



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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**BURGERS & BINGO**

**MARCH 2 @4PM**

We ask that everyone bring a bag of canned goods as our community service project!

Burgers & Toppings will be provided - please bring a side dish or dessert!



Shrove Tuesday  
**Pancake Supper**

**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER  
MARCH 4, 2025  
5:30 P.M. IN FAB**

Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the FAB for pancakes, bingo, prizes and more (like sausage and bacon!) Ready for an evening of laughing with your friends? We would love to fill the FAB with the whole congregation, so won't you come out and join us? Put this one on your calendar now. If you'd like to volunteer, email Chris Herrmann at [jamescherrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jamescherrmann@gmail.com) or just see him in the Narthex any Sunday morning.



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

At every turn in Jesus' ministry he could have decided to abandon his mission. Again and again, Jesus faced the choice to remain faithful or to turn toward his own self-interest. Again and again, of course, Jesus remained faithful to God's mission of bringing the gospel to the world. One of the first places we see this choice play out is in Luke 4 when Jesus is tested or tempted in the wilderness. The Greek verb for "tempt" or "test" is *peirazo*. It can mean to put to the test or to put on trial or to tempt or entice to sin. In this context, Jesus is tried or tested by Satan in the wilderness. He is offered various alternatives to remaining faithful to his mission and he passes each test, choosing to reject Satan's empty promises and choosing to remain faithful to God's mission and call. Whether or not Jesus was "tempted" by Satan is a matter of some debate. Did Jesus find Satan's empty promises alluring? Was there ever a moment when Jesus thought that the devil's way was a viable alternative to God's way? We would likely say no.

It is difficult for us to imagine the pressures Jesus faced to abandon his mission. Whether it was the seductive suggestions by Satan in the wilderness or the insistence of Simon Peter that Jesus need not suffer and die; whether it was the pressure from the crowds to take Jesus and make him king by force or the grumbling of others who were upset that Jesus chose to associate with sinners and tax collectors, Jesus faced many tests during his ministry. I'm sure it would have been easier for Jesus to walk away; to abandon his mission, to spurn suffering, to choose a way other than the cross and the grave. Jesus remained faithful.

In our own lives, I believe we face tests and temptations. We know that there are voices that try to lure us away from our identity as God's children. There are powers that seek to turn us away from the truth that we belong to Christ in whom we have been baptized. There are all sorts of chances for us to turn away from our faith and our calling as God's people and instead to seek glory, riches, popularity, leisure, and ease.

We are called to follow Jesus in our lives and part of what that means is that we will face trials and temptations. We follow the one who is faithful and who never turned away. We, too, can choose the good as Jesus did and we, too, can remain true to what God has called us to do and to be in the world. Even when we fail, Jesus' faithfulness never fails. Even when we make a bad choice, God still chooses us in love.

This Lenten season, we will study and celebrate together the faithfulness of Jesus and we will recommit ourselves to living the life to which we have been called. Join me as we seek to follow faithfully. Join me as we support one another through all of life's tests and trials and temptations.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew





As we continue to celebrate Good Shepherd's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will welcome back to the pulpit another of our former pastors. **Pastor Paul Wollner** will be with us on **Sunday, March 30, 2025**, at our **9:30 a.m.** worship service. Be sure to be here!

If you have not already gotten your copy of the special booklet published in celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup>

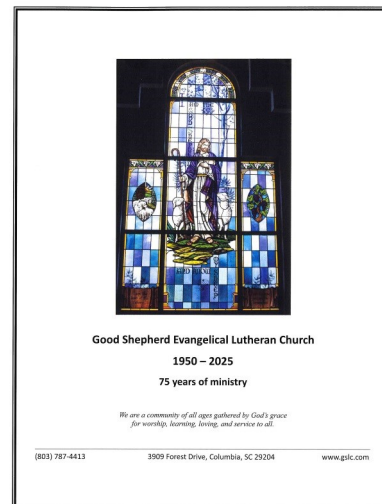
anniversary, pick up one from the table in the narthex. It gives a brief history of Good Shepherd, with special attention and explanation of the stained-glass windows. Remember **ONE COPY PER HOUSEHOLD**.

