



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION



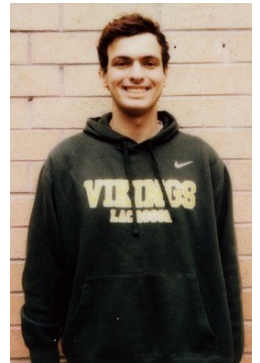
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Sunday, May 18 has been designated for Graduate Recognition. Please plan to join us in the courtyard after worship service for light refreshments to honor and congratulate Evelyn, Lucas, Karlin, Mallorie, and Victoria who are graduating from High School this May. We also recognize Christian Houghton as he will earn his college degree.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Lucas Ferlauto is graduating from Spring Valley High School in May. He enjoyed his time in high school and was an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and participated on the SVHS Swimming and Lacrosse teams all four years. Lucas was selected to attend SC Boys State, and it was one of the highlights of his high school career. In the fall, Lucas will be attending Furman University and will study Health Sciences. He plans to be a physical therapist.



Evelyn Ortiz is graduating from Blythewood High School. Over these past four years Evelyn has enjoyed participating in the National Art Honor Society, South Carolina Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, Blue Legion marching band, and other aspects of performing music across the state. A highlight during her summers was participating with GraceWorks SC and traveling with family. Evelyn will be attending University of South Carolina in the fall to study Civil Engineering and plans to continue in music.

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Good Shepherd family,

It is that time of year for me to remind you once again that Easter is not just a day on the calendar for us. It is a season of 50 days. More than that, Easter is our way of life. We are people of the Resurrection and we live out this Easter life together as God's people.

In the coming weeks we will hear about how the first disciples in the early church discerned Christ's presence with them. On the second Sunday in Easter we heard about the disciples gathered on Easter evening behind locked doors when Jesus appeared in their midst. Thomas, who was not with them that night, got a chance to hear about Jesus' resurrection from the others, but did not believe them. It was through Jesus' presence as well as through the disciples' patience with Thomas that Thomas came to believe.

In the coming weeks we will reflect on other ways the early church came to know Jesus' presence with them after the Resurrection. In John 21, it is through a great catch of fish and a shared meal that Jesus was made known to them. In Luke 24 on the road to Emmaus, it is through the breaking of the bread and the opening of the scriptures that they came to know the risen Christ.

Later in the Easter season we will reflect back over Jesus' words spoken to the disciples during his ministry, as well. It is there that we find his promises that he is the Good Shepherd as well as his command that we love one another as he has loved us.

It is for us as today as it was for the early church: Christ's presence is best discerned in community, gathered around the Word and Sacraments. As we gather for baptisms, to share Holy Communion, and to open and study and live out the Scriptures, we experience Christ in our midst. As we live out this Easter season and this Resurrection life together, let's continue to gather and experience Christ's presence with us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew



**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study**

TUESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

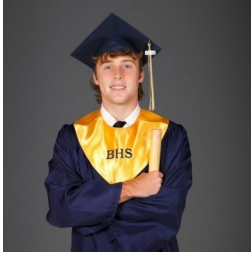
Please join us Tuesday mornings at 11:30 in the Conference Room.

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.

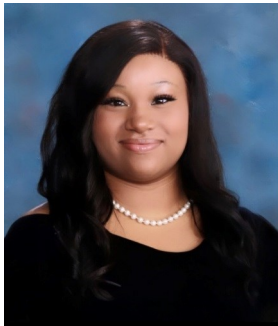


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Karlin Marc Hogue – Graduating from Blythewood High School, 5-year member of the Cross Country Team, 3-year member of the Soccer team and 3-year member of the Track team. He is currently the #1 400-meter hurdler on the team. He participated in Teacher Cadet where he worked with kids in Elementary School and was also a participant in Blythewood's 401 Student Activities group. After graduation, he plans to attend the University of South Carolina and major in Psychology with a minor in Business with future intentions of working for the family business, Shealy Truck Center.

Mallorie Rebecca Hogue – Graduating from Blythewood High School, 6-year member of the Cross Country Team and Track Team, 4-year member of the Soccer team. She is a State Champion in the 4x800 and a two-time State Champion along with the girls Track Team. She placed #4 in the State Cross Country meet. She is the President of the Spanish National Honors Society. She is a member of the Beta Club, Science Nationals Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. She has also participated in Bengal Buddies and Captains Class over her years at Blythewood High. After graduation Mallorie plans to attend THE University of South Carolina and major in Psychology with a minor in Business and plans to join the family business, Shealy Truck Center.



