



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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CELEBRATION OF 90 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Join us in the FAB on Sunday, September 8 after the worship service for our annual Rally Day celebration and to recognize some very special Good Shepherd members who are 90 years old or above.

Come to learn more about our adult, children, and youth Sunday School class curriculums for the fall and about our plans for the upcoming year! Our wonderful teachers and volunteers will also be recognized for their generous service and dedication.

There will not be Sunday School classes this day so we can all come together to celebrate the new year of learning and honor our special 90 years old or above members. Light refreshments will be served after the program. We look forward to seeing you there!



Members 90 years old or above that attended last year's celebration.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Good Shepherd family,

I want us to reflect on the term “discipleship.” To be a disciple is to follow someone or something—to learn from and imitate the master. The way of discipleship is, simply put, the way of Jesus. We are to follow Jesus’ teachings and to imitate his life. What does that look like in practical terms?

Well, let’s look at what Jesus spent his time doing:

Praying	Jesus often spent time in prayer, withdrawing to commune with God
Fasting	Jesus occasionally abstained from food to deepen his reliance on God
Worshipping	Jesus’ custom was to attend the synagogue in his hometown regularly
Educating	Jesus spent a lot of time teaching others and engaging in dialog
Challenging	Jesus challenged others to deepen their love of God and neighbor
Healing	Jesus compassionately cared for the needs and wellbeing of others
Eating/Feeding	Jesus often dined with others and also fed those who were hungry
Helping	Jesus showed compassion and care for others
Sacrificing	Jesus gave of himself and gave <i>himself</i> for us all
Sharing	Jesus came to earth to share life and love with all

I don’t want this to seem like a checklist we must follow, but I do think it is helpful to check in with ourselves from time to time to see how we are doing at following Jesus together. I have made some recent observations about our life together and I hope my sharing these reflections will help us to better follow Jesus together.

I commend you all on your generosity in areas of healing, helping, sharing, and eating/feeding. Our giving to social ministry projects has been at historically high levels and it is a joy to serve in such a generous and loving congregation! Our neighbors really appreciate what we do and it is making a real difference in their lives. Our friends at AC Flora appreciate our deepening partnerships. Local elementary schools count on our giving of supplies and food. Wheelchair ramp recipients are ecstatic to receive the gifts of that team. Our food pantry guests are fed in body and spirit by our ministries. Many local community organizations know that Jesus is alive and well through the work and ministry of Good Shepherd! Well-done and keep it up!

Also, we really care for each other physically, spiritually, and mentally. It’s great serving in a place where the congregants really and truly love and care for one another. Great work and keep it up!

We never shy away from a chance to gather and break bread together, whether that is in worship at the Lord’s Table or in our FAB for a congregational event or in our homes. Let’s keep gathering to feed and to be fed.

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I want to encourage you all to deepen your commitment to other areas of discipleship. It is vital to set priorities in life and discipleship is no different. When we don't do as Jesus did; when we fail to follow him and follow our own desires instead, we sometimes need some help to get back on the path. My hope is that this article will help some of you who need some encouragement. Regular worship attendance is so important not just because it is good for us to be in worship, but because we are each part of the body of Christ. When one of us is absent, the other parts of the body suffer. We need all of the parts of this wonderful body of Christ coming together regularly to be the church together. I know summer is a busy time. But fall and winter are busy times, as well. So is spring. If we don't prioritize following Jesus, other lords and gods will claim our time instead and we will follow after them. We all need one another and we need to gather to be this body that Christ is forming us to be.

We also need to continue to (or resume) to gather for educating as Jesus did. We need to be in dialog with one another. We need to prioritize forming our faith and feeding our souls regularly. Rally Day provides a great opportunity to reset these priorities. In point of fact, any day is a good day to reset these priorities.

I urge you: Let's build on our strengths and let's grow in those places where Jesus is calling us to follow him more fully in the days to come. I'm here to encourage, support, and nurture your faith. Let's continue in the way of Jesus together.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

END OF SUMMER AND LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that August is almost over and school has or will be starting, football mania will begin. I would like to encourage everyone to start the new year off with a renewed interest and dedication to the programs being offered. It is hard to have a great program without enthusiastic participants. So, parents please make sure your children are in Sunday School on Sunday mornings this fall. And yes, there will be three classes for adult participants. Please come and try one or maybe all three to see what class might be one you will enjoy. You just might realize that you enjoy participating in a class. Hope to see an enthusiastic group of people as we begin the new fall Sunday School schedule following Rally Day on September 8.