Watch for announcements of future events. Already on the schedule are the following, so mark your calendars:

**Sunday, March 30** – 9:30 a.m. worship service – Pastor Paul Wollner preaching

**Sunday, April 27** – 4:00 p.m. Spring Music Concert

**Sunday, September 14** – Homecoming Sunday with former pastor Ronald Feltman. Catered lunch provided.



# Thank You

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Epworth Children's Home. This letter serves as an acknowledgement and receipt of your contribution in the amount of \$365.40 on 12/23/2024 to Epworth. We appreciate your gift that will help children find their voice.

Sincerely,  
Beth Williams  
President  
Epworth Children's Home





## REFLECTING ON LIFE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

When Greg Sox was baptized at Good Shepherd in early 1965, the congregation was just 15 years old. Greg and his wife Carole and their daughters Millie and Lennae still call Good Shepherd their church home.

During those 60 years since his baptism, Greg has experienced the ups and downs of congregational life, had his faith fed and nourished and has been guided and influenced by so many members who were models of the godly life.

Greg perhaps is unique in his participation in so many rites of the Church at Good Shepherd: His own baptism. His confirmation. His marriage. The funerals of both parents. The baptism of one daughter and the confirmation of both daughters.

"I was fortunate to grow up in Good Shepherd," Greg says. "It was a community filled with such great people. So many of the adults were part of 'The Greatest Generation' and they set a great example. You really felt you were part of a family." (Names such as Julius Hair, Earl Olson, Harold Sutton, Charlie Fetner, Walter Robertson, Curtis Sox, J.D. Loyd, Harold Embrey, Cy Havird and many others come up when looking back on those times.)

Greg says he especially enjoyed his involvement with YOGS (Youth of Good Shepherd) and Sunday School. "I looked forward to our youth group activities, like Christmas Caroling and various Sunday evening group activities. We enjoyed our time together. There weren't as many activities outside the church, so youth group was really important." Something that really stands out in Greg's mind is a youth group weekend retreat at Lutheridge in late February/early March, 1980. An unexpected snowstorm came through Friday night, and fourteen youth and three adults were stranded at the camp near Asheville. "It was a lot of fun playing in the snow," Greg remembers. "But it certainly was cold. And we wound up having the place to ourselves." (The temperature dropped to 2 degrees on Saturday night and the cabin furnace's pilot light went out. Fortunately, there was a fireplace and enough wood was rounded up to keep the blaze going!)

Greg's parents, Curtis and Mary, were married in June, 1952. Shortly thereafter Curtis joined Good Shepherd, and Mary became a member in 1955. Their son Chris was born in 1959, and Greg was adopted as an infant in 1965. "They were my parents," Greg says. "I never had the slightest desire to know about my biological parents." Church attendance and participation were a routine part of Sox family life.

Curtis died in September, 1990. When Mary died at age 96 in June, 2022, she was Good Shepherd's oldest member. (Curtis is remembered as a gregarious man who knew no strangers and a "robust" hymn singer! Mary was a normally soft-spoken lady who said something when it needed to be said.)

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Greg and a young lady named Carole Burton met at a social function in Clemson in 1994. The relationship grew over time, and they were married at Good Shepherd in December, 1995. Pastor Larry Long, who had confirmed Greg 16 years before, officiated at the wedding.



