



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## LENTEN SERVICES

12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

April 2 and 9

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

April 2 and 9

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm/Passion Sunday**, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.

**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

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Service at 9:30 a.m.





## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Where do we go from here?

That's the question that every congregation is wrestling with today. We are living in a world that seems to be increasingly post-modern, post-Covid, and post-Christian. It can feel like we are destined to fade into irrelevance.

The good news is that in every age, God has called the church to be renewed and to reimagine what we are called to do and be. Jesus himself came into the world during what must have seemed a hopeless time: Rome ruled the world; it had been ages since any prophets had spoken, and God's promises seemed far from being fulfilled. Yet Jesus came and changed the world, working with the few who were ready to begin something new. He taught that one cannot put new wine into old wineskins; the wineskins may burst and the wine spill. He knew that many were not ready to make the changes necessary to embrace his gospel message. But he didn't let that resistance stop the mission at hand.

That messianic age must have seemed so short for the first disciples. They had Jesus with them for three years of ministry and then he was gone—raised from the dead and ascended. They were then left with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to figure out how to be the church and spread the gospel. It wasn't easy or obvious, but they began a church that has lasted for 2,000 years and counting and has been handed down to us.

Many church strategies and plans are based on following the maps and using the tools we used in the past few decades. Maybe these sound familiar: Have activities and programs for each age group, attract lots of young families and children, hire a big staff, build a top-notch facility, and have a bus or a fleet of buses to transport people to exciting places for fun activities. These models and strategies served the church well during much of the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Good Shepherd's past includes many of these things.

So why aren't these same strategies working for us anymore? Because there has been a huge cultural paradigm shift. The factors that helped the church grow and thrive 50 years ago don't exist anymore. What can we do about this? We must make a shift in our thinking and strategizing. The 20<sup>th</sup> century church was successful precisely because it was often able to make this shift. Folks in culture and society needed a sense of duty, belonging, activity, and stability in their lives in particular ways. That's why in this era clubs, civic organizations, and churches thrived. Churches that thrived then were churches that modernized to meet the needs of the community.

Now, many churches that struggle are churches that have not yet modernized again to meet the current needs of the community. This trend is nothing new. Martin Luther's Reformation, aside from being an effort to reduce corruption, was in large part an adaptation to a new and modern era happening in Europe at that time. We can see this pattern play out throughout history. The world changes and the church adapts and finds its calling to serve and love the world as it exists in each era.

To that end, I suggest we look to the first century church for some ideas and inspiration. That may sound strange, but in many ways our world today resembles the age in which the church was initially started. The apostles had to take the message of Jesus to a world either ambivalent or hostile to that message. They had to meet the needs of suffering folks with the love and care of Christ. They had to use modern methods and technology—Roman roads, the Greek language, which was the world-wide language of commerce at that time, modern sailing ships, and so on. But they also gathered around simple elements that everyone

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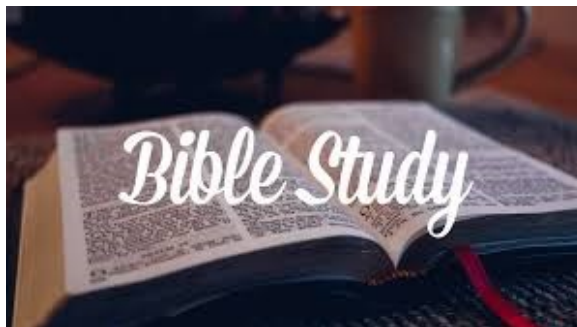
needs: bread and wine and water. And using these tools, both simple and modern, they reshaped the world with a radical message of God's love and grace. We can do the same in our world today, but we must be willing to reimagine and engage the world in a new way.

The first phase of this visioning and revitalization of our congregation will start with prayer and study. Join me each week as we read through the book of Acts and study the strategies the early church used and how we can adapt these to our own day and age.

Study sessions will begin Tuesday, April 8 at our normal Bible study times: 11:30 AM on Tuesdays and 8:00 AM via Zoom on Wednesdays. I will also make a weekly study snippet available via email each week, so look for that in your inbox.