Victoria Houghton will be graduating from AC Flora High School. She served as a marching band manager and an Honors Choir member. After high school, Victoria is interested in pursuing a degree in music education.

COLLEGE

Christian Houghton is earning a degree in music education at Jackson State University in Jackson, MS. He plans to be a high school band director. While at JSU, he was a member of the Sonic Boom of the South Band (playing trumpet). For a year he was one of the band's "Jackson Five" drum majors, then for a year and a half was the head drum major, leading the band in a performance in support of Usher at the 2024 Super Bowl, and leading the band in the 2025 Rose Parade.



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!

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS



Good Shepherd has chosen Project HOPE (Helping Our Precious Elderly) as the May Social Ministry emphasis. Project HOPE is a special mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department. While providing many services to the elderly citizens of Richland County, they also provide fans to those without air conditioning during the summer months. To learn more about Project HOPE, visit their website at <https://www.rcsd.net/our-programs/project-hope/>. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during May by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designated for Project HOPE.

SOCIAL MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE

The Social Ministry Committee gives thanks for the caring generosity of the Good Shepherd congregation which has helped many people and organizations with our gifts. Our Monthly Emphasis program for January and February was designated to the **Woodyard Fund** resulting in \$1,475.00 contributed to help supplement people who are unable to pay their heating expenses. **Epworth Children's Home** was the recipient of the Youth of Good Shepherd (YOGS) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper's love offering of \$220.00 as well as the Noisy Offering on the fifth Sunday in March where the children collected \$437.50 from the congregation. 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.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in March for 35 families serving 131 individuals.



GOOD SHEPHERD WORKDAY MARCH 22, 2025

Nine volunteers arrived early and learned what needed to be completed. Our goal was to prepare our church landscape for Easter and beyond. The tasks which needed to be improved were: painting concrete benches and statue, distributing pine straw, raking the playground, and trimming plants.

Work was completed around noon and the meal was provided by **Juli's All You Can Eat Buffet!** We not only worked together but we sat around a table and enjoyed a meal together. Although we called it a **WORKDAY**, it should have been called a **FELLOWSHIP DAY**.

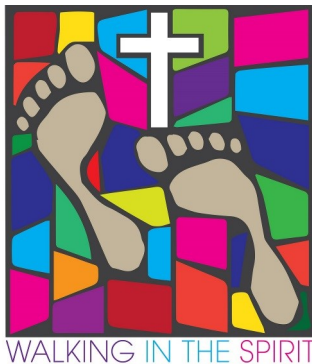
See YOU next FELLOWSHIP DAY.



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)



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!



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

From all of us at Animal Mission, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$529.71 on March 20, 2025. Your contribution helps provide critical support for our spay and neuter program and will help bring us a step closer to achieving "No Kill" status for the Midlands.

Sincerely,

Jen Coody
 Animal Mission



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

I've been away August 1st will be 5 years, and it means so much to me that you remember me.

Thanks, and God Bless You,

Barbara Sutton

BEREAVEMENT FOOD GROUPS

For many years Good Shepherd has offered a meal or finger food to the family of a member upon their death.

As a member of a Food Group you may be asked to prepare a dish, provide finger food, serve a meal or donate money to help defray the cost of the food and beverages. Your Food Group chair is contacted when a meal is needed.

Even though this ministry is sponsored by our Good Shepherd WELCA, anyone can volunteer to participate. If you are NOT listed below as a member of one of our 6 Food Groups and would be willing to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please contact the church office at 803-787-4413.

Group #1: Lavina Chandler

Joey Allison
Alice Buckner
Jean Cockrell
Violet Fetner
Neal Inman
Pat Roche
Carole Sox
Susan Sturkie

Group #2: Gaye Tucker/Libby Slice

Carolyn Adams
Gwen Barnes
Sylvia Anne Derrick
Sally DePriest
Rosemary Nance
Lisa Sanchez
Penny Sox
Kappy Steck

Group #3: Susan Uehling

Alycia Fortner
Jim Johnson
Frances Plyler
Pat Quattlebaum
Rebecca Richardson
Bettie Stroud
Ursula Weeks
Marcia Woodward

Group #4: Janet Lockhart

Sara Hydrick
Joyce Mobley
Anne Mueller
Barbara Nagy
Judy Rogers
Verna Sawyer
Earline Suydam
Mary Stallings
Elaine Zornow