Although Greg's time at Good Shepherd goes back to his infancy in 1965, there was a brief period when he was at another church. His professional life took him to Fairfax, VA (in the Washington, DC, area) where he and Carole (a native of Maryland) were members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax from late 2003 until early 2006. Greg and Carole had decided earlier they wanted to adopt, and at the time "adopting from China was not as difficult as adopting here," Greg recalls. After spending time in China and dealing with the necessary red tape, they were able to adopt a two-and-a-half-year-old whom they named Mary Mildred Sox (soon to be known as Millie). She was baptized at Lord of Life in November, 2003.

After such a successful adoption, they decided to adopt another girl from China and made the trip to Asia to meet a two-and-a-half-year-old they would name Lennae Catherine Sox. The Soxes were back in Columbia by then and Lennae was baptized at Good Shepherd in April, 2006. "Millie has been a great 'big sister' for Lennae," Greg notes.

Over the years the family has been involved in a variety of church activities. Greg served on church council, various committees, as an usher and helped in ramp ministry among other activities. The girls were involved in youth activities, and they've served as acolytes, crucifers and ushers. Carole just completed a term on church council, serving as an outstanding chair of the communication committee.

Greg is a graduate of Clemson (where he was a punter on the football team) and has a masters from Southern Wesleyan. His professional background includes work in emergency management and homeland security. For 20 years he has been a business analyst with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Carole is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Maryland. She has a masters from Southern Wesleyan and a doctorate from USC. She is head of the new business administration program at Columbia College, where she has taught for a number of years.

Millie and Lennae are graduates of Spring Valley HS. Millie was an honor graduate of Charleston Southern with a degree in biochemistry. She has been doing research at USC. Lennae is a sophomore at Columbia College studying studio art.

The Sox family, starting with Curtis and Mary and continuing through Chris, Greg, Carole, Millie and Lennae, have been an integral part of Good Shepherd congregational life during almost all of the 75 years of our existence.

Don Caughman





*Come Join Our*  
**BIBLE** **TUESDAY IN-PERSON**  
**BIBLE STUDY**



Please join us Tuesday mornings  
 at 11:30 in the Conference Room.

**ATTENTION:**  
**WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD**

You are invited to join the Dorcas Circle on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the FAB for a special program given by Linda Hair Sloan, daughter of Jean and Julius Hair, and a child charter member of Good Shepherd. The program will focus on ways for women to recapture joy, purpose and grounding in their lives through faith, hilarity and realism found in her and co-author, Merry Taylor's book, **"Does This Fig Leaf Make Me Look Fat?"**

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper. Please contact Gaye Tucker at 803-917-8428 if you plan to attend or have questions.



**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.



**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in January to 28 families serving 93 individuals.



## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday School Classes

- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes  
*Around the Corner (Parlor), Come and See (CL 1), and Fellowship (CL 2)*  
 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)  
 10:45 - 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)  
 11:05 - 11:20 a.m. Preschool Children's Music (E-115)  
 11:25 - 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

## COUNCIL NEWS

Don Caughman has been elected by Congregation Council to fill the unexpired term of the Communication Committee. He is replacing Deb Bodie who resigned due to health issues and pending surgeries.

Don has served on the Communication Committee and comes with a background in public relations. He will continue the work of making Good Shepherd a presence on social media as well as keep the congregation in the know of events happening at Good Shepherd.

We thank Don for his willingness to assume this position and know he will serve us well.



### **PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) MARCH 12 12:45 P.M. (FAB)**

POGS will have a catered lunch following the noon Lenten Service. The lunch will begin at 12:45 p.m. in the FAB. The cost of \$8.00 will include a deli sandwich, chips, cookies and a beverage. **Please make a reservation by completing the bulletin insert no later than Sunday, March 9.**

Our special guest is Lynn Derrick, son of Sylvia Anne Derrick and brother of Kappy Steck. Based on his recent travels, Lynn's presentation will follow Paul's journeys to Ephesus, Crete, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Philippi and Corinth. It will also include the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the book of Revelation.  
**Come, Learn, and Enjoy!**

