



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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**CONGREGATIONAL  
BIRTHDAY PARTY  
JUNE 1 @ 4:00 P.M.  
SIGN UP TO  
DECORATE A TABLE!**

**We're celebrating *all* birthdays—traditional and  
baptismal—and you're invited to help make it  
unforgettable!**

**We'll have 12 decorated tables, each one representing a  
month of the year. Sign up to decorate a table for the  
month of your choice and provide a cake to match your  
theme.**

**Whether you go seasonal, silly, sentimental, or stylish,  
you have total creative freedom!**

**Choose a month, decorate the table, bring a cake, and help  
us throw the sweetest party of the year!**

**Help us make this a joyful celebration full of color,  
community, and cake!**



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Good Shepherd family,

I am excited about the opportunities for spiritual growth and deepening discipleship that our Learning Committee is implementing for the upcoming summer season. Because being a follower of Jesus is a year-round and life-long process, I am encouraged that we are not “taking the summer off.” The options for summer will include:

**The Fellowship Class:** This class, meeting in Classroom 2, is co-taught by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh. Their topic for this summer will be the Book of Proverbs. In this day and age where wisdom can seem to be in short supply, I am sure this study will be fruitful and will have an important ripple effect in our congregation and community.

**The Come and See Class:** I will be leading this class for the summer. For 8 weeks (*dates to follow*) I will be leading a study that ties in with our theme this year of *Walking in the Spirit*. Have you ever wanted to know more about the Holy Spirit? This often-elusive person of the Holy Trinity can sometimes seem mysterious and ineffable. Together we will study the activity of the Holy Spirit and aspire to a deeper experience of the Spirit as we walk together through this topic.

**Special Joint Sessions:** For three weeks (*dates to follow*) I will be leading a special presentation called “Catechism 101.” In my almost 15 years as a pastor, one of the most frequent comments I get from adults relates to confirmation. Many adults who didn’t grow up Lutheran lament, “I never got confirmed.” Meanwhile, many adults who were raised Lutheran admit, “I was confirmed, but I wish I had paid more attention to what we learned.” So, if you’ve ever wondered what it is Lutherans believe or wondered what we study in our confirmation/catechism classes, this class will offer an overview of what Lutherans believe about God, the Sacraments, the Scriptures, the creeds, the 10 commandments, and the Lord’s Prayer. We probably can’t cover it all in three weeks, but I am sure you all will find this class enlightening.

**Sunday School for Children:** There will be two adults each Sunday to provide a learning experience for children. We have a few volunteers already; if you’re willing to take a Sunday (or more than one Sunday) as a teacher or assistant for our children’s classes, please contact Barbara Nagy or me. The committee will provide materials and lesson plans. (All volunteers must undergo a background check and comply with our child safety policy).

Come and be a part of these opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

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.  
**No Bible Study June 3.**

### 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.  
**No Zoom Bible Study June 4 and 11.**





STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION ABOUT THE REVIVAL OF  
**SUPPER CLUB**

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP  
 PLEASE REACH OUT TO DEB WHITLOW AT [deborahwhitlow@gmail.com](mailto:deborahwhitlow@gmail.com)

# Thank You

When I retired and moved to South Carolina from Maine/Boston there were a few reputations I was familiar with but never exposed to. One of them was a good Southern Church Community. Being raised a Northeast Irish Catholic we were familiar with strict ways of the Church. Our Church was no different than many others. There weren't very many community gatherings and events. I am not sure if the weather was a factor or if it stemmed from our Parish leadership. It was a cold community. I was amazed to see that what I had seen in movies and TV were real and southern hospitality and church families were a real thing.

I want to thank my fellow members for the outpouring of love and support you have given me. Well wishes, cards, visits that have helped buoy me during this tough time. I especially want to thank Pastor Andrew and his visits and empathetic ear. I am honored to be a member of this Church and I strive to improve enough to participate like I used to. I miss you all, I miss the Ramp Ministry and Fun Fridays as they are close to my heart.

Thank you all and God Bless,  
 Steve Bowden

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Dear Friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Your recent gift to support the work of Epworth was a true blessing. We are already using your donation to help South Carolina children, teens, and families build stable, nurturing and productive futures. Thank you sincerely for your generosity and kindness. This letter will serve as an acknowledgement and receipt for your contribution of \$657.50 on 4/17/2025 from your Shrove Tuesday and noisy offerings.