God is calling us to grow into the future God has for us. Join me on this journey.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew



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**Tuesday Morning  
Bible Study**

## **TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us Tuesday mornings at 11:30 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.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS



Good Shepherd's Social Ministry emphasis for April is the refugee services fund for Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC). Recently, the federal government stopped the resettlement of legal refugees despite a long history of bi-partisan support for this issue. LSC's concern is that the refugee families who have already come to the United States will be adversely affected by the government's actions. Both the NC and SC Lutheran Churches support LSC's effort to continue serving the refugee families. More information can be found at <https://lscarolinas.net/lutheran-services-carolinas-calls-for-action-on-refugee-support/>. If you'd like to also support this effort, you may contribute any time during April 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 Lutheran Services Carolinas.

## LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

During Lent some people give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor. You should have received 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. 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.

### 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 denying yourself by making a daily offering during our Lenten season.

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			Mar 5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19



Holy Week

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



## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

Don't forget to place your order for an Easter lily. Complete the front of the envelope to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate. You also have the option to order online. To order simply use the pull down and select Seasonal Flowers. 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.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in February for 26 families serving 98 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)

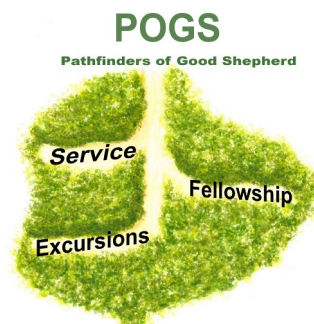


### EASTER EGG HUNTS

During our Easter Season, on Sunday, April 6 after Sunday School, our youngest members up through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have one of their most exciting events of the year with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will meet up on the playground where we will have loads of not-so-well-hidden eggs full of candy and treats for our little hands to find. The excitement is always a thrill to watch for us older kids.

During the Sunday School hour prior to that hunt our kids who are a bit older up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also get to hunt for eggs, too, and will meet in their usual Sunday School room.

**Anyone who wishes to donate candy for these events (and come join us and watch the chaos) please see Chris Herrmann or drop by our Sunday School room on the backside of the Education Building.**



### PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) APRIL 9 12:45 P.M. (FAB)

At the April POGS meeting our guest speaker will be Lizzy Van Harn, Executive Director of MORE Justice. This organization, Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice, is made up of over 20 local congregations of various denominations and faiths. MORE Justice congregations are united by our belief that God calls us through the scriptures to act with justice and mercy toward all people. This is made clear through passages like Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you? Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God." Lizzy will share with us some basic information about the work of MORE Justice and some exciting updates on local projects to help make our community more just for all people. She will also share ways we can be involved in this important work.

Join us on Wednesday, April 9, at 12:45 p.m.  
after Lenten Service.

**Please bring a covered dish to share.**

# Mark your calendars and save the dates!



PACK YOUR BASKET!

## PICNIC & GAMES

May 4th, 2025 | 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Please join us for a day full of yummy food & fun yard games!

Parish Life Committee will provide a main entree of fried chicken and will supply all games. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert to share!




**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SC WELCA 2025 Convention**  
 Friday, August 15 &  
 Saturday, August 16  
 St. Paul's Lutheran  
 961 Trail Ridge Road  
 Aiken, SC 29803



WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

## GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Walking in the Spirit—Pass it on!

Lutheridge Spring 2026

April 24-26, 2026

Registration Begins September 28, 2025

Mark your calendars!



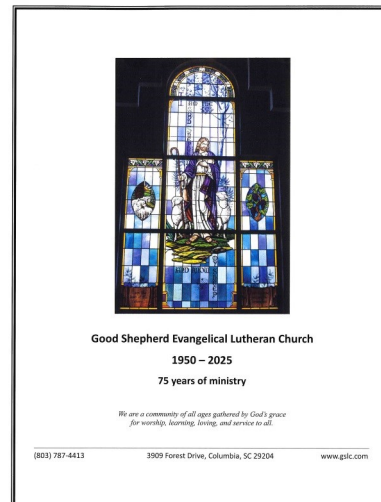
We continue to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, reminiscing and sharing memories of Good Shepherd's history.

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.

Please note the article below about the Spring Music Festival on April 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and make plans to attend this special time of sharing our musical talents. Invite family, friends and former members to be with us.

Mark your calendar and plan to be here September 14 – 10:30 a.m. 75<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Sunday with former pastor Ronald Feltman. Catered lunch provided.