Make your reservation for the March 12 lunch by the **March 9 DEADLINE.**

## LENTEN/HOLY WEEK/EASTER WORSHIP

Join us in our Lenten Journey this year as our midweek Lenten services focus on Worship through the Senses. Our worship will center on the five senses throughout the Lenten Season as a way of exploring the significance of Christ's incarnation. We are all made in the image of God, who chose to share our humanity by joining in our embodied experience. God's image in us is beautifully diverse. Our midweek services will focus on Sight, Sound, Scent, Touch and Taste as they relate to our worship and faith experience. Please note that all services will be held in the **Sanctuary** and there will **not** be a meal served after the midday services. (There will be a POGS lunch and meeting after the March 12<sup>th</sup> noon Lenten Service. Please make a reservation by completing the bulletin insert no later than Sunday, March 9.)



### Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5  
12 noon and 7:00 p.m.

### LENTEN SERVICES

12 noon and 6:30 p.m.  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9



## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 17  
at 7:00 p.m.

*First communion for eligible children.*

*Contact Pastor Andrew if you are interested.*

Good Friday, April 18  
at 7:00 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 20

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

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





## LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

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.

### MY LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

Our Lenten theme this year is "Extraordinary Grace." Please use this daily calendar to help you practice encountering Christ and deepening yourself by making a daily offering during the 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 baskets in the narthex during any of our Holy Week services, put in the offering plate, mailed or brought to the church office.

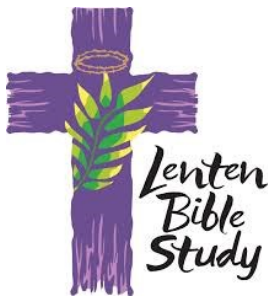
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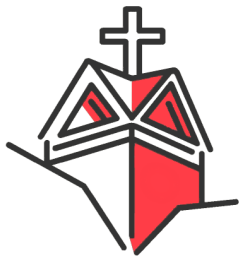
Holy Week

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Would you like to learn more about Jesus' less-often-mentioned disciples? Ever wonder what happened to those disciples after the Crucifixion and Resurrection? If so, you're invited to join a weekly Bible study before the Wednesday Lenten service we've entitled "A Study of Jesus' Disciples not named Peter or John." The study will be led by Don Caughman. If you're interested, please let Don know whether you'd prefer


11:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for the study. You can reach him at 803-318-0236 or at [dodgerfan@sc.rr.com](mailto:dodgerfan@sc.rr.com). The study would begin March 12 and go through April 9.



**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 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)
- 11:05 - 11:20 am Preschool Music (E-115)
- 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

March 2025

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<p><b>2</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>4:00 pm <i>Burgers &amp; Bingo (FAB)</i> Congregational Event</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>5:30 pm <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FAB)</i></p>
<p><b>9</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>3:00 pm <i>Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>4:30 pm <i>75th Anniversary Task Force meeting (CL 2)</i></p> <p>5:30 pm <i>Social Ministry Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p>
<p><b>16</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b></p>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p>5:30 pm <i>Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p><b>23</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>	<b>24</b>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p><b>30</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>75th Anniversary Event— Pastor Paul Wollner preaching</p>	<b>31</b>	



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>
<p><b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Sanctuary) <b>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Sanctuary) 8:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB) 5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>12:00 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary) 12:45 pm Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) lunch &amp; meeting (FAB) <b>Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)</b> <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>12:00 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary)  <b>Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)</b>  <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>12:00 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary)  <b>Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)</b>  <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	

## A CHILD SHALL LEAD

A passion of mine for most of my career has been to develop opportunities for children and youth to not just attend worship but to provide leadership in worship. As a music director this has usually meant child cantors and soloists and Children's and Youth Choir members. We will now be inviting children and youth who have the interest to participate in the Prayers of the Church with Pastor Andrew. The suggested age range is 8 or 9 through senior high. I will be scheduling interested children and youth and sending to parents the printed prayers of the church a week ahead of their scheduled time. The child/youth will prepare two prayer petitions to add to the prayers Pastor Andrew will lead. Please let me know if your child/children/youth would like to participate.