Sincerely,  
 Beth Williams  
 President and CEO



## SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS



Good Shepherd has chosen Palmetto Place as the June Social Ministry emphasis. The mission of Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services is to provide a safe and supportive environment for children and teens who have

faced abuse, abandonment, neglect and/or homelessness. Their residential home has provided wraparound support services 24/7 for more than 40 years serving over 7,500 vulnerable children and youth. More information about this organization can be found at <https://www.palmettoplace.org/>. If you'd like to support this organization, you may contribute any time during June 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 Palmetto Place.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY LENTEN SELF-DENIAL GIVING UPDATE

The Social Ministry Committee continues to be grateful for the caring generosity of the Good Shepherd congregation whose gifts have helped many people and organizations. Our Monthly Emphasis program for March was the Lenten Self-Denial offerings which totaled \$4,172.00 designated for three local organizations that help individuals and families get back on their feet and become self-sufficient: Homeless No More, The Providence Home, and The Women's Shelter. Because the committee had voted to include \$510.00 in surplus funds from December's Angel Tree with the Lenten Self-Denial offerings, each organization received nearly \$1,561.00. Thank you for your willingness to help others!



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in April for 20 families serving 71 individuals.



## NOISY OFFERING

Hope you have been saving your coins! There will be a noisy offering collection on the fifth Sunday of this month, June 29. The children's Sunday School classes selected the Tanzania fund to receive this month's donations. The SC Synod of the ELCA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are companion synods, and we are honored to provide support to the people in the Southwestern Diocese of Tanzania. More specifically, the plan is for these June donations to be used toward the purchase of a baby warmer for the Magoye Health Center which is located near the top of the mountain at about 7500 feet where it gets cold at night despite its closeness to the equator. The clinical officer indicated that the objective of the "Baby Warmer 2" is to design and develop an advanced neonatal warming system to provide a safe and controlled thermal environment for newborns, particularly premature or low-birth weight infants as well as older babies. Because there is no heat in the clinic, babies are at risk of dying of pneumonia if not kept warm, so this is a life-saving need. Some of the GSLC children will be in the Narthex before and after the service that day with their buckets to accept your coins, bills and checks! You can also send your contributions to the church office any time in June or make an online contribution. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Noisy Offering or Tanzania Fund. Let's show our love and make an especially loud and joyful noise to God!

## GRACEWORKS COLLECTION FOR TANZANIA



GraceWorks is a week-long local servant camp for Midlands youth who are rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through recent 12<sup>th</sup> graders. As part of this annual activity, participating youth help Susan Uehling of Good Shepherd with the packing of layettes and health kits for Tanzania. The packing is done at Ascension Lutheran church, where the collected items are stored.

Susan is asking for contributions of various supplies for the youth to pack. Supplies needed are bar soap, toothbrushes, combs, nail clippers, 1-and 2-gallon plastic bags, snack or sandwich bags (used for the health care kits), Q-tips, cotton balls, bandaids, washcloths and hand towels (can be used but in good condition).

Also being collected are all kinds of baby clothes (new or used in good condition), sizes newborn to 2. It is cold in Tanzania at night, so jackets and sweaters are great, as well as socks, hats, sleepers, shirts, blankets and cloth diapers. All colors are fine. You may leave your donations in the collection bin outside the church office.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

75<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration  
Sunday, September 14  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
A catered lunch will follow the service in the  
Fellowship Activities Building.  
Sunday School will not be held that day.



South Carolina  
Synod

## 200TH ANNIVERSARY PLAY TO BE PRESENTED AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Sunday, June 29 3:00 p.m.

All are invited to a second presentation of ***"Our Broken, Glorious Call,"*** the 45-minute play commissioned by the S.C. Synod to celebrate the Synod's 200th anniversary, on Sunday, June 29, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Road, Columbia. Admission is free.

The play explores the history and purpose of the S.C. Synod through a variety of scenes spanning 200 years of ministry. The audience may be surprised to learn that many of the joys and challenges the Synod has faced throughout its history are not unlike those of today.