Music Notes

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY—SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Sunday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a musical celebration featuring the talents of Good Shepherd members. All members and friends of Good Shepherd are encouraged to attend. The program will feature vocal and instrumental music from children, youth and adults. Good Shepherd has had a long tradition of talented musicians serving in choirs, as Cantors and as instrumentalists. Come and celebrate the musical gifts of our congregation. A number of our members are involved in music beyond our congregation as students in band or orchestra, musical theater, the Columbia Choral Society and others. Come learn more about these talented people. As part of the program, we will learn about when and how they became connected to Good Shepherd and how they serve in our ministry. Join us after the event for light refreshments in the Narthex and an opportunity to express your thanks for their service to God through their music ministry at Good Shepherd. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.



## 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)

# April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue
		<b>1</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
<b>6 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b>  11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)  5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
<b>13 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b>  6:30 pm Council meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>14</b>  6:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>15</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  5:00 pm MORE Justice Team meeting (Conf Rm)
<b>20 Food Pantry Sunday EASTER DAY</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Easter Service (Sanctuary) 8:15—9:00 am Easter Breakfast (FAB) 9:30 am Easter Service (Sanctuary) <b>NO Sunday School</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>22</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)
<b>27 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</b>  4:00 pm Spring Music Festival (Sanctuary)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  8:30 am-4:30 pm [private event] Dept of Public Health Community Managers' Retreat (FAB)



**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
APRIL 15**

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

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

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>2</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>11:00 am Lenten Bible Study</b> (Parlor) <b>12:00 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary) <b>5:30 pm Lenten Bible Study</b> (Parlor) <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service</b> 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB)  3:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study <b>11:00 am Lenten Bible Study</b> (Parlor) <b>12:00 pm Lenten Service</b> (Sanctuary) 12:45 pm POGS lunch & meeting (FAB) <b>5:30 pm Lenten Bible Study</b> (Parlor) <b>6:30 pm Lenten Service</b> 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>10</b>  Fun Fridays set up  5:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)	<b>11</b>  6:00-9:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study  7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b>  7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)	<b>18</b>  7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Flowering of the Cross  FAB reserved for Easter Breakfast set up
<b>23</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  5:00-7:00 pm FAB reserved for set up	<b>26</b> 9:00 am-3:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day (FAB)
<b>30</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study  7:00 pm Choir Practice			

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.

# Thank You

Providence Home and The Women's Shelter were both excited and grateful for the gift cards that the residents received from our church congregation. A pizza meal prepared by Cicis Pizza was provided by Action Team grants of Susan Uehling and Sandy Gundlach. The shelters were also thankful for the clothing items provided for them as we celebrated Epiphany and our HUGS project. Dorcas WELCA Circle purchased items with the monetary gifts and sorted the clothing. Another Action Team grant was provided by Gaye Tucker to purchase pajamas and slippers for the women. The shelters are very appreciative of GSLC and the support we give them.



Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring in February. Thanks to your donations, a check for \$306.78 will be sent to the Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Midlands for their needs.



## GRADUATES



If you or someone in your family, who is a Good Shepherd member, is graduating from high school, college or other school, please let us know. We want to congratulate and acknowledge this accomplishment. Let us know the school, any degrees or honors, college or future plans (if applicable). Call the office at 803-787-4413 or email [parishadmin@gsllc.com](mailto:parishadmin@gsllc.com). Please contact the office by April 15, for publication in the May newsletter.

Remember to provide a current picture and answer these questions:

***Who is graduating?***

***From where are they graduating?***

***What are their plans for the future?***

***Did they have any special accomplishments in school?***

***Did they participate in any clubs or service organizations?***

Please contact the office by April 15, for publication in the May newsletter.

## FUN FRIDAYS – APRIL 11



Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, April 11 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or just come to the FAB on April 11 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## FLOWERING OF THE EASTER CROSS SATURDAY, APRIL 19

The Evangelism committee will sponsor the flowering of the outdoor cross for Easter. Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact Sid Havird at 803-269-3914 for more details, or just show up with pruning shears and a fine spirit on Saturday morning, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

All church members are encouraged to bring flowers and greenery to Good Shepherd to place on the cross. Please bring them to the church on Good Friday or Saturday morning, April 19. There will be several buckets filled with water and tarps for the flowers.