I have begun a weekly 15-minute pre-school music experience from 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. in the Children's Music room. This will give our youngest members a music and movement experience that will help shape and form them towards becoming Children's Choir members a few years later. Children and grandchildren of members are welcome and parents/grandparents are invited to sit in the music session if desired to observe what the children are experiencing. Most of the current Children's Choir members sang with me in the nursery or preschool in the years just before Covid and their musical leadership that began then is now serving our worship life in a very meaningful way.

Jim Johnson





# Music Notes

## HANDBELL CHOIR – A NEW APPROACH



For many years Handbell Choirs thrived in churches because players were able to commit to weekly rehearsals that were the same place and same time each week. It is not possible to have a successful and meaningful handbell experience without everyone being present. This model has largely disappeared in recent years due to the complexities of schedules and changes in our culture that have resulted in fewer and fewer people willing to make a weekly commitment to any particular

ministry. In my two years at Cedar Grove Lutheran Church, we were able to revive a bell choir by getting everyone to agree on a Sunday to play in church and a time on the Saturday before for a rehearsal. So, one commitment for rehearsal and one Sunday to play in church each time the bell choir participated in worship. No same time same place weekly rehearsals. I am planning to begin this model for a Handbell Choir at Good Shepherd. Players do not have to read music in terms of the musical staff and note names, but players need to be able to read music rhythms and counts as playing at the right time is the important challenge of playing handbells.

If you would like to consider being part of a Handbell Choir with the rehearsal/performance model described here, please contact Jim Johnson at [jimjohnson51@gmail.com](mailto:jimjohnson51@gmail.com) or 803-609-2338.

## ORDER EASTER LILIES BY APRIL 6

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 Sunday, April 6 and accompanied by payment.** Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on April 20.







Have you heard?  
The GSLC Foundation is accepting  
grant applications.  
Deadline May 1.

## **GSLC FOUNDATION APPLICATION DEADLINE—MAY 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.

## FOUNDATION FUNDS AT WORK



The Social Ministry Committee used a Foundation grant to purchase 65 backpacks to be given to students in need at A.C. Flora High School. Cathy Milejczak arranged a bulk order and shipping of Big Student backpacks at considerable savings. She and Pastor Andrew are shown with the backpacks and food items delivered to the Social Services department at A.C. Flora in December.

The Property Committee received grants for two projects. Installation of 7 remote-controlled thermostats replaced manual-controlled thermostats so that Sexton Joey Allison can adjust the temperature settings by Wi-Fi remote access at any time.



The second project was the replacement of worn-out parking and directional signage on the church campus. Charlie Calhoun planned the sign project. Joey received help from Charlie, Juli and Emma with the installation of all the signs around the campus.



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: ANNA-MARIE PLYLER**

DATE	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6
<b>USHERS</b>	Mike Weaver, Jason Fowler, Mike Brown, Frances Plyler	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Mike Brown, Frances Plyler	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Mike Brown, Frances Plyler	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Mike Brown, Frances Plyler	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Mike Brown, Frances Plyler	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Lauren Chandler, Richard Inman, Jim Tucker
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Lector: Gloria Oakes Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector: Kerry Stubbs Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector: Bud DePriest Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy
<b>ACOLYTE &amp; CRUCIFER</b>	A: Jackson Nabors C: Adam Ortiz	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Savannah Gross C: Blake Gross	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross	A: Jackson Nabors C: Savannah Gross	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy	Steve Steck, David Lucas	Rebecca Richardson, Donna Foster	Mike Sanchez, Karen Lucas	Mary Stallings, Mary Margaret Hoy	Lavina Chandler, Jim Tucker