Synod Assembly attendees will enjoy the play's debut during the Synod banquet on June 13, but the show's writer and director – St. Andrew's Pastor John Trump and Newberry College professor Pat Gagliano – hope to give others in the Synod an opportunity to enjoy the presentation. They will be available after the play for discussion.

Join us on Sunday, June 29, at 3 p.m., and invite your friends!

For more information please call (803) 772-6034 or email [jtrump@salutheran.com](mailto:jtrump@salutheran.com).

## YOUTH & CHILDREN COMMITTEE NEWS

The Youth & Children Committee along with donors to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund would like to give each youth that attends a Lutheran Summer Camp a \$300 gift.

### Guidelines:

The \$300 gift is for each child to attend a summer camp at: Lutheridge, Lutherock, or Luther Springs.

The youth should write a note of appreciation to the GSLC Congregation.

The family should let Chris Herrmann know by June 15 how many children from the family are attending a Lutheran summer camp.

Camp is an important part of Faith Formation and we value its importance! Every child should have the opportunity to attend camp. It is life changing. In addition to this gift, NovusWay has funds to support our youth. If additional funding is needed, please speak to Pastor Andrew.

Visit the [novusway.org](http://novusway.org) website to register.

## FUN FRIDAYS

You are invited to be a helper at

**Fun Fridays**

**Friday, June 13, 2025  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



### WHAT IS FUN FRIDAYS?

"Fun Fridays" is a recreational program for individuals with lifelong developmental disabilities. Its purpose is to provide those individuals living with parents and caregivers an evening of fun and fellowship and also to provide their caregivers a night out (although they are welcomed to join in the fun.)

For more information, contact Susan Sturkie  
(803-788-6807, [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).)



### SC WELCA 2025 CONVENTION

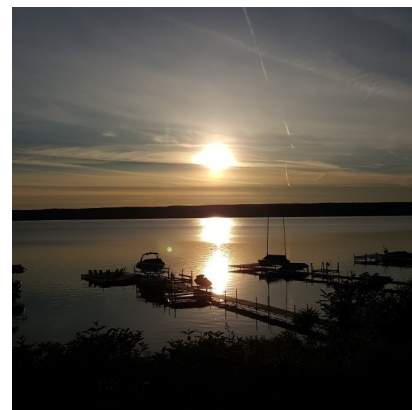
Friday, August 15 &  
Saturday, August 16  
St. Paul's Lutheran  
961 Trail Ridge Road  
Aiken, SC 29803

Registration fees: \$55.00/person,  
\$65.00 if received after July 15, 2025  
Fees include a bulletin of reports.  
No refunds after August 1, 2025.

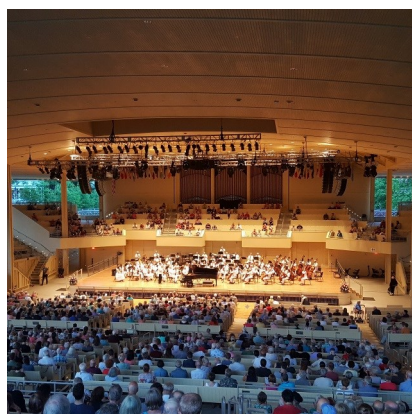
## JIM JOHNSON'S CHAUTAUQUA SUMMERS

My contract as your Director of Music is seasonal running from Labor Day to Mid – May each year in that I have an ongoing singing contract each summer every day for nine weeks and ten weekends at Chautauqua, NY. Nestled in the rural hills of New York's westernmost county 450 miles from New York City is a one of a kind in the world place called, "Chautauqua." Founded in 1874 by an Akron, Ohio businessman, Lewis Miller and Methodist Bishop, John Heyl Vincent, it was initially started as a Sunday School teacher training camp but it quickly expanded programming and became a high profile place with the main presenter the second season being President Ulysses Grant. Ten U.S. Presidents have addressed Chautauqua audiences.

I grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio, about 90 miles from Chautauqua. There is an ELCA Lutheran Synod camp across the lake from Chautauqua and in 1958, at my age seven, we went to family week at that camp and my mother, who grew up Methodist, knew about Chautauqua and we visited for the first time that year. 2025 will be my 67<sup>th</sup> year attending Chautauqua and my 57<sup>th</sup> year in the choir. I met my wife, Kathy, in the Chautauqua Choir. For most of my 40-year full time working career I was in attendance at Chautauqua for 2 weeks per year. As a little boy and growing up I set a goal of one day being able to stay for the whole summer. It took 54 years of attending Chautauqua before I achieved that goal, but this year will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year I will be a full season resident. The religion department offers worship services Sunday morning and evening and each weekday morning. A chaplain of the week preaches Sunday morning and each weekday morning. Chaplains are chosen from a different Christian denomination each week giving us a great variety of preaching styles and theological perspectives. Services are accompanied by the largest outdoor pipe organ in the world serving a 4,300-seat open air amphitheater. There is an interfaith lecture every weekday afternoon addressing complicated and challenging religious issues from a wide range of perspectives, all in an atmosphere of mutual respect. When I return after Labor Day I will have sung for 67 services and attended over 90 rehearsals throughout the summer.



*Sunrise on Chautauqua Lake*



*The Chautauqua Amphitheater*

The religion programming is one of four "pillar" program areas. Chautauqua has two symphony orchestras in residence playing 28 concerts each summer, an opera company, theater company, ballet company, Visual Arts, Literary Arts, Chamber Music, Popular Entertainment, and a list of Special Study Courses with over 100 offerings. Each weekday hosts a morning lecture based on the lecture theme of the week and the attendance averages 3,000 people. Each day there are over 40 public events open to the community. The main venue for worship services, concerts and lectures is the amphitheater but there are numerous other venues to accommodate the large-scale program offerings. It is very difficult to "explain" Chautauqua and it is said that if you have never been there, no explanation is possible and if you have been there no explanation is necessary. I look forward to returning as your

Director of Music in September and in the meantime you can explore Chautauqua at [www.chq.org](http://www.chq.org).



## SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)

10:45 - 11:45 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)

June 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>1</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  <b>4:00 pm Congregational Birthday Party (FAB)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>NO Bible Study</i>
<b>8</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  <b>Day of Pentecost</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>  <i>5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i>
<b>15</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i> <i>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i> <i>5:30 pm Mutual Ministry meeting (Conference Room)</i>
<b>22</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  <i>6:30 pm Council meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>
<b>29</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  <b>Noisy Offering</b>	<b>30</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>
<b>4</b> NO Zoom Bible Study  4:00 pm MORE Justice meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>11</b> NO Zoom Bible Study	<b>12</b> ELCA SC Synod Assembly (North Charleston)  Set up for Fun Fridays  5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>13</b> ELCA SC Synod Assembly (North Charleston)  6:00-9:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	<b>14</b> ELCA SC Synod Assembly (North Charleston)
<b>18</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

## FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS...

### ...DAUGHTERS HONORING THEIR PARENTS



*Jan Haigler & Deb Embrey*

"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," the old saying goes. And two longtime Good Shepherd members prove that there is much truth in that adage as they honor their parents by the ongoing **volunteer** commitments they have made to the congregation.

The names Deb Embrey and Jan Haigler often appear in lists of church staff and congregational officers, and most of us don't give much thought to why those names are there and just what it means to be "financial secretary" and "treasurer."

Both have been Good Shepherd members since elementary school days, Deb joining in early 1964 and Jan in early 1970. Deb was confirmed in 1970 and Jan in 1976. Both have been active for all those years, though Jan was away for great lengths of time on active duty with the Army (more about that later).

Both will quickly tell you that they feel called to do the jobs they are handling and that they are "honoring our parents" by their commitment to the church. Deb's late father Harold was the longtime financial secretary and Jan's late mother Martha served as treasurer, among many other activities. Both will tell you they have big shoes to fill. And those of us who observe what they do will tell you that they are doing that quite admirably.

Deb was an early on "army brat," having been born in Ft. McPherson, GA, while her dad was on active duty (1941-1962). After his retirement at Ft. Jackson, he began a second career with the U.S. Postal Service in Columbia. Deb's mother Beryl didn't work outside the home but was a dedicated church volunteer, heading up WELCA and being involved in a variety of activities. Both parents set a great example of what the "godly life" means.