As I close, I would like to remind everyone to remember to try and stay current with their offerings to the church. Just because it is summer does not mean that the bills and expenses to run the church stop. In July 2024 Good Shepherd received only 68.11% of the budget needed to operate and pay salaries. Budget to date is \$279,607.50 and thru July we have received \$212,648.00. A big thanks goes out to all who give of their time, talents and treasure.

Peace be with you,
Becky Shealy, Council President



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food for 50 families in July serving 162 individuals.

The food pantry does NOT need used plastic grocery bags, please recycle them at your local grocery store. We are required to use brand new bags when packing food.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
SEPTEMBER 17.**

Have you heard?
The GSLC Foundation is accepting
grant applications.
Deadline November 1, 2024

GSLC FOUNDATION APPLICATION DEADLINE— NOVEMBER 1

Grants must be for either:

- 1) Outreach into the community,
- 2) To institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA,
- 3) To members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending an ELCA seminary, for church-related leadership conferences, etc.,
- 4) For non-budgeted special projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

All grants must have a Congregational Shepherd - an active member of our congregation who has knowledge of the proposed grant use and is able to ensure grants are used appropriately.

Please see the application for complete details and grant criteria.

Maximum amount awarded per grant is \$3,000.00.

The grant application form is located on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website:

<http://www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/>

Printed copies are available on the table outside church office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

Our September Monthly Emphasis is Senior Resources. Senior Resources is a nonprofit organization that coordinates services, provides resources and encourages the personal choices that allow Midlands' area senior citizens to remain independent. Their services touch the lives of more than 4,000 Midlands residents. Their services are designed to empower seniors to remain healthy and independent. They offer a variety of established programs to seniors and families in the Midlands, such as home care, transportation, senior volunteers, and meal delivery. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during September by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Monthly Emphasis.



NOISY OFFERING 5TH SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 29

The Noisy Offering donations for the month of September will go to Epworth Children's Home to help purchase Christmas gifts for children living at the home and for those in the Epworth's foster programs. Please help make Christmas a special time for these kids. Noisy and quiet donations are appreciated.

Since 1896, Epworth Children's Home has been a place for children to grow, learn and be loved. Children ages 12 and up come to Epworth Children's Home from severely stressed family systems and the home's goal is to nurture and love them by providing education, counseling, medical care, and spiritual enrichment. Their aim is to break the destructive cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity.

Epworth is licensed by the SC Department of Social Services and is recognized as a 501(c)(3) private, child and family service organization. They are members of the United Methodist Association of Health & Welfare Ministries.

The mission of Epworth Children's Home is to serve children, youth, and families through caring, safe, Christian communities, where hurts are healed, hope is nurtured, and faith in God, self, and others is developed.



SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE



"My favorite part about the camp was canoeing."

Jason Michael Ortiz



"My favorite thing at camp was the big slip n slide."

Walker Bostic



"I love being outdoors! Canoeing, archery, swimming, and hiking are all my favorite parts!"

Madelyn Snodgrass

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SUMMER VACATION?



"My cabinmates were amazing! Some I met last year and others were new friendships."

William Snodgrass



"My favorite thing to do at camp was canoeing."

Bailey Bostic



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

75 Years Walking in the Spirit

Congregational Retreat

January 31 – February 2, 2025

Lutheridge in Arden, NC

Let's begin our yearlong Anniversary Celebration
with fun and fellowship!



Program Presenter: Pastor Drew Yoos

Registration begins September 29 – December 15, 2024



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 Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
 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)

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream</i> 10:45 am <i>Intergenerational Sunday School Class (CL 1)</i> 10:45 am <i>Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class (CL 2)</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am <i>Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream</i> 10:45 am Rally Day (FAB)</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 pm <i>Evangelism Committee (CL 2)</i> 6:00 pm [private event] <i>Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i> 5:00 pm <i>Finance Committee (Conf Rm)</i> 5:30 pm <i>Social Ministry Committee (CL 2)</i></p>
<p>15 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>6:30 pm <i>Council meeting (CL 2)</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>22 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>29 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p> 	<p>30</p>	



SEPTEMBER

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>4</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Mary Circle meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:00 pm GSLC Retreat planning meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) lunch & meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>6:00 pm Communication Committee (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 pm Dorcas Circle meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Tamar Circle meeting (off-site)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm Learning Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Sunday School classes will conclude September 1 and our new year of classes will begin Sunday, September 15! Please join us for one of the classes below.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
- 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-114)
- 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

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



TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.
in the Conference Room.



WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

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



AROUND THE CORNER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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 that relate to our Lutheran faith and individual and shared faith journeys. ***This class meets in the Parlor and 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THE CHOSEN

For the fall Sunday School season beginning September 15, the Come and See Sunday School class will begin an interactive Bible Study of Season 1 of the popular streaming television series *The Chosen*. The study will be based on the official study guide entitled *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* coauthored by Amanda and David Jenkins, creators of *The Chosen* series. You can “Google” this for more details.

The Chosen is a unique historical drama series based on the earthly ministry of Jesus with a special focus on select characters and their personal interactions with Jesus and with each other.

This will be a 9-week study beginning with an Introduction to introduce the main characters and to review Old Testament Messianic prophesies and then 8 weeks to parallel each episode of season 1. If the class chooses, we will continue the study of the next 3 seasons to include all 32 episodes. The class discussion will be facilitated by Mark Lovern and Bruce Shealy.

Participants are asked to view each episode prior to the group discussion. Episodes are available on streaming TV via *The Chosen* app. Episodes also can be viewed on a PC or smartphone by searching for *The Chosen*.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning September 1, the Fellowship Sunday School class will focus on Women of the Bible for the fall session. We will do in-depth studies of major and minor women characters of the Bible. Feel free to join us at any time. The class meets in Classroom 2 in the lower level near the elevator. The class is led by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

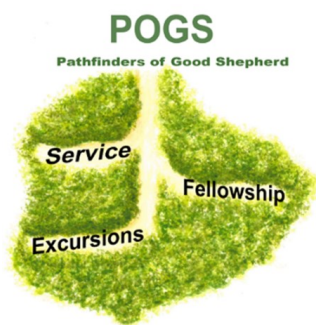
COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: CAROLE SOX

DATE	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29	10/6
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Rod Kent	Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Ben Haigh	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector: Elaine Zornow Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Juli Calhoun	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Kate Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Savannah Gross C: Blake Gross	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey
TABULATORS	Rebecca Richardson, David Lucas	Donna Foster, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Karen Lucas	Mary Stallings, Jim Tucker	Mike Sanchez, Rebecca Richardson	Becky Shealy, David Lucas

SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETINGS

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

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| September 5 | Mary Circle (10:00 a.m.)
GSLC Retreat planning meeting (6:00 p.m.) |
| September 9 | Evangelism Committee (5:00 p.m.) |
| September 10 | Finance Committee (5:00 p.m.)
Social Ministry Committee (5:30 p.m.) |
| September 12 | Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Communication Committee (6:00 p.m.) |
| September 15 | Council (6:30 p.m.) |
| September 19 | Dorcas Circle (5:30 p.m.)
Tamar Circle (6:30 p.m.) |
| September 26 | Learning Committee (6:00 p.m.) |



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD POGS

Now that fall is approaching, it's time for POGS to start back up. POGS will meet **Wednesday, September 11 at 12 noon in the FAB. Please bring a covered dish to share.** The speaker will be Andrew Boozer from Senior Resources (see monthly emphasis for more information on Senior Resources.) He will discuss ways that Senior Resources might be able to help us as well as how we can support the organization. If you can help with the set up and clean up, please let Cathy Milejczak know.