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: BECKY SHEALY**

DATE	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	5/4
USHERS	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Jan Haigler	Bruce Shealy Jim Tucker, Russ Cox, Greg Sox	<i>See below.</i>	Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy, Jan Haigler	Wade Wingard, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Mike Weaver, Rod Kent
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	<i>See below.</i>	Lector: Sally DePriest Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	<i>See below.</i>	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross	A: Jackson Nabors C: Savannah Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler
TABULATORS	Mike Sanchez, Jim Tucker	Mary Stallings, David Lucas	Becky Shealy, Mary Margaret Hoy	Steve Steck, Rebecca Richardson	Lavina Chandler, Donna Foster

### HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

**April 17**

**7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday**

Ushers	Dick Sturkie, Greg Sox, Lennae Sox
Lector	Kerry Stubbs
Communion Asst	Gaye Tucker
Acolyte	Anna-Marie Plyler
Crucifer	Mike Sanchez

**April 18**

**7:00 p.m. Good Friday**

Ushers	Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker
Lector	Don Caughman

### EASTER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

**7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service**

Ushers	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, 2 more
Lector	Barbara Rowell
Communion Asst	Barbara Rowell
Acolyte	Anna-Marie Plyler
Crucifer	Jan Haigler
Banner Bearer	Mike Sanchez
Torch Bearers	Barbara Rowell, Becky Shealy

**8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in FAB**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Ushers	Dick Sturkie, Jim Tucker, 2 more
Lector	Becky Shealy
Communion Asst	Becky Shealy
Acolyte	William Snodgrass
Crucifer	Amanda Snodgrass
Banner Bearer	Mike Sanchez
Torch Bearers	Madelyn Snodgrass, Barbara Rowell



## APRIL 2025 MEETINGS

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

- April 3 Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)  
Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.)
- April 8 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)  
Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- April 10 Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.)
- April 13 Council (6:30 p.m.)
- April 15 MORE Justice Team meeting (5:00 p.m.)
- April 22 Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

- 3 Rose Butterfield  
Verna Sawyer
- 5 Lucas Ferlauto
- 6 Sarah McFarland
- 7 Anne Mueller
- 9 Joe Lockhart
- 10 Zak Taylor
- 11 Debra Trostle
- 12 Jason Ortiz  
Russell Slice
- 14 Harper Shelton  
Greer Crow
- 15 Brock Tollison
- 17 Alex Nagy
- 19 Daniel Mueller
- 20 William Foster
- 21 James Isenhower
- 23 Chris Herrmann
- 24 Diane Smith
- 25 Lillie Wilson
- 26 Karen Lucas
- 27 Lewis Cromer  
Mark Jakiela
- 29 Andrew Alton  
Amanda Snodgrass
- 30 Suzanne Sanders  
Debi Powell



## Congregational Burgers & Bingo

A fun time was had by all!

Shout out to the kitchen crew for the delicious burgers. We had 54 people come play bingo and have great fellowship! We also had much success for our food pantry collection with an overflowing shopping cart of canned goods for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry!



## LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2025

### **APRIL 6 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 126**

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 12:1-8**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

### **APRIL 13 — PALM SUNDAY**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11**

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 22:14—23:56**

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

### **APRIL 20 – EASTER DAY**

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

### **APRIL 27 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 118:14-29**

*You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)*

#### **SECOND READING – Revelation 1:4-8**

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 20:19-31**

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

## WITH PRAYER

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Grace Boozer	Lena Duncan	Lisa Lehman	Bubba Willis
Steve Bowden	Larry Evans	Sara Loyd	Elaine Zornow
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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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Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family  
 Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush  
 Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler  
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 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass  
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 Idona Erwin—friend of member  
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 Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

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 Harry Swindler—father of Penny Sox and grandpa of Stacy Gross  
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# CALENDAR



APRIL

**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)

April 2

**12 noon & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services**

Choir Practice

April 6

Sunday Schedule above

11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

April 9

**12 noon & 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services**

12:45 p.m. POGS Luncheon

Choir Practice

April 11

6:00-9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays

April 13

Sunday Schedule above

April 15

**May Newsletter Deadline**

April 17

**7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service**

April 18

**7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

April 20

**EASTER DAY**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Service

**No Sunday School**

April 27

Sunday Schedule above

4:00 p.m. Spring Music Festival