
RECORDS)**

- 2 Logan Struthers
- 5 Christi Wuori
- 5 Gabby Shelton
- 5 Heather Gilbert
- 5 Wes Snodgrass
- 8 Loren Alton
- 9 Jack Wuori
- 11 Daniel Wingard
- 14 Steve Hanayik
- 16 Albert Alton
- 18 Mike Gilbert
- 19 Scooter Edwards
- 19 Peter Zornow
- 20 Matthew Beaman
- 22 Susan Rodriguez
- 23 Keith Lindler
- 24 Rod Kent
- 24 Mark Lovern
- 24 Nancy Hyatt
- 25 Fiona Taylor
- 25 Deborah Whitlow
- 26 Brad Aller
- 26 Don Hyatt
- 27 Mary Clare McAbee
- 28 Steven McFarland
- 28 Jim Donovan
- 28 Andrew Isenhower
- 30 Lisa Sanchez
- 30 Celeste Heisel

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
MAY 15.**



SIGN UP FOR 2024 FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar for 2024 is available to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2024. The cost of flowers is as follows: Altar flowers \$70, Narthex Flowers \$50, and the Altar Rose is \$10.

Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2024 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year. **If you do not plan to take the flowers, please let Don Caughman or the office know. Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2024

MAY 5 – SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

FIRST READING – Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

PSALM – Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

SECOND READING – 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

GOSPEL – John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

MAY 12 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

FIRST READING – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

PSALM – Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

SECOND READING – 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

GOSPEL – John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

MAY 19 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

PSALM – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

SECOND READING – Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

GOSPEL – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

MAY 26 – THE HOLY TRINITY

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

PSALM – Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

SECOND READING – Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

WITH PRAYER

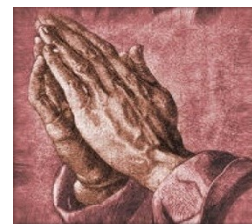
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<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Tim Mueller</i>	
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PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

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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<i>Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family</i>	<i>Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill</i>
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<i>Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders</i>
<i>Betty Cox—former member</i>	<i>Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee</i>
<i>Idona Erwin—friend of member</i>	<i>Smith Family – friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family</i>
<i>John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>	<i>Bob Stearn—friend and neighbor of Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson</i>	<i>Harry Swindler—father of Penny Sox and grandpa of Stacy Gross</i>
<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison</i>
<i>Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow</i>	<i>Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation</i>
<i>David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson</i>
<i>Frank Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>
<i>Steve Johnson - friend of Wade Wingard</i>	<i>Danny and Joey Wheeler—cousins of Jason Fowler</i>
<i>Bodie Kidd – Steve and Helen Hanayik's great-great nephew</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	
<i>Jesse McAllister—friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers</i>	
<i>Marie Starnes Rabon—Daughter of Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>
<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Moble</i>	<i>Loujean Baker</i>

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CALENDAR



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)

May 5 Sunday Schedule above

May 8 POGS meeting

May 12 Sunday Schedule above

May 15 **June Newsletter Deadline**

May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**

Graduate Recognition

Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday Schedule above

May 26 Sunday Schedule above

May 27 Church Office Closed