Group #5: Cheryl Beaman

Trisha Benson
Victoria Brown
Nancy Hyatt
Amy Kemp
Karen Lucas
Cathy Milejczak
Anne Rush
Terri Tokaz

Group #6: Becky Shealy

Connie Donovan
Sandy Gundlach
Bonnie Hammond
Leigh Ann Tollison
Donna Vaughn
Darlene Whipple
Deb Whitlow
Kelly Lovern



SAVE THE DATE

SC WELCA 2025 Convention

Friday, August 15 &

Saturday, August 16

St. Paul's Lutheran

961 Trail Ridge Road

Aiken, SC 29803



75TH ANNIVERSARY

We continue to remember and to celebrate Good Shepherd's 75 years of ministry. We have enjoyed having former pastors, The Rev. Dr. Herman Yoos and The Rev. Paul Wollner return to the pulpit to reflect and to bring the Good News again to us. We welcomed sons of the congregation to also lead us – Pastor Drew Yoos and his wife Sarah led the congregational retreat program and Dr. Jonathan Sanchez also preached one Sunday. Last month we celebrated with members of the congregation sharing their musical talents. See pictures below.

If you have not done so, please pick up your special items produced in celebration of 75 years. These are provided by a grant from the Good Shepherd Foundation. The booklet (one copy per household) gives a brief history of Good Shepherd and includes photographs taken by various members, with special attention and explanation of the stained-glass windows. The decal stickers (one per person) can be used to expose GSLC to the community, welcoming everyone to join with us.

Our celebration will climax on our 75th Homecoming Celebration Sunday, September 14. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! The worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., with former pastor The Rev. Dr. Ronald Feltman preaching. Bishop Ginny Aebischer will also be with us that day as we celebrate. A catered lunch will follow the service in the Fellowship Activities Building. Closer to the time we will be requesting RSVPs. Sunday School will not be held that day.

PICTURES FROM SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL







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) ***Last class on May 11.**
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115) ***Last class on May 11.**

May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue
4 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Picnic and Games Congregational Event in FAB	5	6 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 4:30 pm 75th Anniversary Task Force meeting (CL 2) 5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
11 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE 	12 6:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi meeting (Conf Rm)	13 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm) 5:30 pm GSLC Foundation Board meeting (CL 1) 5:30 pm Social Ministry meeting (CL 2)
18 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE * Food Pantry Sunday Graduate Recognition 6:30 pm Council meeting (Conf Rm)	19	20 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:00 pm MORE Justice Team meeting (Conf Rm)
25 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE *	26 Church Office Closed 	27 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
MAY 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.*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB)</i>	2	5
7 <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</i> <i>7:00 pm Choir Practice</i>	8 <i>5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	9	10
14 <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</i> <i>12:00 pm POGS lunch & meeting (FAB)</i>	15 Newsletter Deadline <i>5:30 pm Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)</i>	16	17
21 <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</i> <i>5:00 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</i>	22 <i>3:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conf Rm)</i> <i>6:30 pm Tamar Group meeting (off-site)</i>	23	24
28 <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</i>	29	30	31

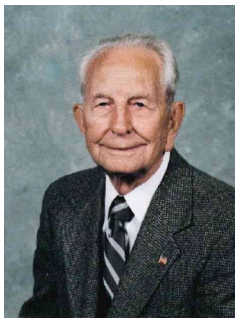
REFLECTING ON GOOD SHEPHERD'S SAINTS

EARL OLSON AND JULIUS HAIR – MODELS OF THE GODLY LIFE

Looking back on our 75 years as a congregation gives us a chance to reflect on how we started, who our founders were, how our physical plant has grown, how we've been the feet and hands of Christ during all this time, and all the things we've dealt with over the years to make us an integral part of the community. Things didn't just happen; they came about because of the dedication and commitment of so many individuals who now rest from their labors and are saints in God's Kingdom.

In the next few issues of the newsletter we'll be highlighting the stories of some of those many Good Shepherd saints.

In this issue we are featuring two men who would have celebrated birthdays in April. Earl Olson would have been 107 on April 6, and Julius Hair would have been 105 on April 20. Both were excellent models of the Godly life. When something needed to be done, they did it. And they did it without fanfare. Both were products of the Great Depression and grew into adulthood during World War II. We would think of them now as part of the "Greatest Generation." As each neared the ends of their earthly lives some eight years ago, it almost went without saying that each would have been in the sanctuary every week for Sunday worship. Models of the Godly life.