*Harold & Beryl Embrey*

Deb graduated from Spring Valley High School, then earned a business degree from Midlands Tech. In 1976 she began a 37-year career at Farm Bureau insurance (and after retirement was called back for four years of part-time work). She was the first woman there to manage the financial department and the credit union.



Her dad was financial secretary from 1982 to 1996, in the pre-computer days. Deb had a chance to see how important the work was as she watched her dad each week compile congregational giving records the old-fashioned way....by hand and adding machine. She learned more about the job helping Harold the last year of his tenure.

In comments for Harold's funeral, Deb described him as a "loving, devoted and faithful husband....an understanding, supportive, fun-loving and a great Dad....and utmost, he was a Christian. He loved his church and took great satisfaction and pride in his work as financial secretary."

In 2017, when the position came open again, Deb was asked if she'd serve as financial secretary. Remembering her dad's commitment, she said yes....to honor him and as her "call to give my service to my church." She adds, "This is my family."

So what does a financial secretary do? A lot. And it has to be done every week in a timely manner. No room for procrastination. She works with the treasurer (who writes checks and compiles monthly financial statements), the assistant treasurer Janet Lockhart (who makes the bank deposits each week) and Parish Administrator Deborah Mitchell (who handles bookkeeping responsibilities).

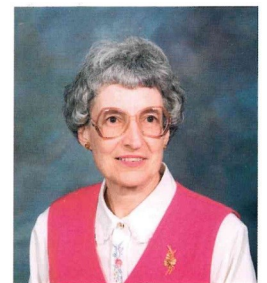
On Monday mornings, Deb rebalances information provided by offering tabulators, posts contributions to individual member accounts, then provides information to Deborah for the bulletin. She also posts worship attendance figures.

She does monthly reports of giving, provides individual semi-annual giving records, and compiles pledge card information in the fall. There is a three-step balancing of financial records among Deb, Deborah and Jan. This system provides very effective checks and balances.

Deb also chairs the memorials committee, which includes sending out acknowledgements of contributions. Oh, and she is treasurer of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, keeping up with money given each week by that class and then writing checks to appropriate community organizations.

As noted above, Jan is part of that three-pronged checks and balances system. Her most visible duties are signing all Good Shepherd checks and providing a monthly financial statement for congregational council. Another of her responsibilities is approving purchases.

Jan, her sister Rachel and mother Martha joined Good Shepherd in 1970 and quickly became quite active. As a single mother, Martha had her challenges but was devoted to her daughters and gave them a wonderful role model. Jan said her mother set some great examples: She was consistent; she worked hard; she gave up things so Rachel and Jan could have the things they needed. (But she also scrimped for herself so she would be able to travel when she retired.)



*Martha Haigler*

Jan graduated from A.C. Flora High and earned a psychology degree from Newberry College. She had thought of joining the army but had been discouraged from doing so. "What was I going to do with a psychology degree," she thought. For a year and a half she worked for a construction company, and then in 1984 she found herself going into the Army recruiting station and signing up before she could be talked out of it! It turned into a long career. She served 32 years on active duty and in the active reserves, retiring in 2016. During her tenure, she had three combat deployments in the Middle East, serving two and a half years there.... including time in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Oh, and along the way she was promoted to Brigadier General (in 2011).

Today she is a civilian employee at Ft. Jackson, serving as deputy director of operation plans and training for the 81<sup>st</sup> Readiness Division. She commutes from her home in the Prosperity area and is a regular visitor to the church office to handle her treasurer responsibilities. She also enjoys serving as a communion assistant, usher and lector. And her temple talk last year on stewardship was a classic!

She wanted to get more active in Good Shepherd after her mother died. When she was asked a few years ago to serve as treasurer, she fully intended to say No.....until Deb encouraged her by saying, "Do it for your Mom. I'm doing it for my Dad." So she said Yes. And the two of them are continuing to handle those vitally important roles for our congregation.