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES MARCH 5

**12 noon**

Lector: Alice Buckner  
Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy

**7:00 p.m.**

Lector: Don Caughman  
Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell

### MARCH 2025 MEETINGS

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

- March 6      Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)  
                  Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 11     Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)  
                  75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force (4:30 p.m.)  
                  Social Ministry Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 12     POGS Luncheon (12:45 p.m.)
- March 18     Communication Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 20     Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.)  
                  Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Becky Struthers	8	Jeannine Jameson	19	Judy Stanton
2	Miles Kemp	14	Perry Shuping	22	Bonnie Hammond
2	Jim Tucker	14	Anna Ross	22	Sara Hydrick
3	Joanne Wuori	14	Callen Gilbert	23	Dot Correll
3	Libby Anne Inabinet	14	Janet Lockhart	23	Tory Shelton
3	Don Caughman	14	Julie Hendrix	23	Michelle Ortiz
4	Emma Peake	15	Lee Elliott	24	Jon Frew
4	Madelyn Snodgrass	15	Sid Havird	24	Keri Hogue
4	Eric Kemp	16	Emily Whitlow Stolba	24	Raymond Hendrix
6	Jason Jakiela	17	Lena Duncan	30	Marianne De Werdt
6	Frances Plyler	18	Sarah Peake	31	Ed Beaman



## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2025

### **MARCH 2 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

#### **FIRST READING – Exodus 34:29-35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 99**

*Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 9:28-43a**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

### **MARCH 9 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

#### **FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

*God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

### **MARCH 16 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance.*

*Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 27**

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 3:17—4:1**

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

### **MARCH 23 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-9**

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 63:1-8**

*O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 13:1-9**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

### **MARCH 30 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

#### **FIRST READING – Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 32**

*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*



## WITH PRAYER

<i>Carolyn Adams</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Sara Hydrick</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Joey Allison</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Terri Tokaz</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Marianne De Werdt</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Lena Duncan</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	<i>Elaine Zornow</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Steve Bowden</i>	<i>Violet Fetner</i>	<i>Mary Clare McAbee</i>	
<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Bob Fortner</i>	<i>Michele Morrison</i>	
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Joann Nagy</i>	
<i>Alice Buckner</i>	<i>Silas Holmes</i>	<i>Gloria Oakes</i>	
<i>Charles Buckner</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Justine Parker</i>	
<i>Lavina Chandler</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>	
<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Verna Sawyer</i>	



### 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](mailto: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>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders</i>
<i>Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler</i>	<i>Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach</i>
<i>Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee</i>
<i>Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Martha Sigmon</i>
<i>Betty Cox—former member</i>	<i>Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Pamela Starr – friend of Terri Tokaz</i>
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<i>John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>	<i>Richard Wall—neighbor of Barbara Nagy</i>
<i>Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson</i>	<i>Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>
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<i>Tiffany Kent—daughter of Rod Kent</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Kathy Killian—sister of Bobbie Storey</i>	
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	
<i>Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell</i>	
<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley</i>	

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*Karin Salisbury*  
*Bobby Cannon – father of Trace and Adelaide Cannon and ex-husband of Kappy Steck*

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**Sunday Schedule**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Rm)
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
- 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)
- 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. Preschool Children’s Music (E-115)
- 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115)

- March 2 Sunday Schedule above  
**4:00 p.m. Burgers & Bingo (FAB)**
- March 4 **5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FAB)**
- March 5 **12 noon & 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Services**  
Choir Practice
- March 9 Sunday Schedule above
- March 12 **12 noon & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services**  
12:45 p.m. POGS Luncheon  
Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)  
Choir Practice
- March 15 **April Newsletter Deadline**
- March 16 **Food Pantry Sunday**  
Sunday Schedule above
- March 19 **12 noon & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services**  
Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)  
Choir Practice
- March 23 Sunday Schedule above
- March 26 **12 noon & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services**  
Lenten Bible Study (Time TBA)  
Choir Practice
- March 30 Sunday Schedule above