Earl Olson

When Earl was growing up in small-town Iowa in the 1920s and 30s, he was greatly impressed by seeing his doctor father and housewife mother always doing things for other people. "My father would drop whatever he was doing to go help anybody who needed him," Earl would recall. It was a lesson well learned. As Earl reached his 90s, he commented that "more than anything else" he would "rather see what I can do to help somebody." A Model of the Godly life. Those who knew him during his many years at Good Shepherd can attest to that. Whether it was doing various jobs around the church, woodworking projects, delivering Meals On Wheels (into his mid 90s!), being a "handyman" for those who needed his help, giving others the produce from his garden, or making dollhouses for family and friends, there seemed to be no end to Earl's quiet, low-key willingness to do things for others.

The strong Norwegian and Swedish immigrant influence in the area of Iowa where he grew up meant there was no shortage of Lutheran churches. His family attended a Norwegian Evangelical Church congregation, where the Norwegian language was still used....as the Swedish Lutheran Church did with its language. "Our church was a lot like the Catholic Church," he recalled. "We had confession every Saturday. No confession on Saturday; no communion on Sunday!"

Earl earned a degree in chemical engineering in August, 1941, from the University of Iowa. He soon accepted a position with Tennessee Eastman in Kingsport, TN. In January, 1942, he met his future wife Margaret. They were married in October, 1942, and were together 57 years before her death in 1999. During World War II, Earl worked in the ordnance plant at Tennessee Eastman. At the time of their marriage, Margaret also was working there. "She could get only a half day off," Earl said, "so we got married in the evening at the parsonage of the Lutheran church we were attending, and she had to go back to work the next day!"

After five children and almost a quarter century living in Kingsport, Earl accepted a transfer to supervise the opening of the new Carolina Eastman facility south of Columbia. The family moved into a home on Florawood, between Good Shepherd and A.C. Flora High School. They joined the conveniently located

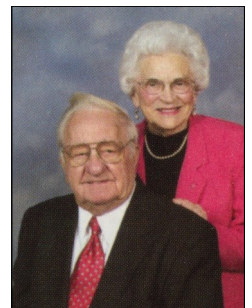
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Good Shepherd and soon became very active members.

In addition to all the “help” projects he did over the years at Good Shepherd, he served numerous terms on church council, was part of four call committees (which resulted in calls to pastors Larry Long, Hank Moody, George Sims and Ron Feltman.) After many years at Good Shepherd, Earl said he had always been impressed by “the nice people at Good Shepherd. There have been lots of wonderful people.” And that would include Earl Olson.... A Model of the Godly life. Earl died Nov. 17, 2016, at age 98.

While Earl Olson was growing up half-way across the country in Iowa, Julius Hair was growing up in the Eau Claire area of Columbia. He was one of triplet boys and also had a sister and two other brothers. A lifelong Lutheran, he was baptized at Reformation and confirmed at Ascension. At Columbia High School, he met Jean Catoe and they “were sweethearts.” After graduation, he began working for P. Lorillard Tobacco Co. and eventually he and Jean became engaged.

But World War II intervened. He was drafted into the army in 1943 and eventually spent two years in the South Pacific. As a platoon sergeant, he was part of the invasions of islands held by the Japanese. Like many veterans, Julius didn’t care to talk much about his wartime experiences, but history tells us there was fierce fighting on those islands, and many young men lost their lives. Noting the difficulty of losing the young men in his platoon, Julius said “it always seemed that the nice guys were the ones who were killed.” He was sent to Japan when the war ended and there he saw the “unbelievable” destruction caused by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. “The only thing left was just an occasional piece of twisted metal sticking up.”



Julius Hair

After discharge from the army, he came back to Columbia and returned to P. Lorillard. And on July 14, 1946, he and Jean were married, eventually spending more than 61 years together before her death in 2008. He later began working in the Climate Control Division of the Singer Co., spending nearly 30 years as a sales rep throughout the Southeast before retiring.

When the Hairs moved into their home on Edgehill Road in Forest Acres in 1949 near where Good Shepherd now stands, they were “out in the country.” Julius recalled that they “still had dirt streets.” Eventually they joined the new Good Shepherd Lutheran Church being formed, and on Feb. 5, 1950, Julius, Jean and their young daughter Linda (now Sloan) became charter members of Good Shepherd. They would have two more daughters, Judy (who with husband Minot Stanton are still Good Shepherd members), and Suzy (Myer), who lives in Charlotte.