*Don Caughman*

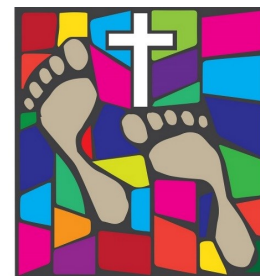
## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE

### COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: JAN HAIGLER

DATE	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29	7/6
<b>GREETERS</b>	Pam Fusco	Frances Plyler	Verna Sawyer	Nancy Hyatt	Bud & Sally DePriest	Pat Quattlebaum
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Marcia Woodward, Alice Buckner	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner	Mary Stallings, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward, Pat Quattlebaum	Mary Stallings, Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Marion Eargle	Mary Stallings, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward, Pat Quattlebaum	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Fink, Frances Plyler, Mike Brown
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector: Ben Haigh Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector: Rebecca Richardson Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass	Lector: Don Caughman Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy
<b>ACOLYTE &amp; CRUCIFER</b>	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Becky Shealy B: Mike Sanchez T: Jackson Nabors, Barbara Rowell	A: James Isenhower C: Mike Sanchez	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Kate Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Jackson Nabors C: Jan Haigler
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Joey Allison	Joey Allison	Joey Allison	Joey Allison	Joey Allison	Mary Stallings, Verna Sawyer
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Becky Shealy, Jim Tucker	Lavina Chandler, Karen Lucas	Donna Foster, Mary Stallings	David Lucas, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Jim Tucker	Rebecca Richardson, Becky Shealy

### GREETERS

Starting June 1, Good Shepherd will begin having a greeter for worship service. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity please let the church office or Becky Shealy know. Send reply to [parishadmin@gscl.com](mailto:parishadmin@gscl.com) or to [becky@shealytruck.com](mailto:becky@shealytruck.com). Volunteers would need to be at church 20 minutes prior to service times.



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!



## JUNE 2025 MEETINGS

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

June 10	Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
June 12	Parish Life (5:30 p.m.)
June 17	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.) Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
June 22	Council (6:30 p.m.)



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1 Billy Green	16 Laura Leigh Smith	24 Joyce Mobley
1 Eve McLeod	17 Scottie Dye	24 Justine Parker
2 London Clow	17 Kelly Lovern	25 Millie Sox
4 Ursula Weeks	17 Lakyn Haigh	25 Janette Robinson
5 Ty Boheler	17 Steve Fink	26 Lavina Chandler
6 Kate Ferlauto	18 Lisa Lehman	28 Elizabeth Boozer
6 Roger Trostle	18 Jaden Porter	29 Jerry Vaughn
7 Earline Suydam	18 Meg Roof	29 Breanna Lindler
9 Wyatt Roof	19 Ben Haigh	29 Marissa Lindler
12 Cathy Milejczak	20 Stanley Robinson	29 Terri Fowler
13 Michael Brown	21 Evelyn Ortiz	30 Mike Weaver
13 Larry Traylor	21 Anna Lawson	30 Emily McFarland
14 Pat Flora	23 Nadine Cantey	30 Aubrey Grosh
15 Carole Sox	23 Barbara Slice	30 Re'nee Henderson

## LECTIONARY FOR JUNE 2025

### **JUNE 1 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 16:16-34**

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 97**

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

#### **SECOND READING – Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

#### **GOSPEL – John 17:20-26**

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

### **JUNE 8 — DAY OF PENTECOST**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

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

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 8:14-17**

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

#### **GOSPEL – John 14:8-27**

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

### **JUNE 15 – THE HOLY TRINITY**

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

#### **FIRST READING – Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as

feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 8**

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-5**

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

#### **GOSPEL – John 16:12-15**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

### **JUNE 22 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 65:1-9**

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 22:19-28**

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

#### **SECOND READING – Galatians 3:23-29**

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

### **JUNE 29 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

#### **FIRST READING – 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 16**

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

#### **SECOND READING – Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 9:51-62**

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

## WITH PRAYER

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**Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**

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 Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend  
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 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass  
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# CALENDAR

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)

June 1	Summer Sunday Schedule above <b>4:00 p.m. Congregational Birthday Party (FAB)</b>
June 8	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> Summer Sunday Schedule above
June 12-14	ELCA SC Synod Assembly (N. Charleston)
June 13	6:00-9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
June 15	<b>July Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>
June 22	Summer Sunday Schedule above
June 29	<b>Noisy Offering</b> Summer Sunday Schedule above