**POGS will meet
Wednesday,
September 11 at 12
noon in the FAB.
Please bring a
covered dish to
share.**

- 1 Barbara Sutton
- 2 Elaine Zornow
- 3 Richard Inman
- 4 Lyn Denny
- 7 Tim Ross
- 9 Jeffrey Beaman
- 11 Mitch Uehling
- 14 Candy Clow
- 14 Grace Boozer
- 16 Linda Moody Thomas
- 16 Rick Storey
- 18 Bill Quattlebaum
- 18 Karlin Hogue
- 18 Mallorie Hogue
- 20 Billy Robertson
- 20 Noah Adams
- 20 Dick Sturkie
- 21 Marcus Hogue
- 21 Bailey Bostic
- 22 Susan Stewart
- 22 Ethan Richardson
- 25 Trey Limehouse
- 25 Virginia Morris
- 26 Susan Sturkie
- 28 Elaine Dionne
- 28 James Shukla
- 28 Barbara Nagy
- 29 Pam Fusco
- 29 Jean Cockrell
- 29 Rebecca Richardson
- 30 Lennae Sox

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 1 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

PSALM – Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

SECOND READING – James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

GOSPEL – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

SEPTEMBER 8 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

PSALM – Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

SECOND READING – James 2:1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

GOSPEL – Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

SEPTEMBER 15 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are

the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

PSALM – Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

SECOND READING – James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

GOSPEL – Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

SEPTEMBER 22 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

PSALM – Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

SECOND READING – James 3:13 —4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

GOSPEL – Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

SEPTEMBER 29 – MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

WITH PRAYER



Rev. Russ Anderson
Gwen Barnes
Trisha Benson
Grace Boozer
Steve Bowden

Victoria Brown
Rosemarie Brown
Charles Buckner
Lavina Chandler
Cheryl Christian
Dot Correll
Sylvia Anne Derrick
Marianne De Werdt
Lena Duncan
Larry Evans
Violet Fetner

Bob Fortner
Bonnie Hammond
Trisha Holman
Kitty Howard
Judy Hoy
Sara Hydrick
Jeannine Jameson
Billie Jones
Lisa Lehman
Sara Loyd
Mary Clare McAbee

Michele Morrison
Joann Nagy
Gloria Oakes
Justine Parker
Frances Plyler
Barbara Sutton
Terri Tokaz
Bubba Willis
Peter & Elaine Zornow

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.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush
Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend
Nancy Brown—friend of Barbara Nagy
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox
Betty Cox—former member
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
Sally Elliott—mother of Lee Elliott (loss of husband)
Idona Erwin—friend of member
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini
Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow
David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
Frank Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard
Bodie Kidd – Steve and Helen Hanayik's great-great nephew
Will Kepley—nephew of Libby Anne Inabinet
Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
Rachel McCutcheon—granddaughter of Evelyn McQuage
Robert Nagy—brother-in-law of Barbara Nagy

Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Moble
Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders
Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach
Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee
Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family
June Steadman—96-year-old friend of Raymond & Julie Hendrix (house burned down)
Harry Swindler—father of Penny Sox and grandpa of Stacy Gross
Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
Richard Wall—neighbor of Barbara Nagy
Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
Danny and Joey Wheeler—cousins of Jason Fowler
Tom White—friend of Frances Plyler
Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

SYMPATHY

Roderick Whitlow—father of Mark Whitlow
David Hill

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Becky Shealy

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Communication/**Carole Sox**

Evangelism/**Jason Fowler**

Finance/**David Lucas**

Gifts/**Ed Woodward**

Learning/**Barbara Nagy**

Parish Life/**Deb Bodie**

Property/**Richard Inman**

Social Ministry/**Jan Haigler****

Worship Life/**Becky Shealy**

Youth & Children/**Chris Herrmann**

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Social Ministry/**Cathy Milejczak**

Social Ministry/**Rod Kent**

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CALENDAR

September



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 – 11:45 a.m. *Confirmation Class (Conference 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)*

- September 1 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. *Adult Fellowship Sunday School (CL 2)*
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. *Intergenerational Sunday School (CL 1)*
- September 2 **Church Office Closed**
- September 4 7:00 p.m. *Choir Practice (Choir Room)*
- September 8 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
No Sunday School Classes
10:45 *Rally Day (FAB)*
- September 11 7:00 p.m. *Choir Practice (Choir Room)*
- September 15 **Food Pantry Sunday**
See Sunday Schedule Above
6:30 p.m. *Council meeting (CL 2)*
- September 17 **October Newsletter Deadline**
- September 18 7:00 p.m. *Choir Practice (Choir Room)*
- September 22 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
See Sunday Schedule Above
- September 25 7:00 p.m. *Choir Practice (Choir Room)*
- September 29 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
See Sunday Schedule Above