Julius and Jean were staunch South Carolina Gamecock supporters, and all three daughters and their husbands are USC graduates. For many years, the Hairs attended both home and away football games and could be seen at basketball and baseball games as well.

From the first days of Good Shepherd, the Hairs were a very active family. Teaching Sunday School, serving on Council, chairing committees, participating in men’s group, et al, were all part of Julius’ service to the congregation. The two youngest daughters were baptized at Good Shepherd, and all three daughters were confirmed there.

Later in his life, macular degeneration caused Julius to lose most of his eyesight and he had to give up driving. But Jean became his driver, and they continued regular church attendance. After her death, family friends provided transportation to church, which he attended regularly until his death in 2017 at age 96.

In looking back over a long life well-lived, Julius said he had always been motivated by the words of the Golden Rule: “I’ve always believed you should do unto others as you’d have them do unto you.” Both Julius and Earl were the personification of the sentiment in those words. They truly were Models of the Godly life.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: CHRIS HERRMANN

DATE	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25	6/1
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Rod Kent, Rebecca Richardson	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward, Chris Herrmann, Sid Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass	Lector: Steve Steck Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector & Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector: Virginia Morris Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Jackson Nabors C: Mike Sanchez	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross	A: William Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Kate Ferlauto	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, Donna Foster	Steve Steck, Karen Lucas	Rebecca Richardson, Donna Foster	Mike Sanchez, Mary Maragaret Hoy	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy

MAY 2025 MEETINGS

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

May 1	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
May 6	75 th Anniversary Task Force (4:30 p.m.)
	Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
May 8	Parish Life (5:30 p.m.)
May 13	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
	GSLC Foundation Board (5:30 p.m.)
	Social Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
May 15	Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.)
May 18	Council (6:30 p.m.)
May 20	MORE Justice Team (5:00 p.m.)
May 22	Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.)
	Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)



**PATHFINDERS
OF GOOD
SHEPHERD
(POGS)
MAY 14
12:00 NOON
(FAB)**

Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) will meet on Wednesday, **May 14, at 12 noon** in the FAB. It will be a **cook out** with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The meat, buns, and chili will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish and dessert to share for a traditional cook out lunch.

Since we will be taking a summer break (NO meetings in June, July and August), you do not want to miss this event! Come join us for good information, food and fellowship on May 14!



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

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 2 | Logan Struthers |
| 5 | Christi Wuori
Gabby Shelton
Heather Gilbert
Wes Snodgrass |
| 7 | Shelby Nabors |
| 8 | Loren Alton |
| 9 | Jack Wuori |
| 11 | Daniel Wingard |
| 16 | Albert Alton |
| 18 | Mike Gilbert |
| 19 | Scooter Edwards
Peter Zornow |
| 20 | Matthew Beaman |
| 21 | Chalon Headley |
| 22 | Susan Rodriguez |
| 23 | Keith Lindler |
| 24 | Mark Lovern
Nancy Hyatt
Rod Kent |
| 25 | Fiona Taylor
Deborah Whitlow |
| 26 | Brad Aller
Don Hyatt |
| 27 | Mary Clare McAbee |
| 28 | Steven McFarland
Jim Donovan
Andrew Isenhower |
| 30 | Celeste Heisel
Lisa Sanchez |



**UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY**

Stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings in May to check your contact information in the directory notebook with the red cover located on the Narthex table. Please make corrections in the work copy of the directory.

If your information is correct, indicate with a check mark and initials by your name.

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2025

MAY 4 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

FIRST READING – Acts 9:1-20

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

PSALM – Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)

SECOND READING – Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

GOSPEL – John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.

MAY 11 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FIRST READING – Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

PSALM – Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

SECOND READING – Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

GOSPEL – John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

MAY 18 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

FIRST READING – Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

PSALM – Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

SECOND READING – Revelation 21:1-6

John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

GOSPEL – John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples’ feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus’ community.

MAY 25 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

FIRST READING – Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

PSALM – Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

SECOND READING – Revelation 21:10, 22 — 22:5

John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

GOSPEL – John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus’ followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

WITH PRAYER

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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)

May 4	Sunday Schedule above 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Picnic and Games (FAB)
May 7	Choir Practice
May 11	Sunday Schedule above
May 14	POGS lunch and meeting (FAB) Choir Practice
May 15	June Newsletter Deadline
May 18	Food Pantry Sunday
May 21	Choir Practice
May 25	Sunday Schedule above