



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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RALLY DAY—AUGUST 24

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 24 after the 9:30 a.m. worship service for our annual Rally Day celebration.

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

There will not be Sunday School classes this day so we can all come together to celebrate the new year of learning. We look forward to seeing you there!



YOUTH & CHILDREN COMMITTEE NEWS

Join us on Sunday, August 24, for a full morning of activities at Good Shepherd. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the morning worship service. Following worship, we will remain in the Sanctuary to kick off the start of another fall season with our Rally Day Celebration. After the Rally Day Celebration, all children age 3 years to 12th grade are invited to the Youth Room for lunch. We will have a lesson led by Pastor Andrew and a time for crafts. To hopefully end the hot days of summer, we will have our annual Summer Splash with our own wet and wild activities outside by the FAB. All the youth are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy this kickoff to another exciting year.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” –Luke 14:11

Jesus uttered this wise saying about humility and exaltation during a meal at a Pharisee’s house. While he was there, he noticed that people were jockeying for position at the table. In those days and in that culture, seats at a table were carefully assigned or selected to reinforce the social pecking order.

When Jesus noticed that many of the guests at the meal were trying to get the best seats in the house to make themselves look more important, he said that instead, they should take the lowest place, trusting their host to raise them to greater honor. If they chose too high a place initially, Jesus pointed out, their host might have to move them down lower to make room for someone more important. And so, Jesus remarked, “all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Talk about an awkward dinner party!

But wait, it gets more awkward! Jesus went on from this observation to critiquing the host’s choice of guests, pointing out that the host should have invited “the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.” Again, it’s hard for us to imagine how uncomfortable this would have been for the host and for those at the dinner.

What is Jesus’ point in this teaching? Is it merely to provide etiquette advice to a first century Pharisee and his dinner guests? No, rather Jesus wants all who hear these words to be reminded of some important facts. By our own strength and merit, none of us are as good as we think we are. If we choose to exalt ourselves, we will inevitably be brought low. But it is in humbling ourselves that we see ourselves as we truly are—worthless by our own right, but precious and beloved in the eyes of God, our host.

Likewise, Jesus wants us to take his words to the host of the banquet to heart. If we use what we’ve been given only to enrich ourselves and garner favor from powerful and well-connected people, we miss the chance to do good to and for others who are also precious in the eyes of God.

Let us never forget that it is Jesus who humbled himself for our sake, taking on our likeness and living among us. It is he who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross for us. Now God has exalted him above all else. Let us continue to follow the way of Jesus, humbling ourselves and lifting up the lowly.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Sunday School Classes

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes

Come and See (CL 1) and Fellowship (CL 2)

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our adult Sunday school classes will be combined on **August 10 and August 17** for a catechism refresher course taught by Pastor Andrew. In these sessions we will explore what Lutherans believe about scripture, the Sacraments, the Creeds, and the Ten Commandments. If you were never confirmed as a Lutheran or if you are a little rusty on what you learned during your catechism this class will be an interesting way to explore what it is we believe.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THROUGH AUGUST 10

It feels like students just finished the 2024-2025 school year, but it is already time to help them get ready for the upcoming school year! Good Shepherd will collect school supplies to be distributed by school counselors to families needing help providing these necessities for their children at both Bradley Elementary in Richland School District One and Forest Lake Elementary in Richland School District Two. **The school supply collection box will be in the Narthex through Sunday, August 10 with delivery to these two schools during the second full week in August.**

And don't forget the annual SC sales tax free weekend which is usually held in the first weekend in August to help you be able to provide even more supplies to deserving students. Items suggested for collection are listed below. Financial contributions are also encouraged by making a check to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designating it for School Supply Drive. Thanks in advance for helping these young minds continue to grow and learn!



Shopping List:

- wooden pencils (#2)
- colored pencils, packs of 12
- erasers
- composition books (No spiral-bound notebooks)
- crayons, packs of 24
- dry-erase markers
- glue sticks
- pencil pouches or boxes
- hand sanitizer, 8-oz bottles
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- boxes of Kleenex
- book bags, backpack style



**Lutheran
Disaster Response
LDR Carolinas**

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Good Shepherd Social Ministry Committee has chosen Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Carolinas as the August Social Ministry emphasis. LDR Carolinas is an organization grounded in faith focused on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disaster and on building a network of resources across North and South Carolina to respond when disasters occur such as Hurricanes Helene and Chantal.

To support this organization, you may contribute any time during August 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 LDR Carolinas.

NOISY OFFERING

Noisy Offering: Coins (and more) needed! There is another fifth Sunday this month which means time for another noisy offering on Sunday, August 31. The children's Sunday School classes



selected the A. C. Flora backpack program to receive this month's donations. Last year, the Good Shepherd Foundation provided funds for backpacks for needy students at Flora, and the children want to continue this worthy endeavor to allow for even more students to be well prepared for the school year. 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 August or make an online contribution. Checks should be payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Noisy Offering or Flora Backpack Program. Let's see just how much noise we can make to help these students!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in June for 25 families serving 65 individuals.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sign up in the Narthex! Please join us to cool off. We will have plenty of ice cream and all the fixins. We may even have some homemade ice cream.

There will be a collection box to drop off donated school supplies for the Social

Ministry project. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deb Whitlow 803-600-6003 or deborahwhitlow@gmail.com.



JOINT SUPPER CLUB IN AUGUST

Attention all adult members and friends of Good Shepherd! We invite you to join us for a night of fellowship and good food on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in the FAB. Our meal will be provided by **Parklane Catering** (formerly Parklane Seafood) consisting of fish, shrimp, chicken tenders and sides. **Dessert will be supplied by Parish Life Committee.** The festivities will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and the meal at 6:00 p.m.

Reserve your spot now by filling out the reservation form found in the bulletins. The cost will be **\$25 per person** (includes dinner, 2 drinks and music). The check should be made out to **Good Shepherd**. If you are unable to attend this gathering but would still like to be a member of Supper Club or if you would like to attend the Joint Supper Club and don't want to commit to the Small Groups, please check the box on the reservation form. We look forward to seeing you at the Good Shepherd Supper Club get-together!

GSLC FOUNDATION THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Good Shepherd Foundation Board,

On behalf of Richland School District Two, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for supporting the Richland Two Backpack Program with your \$3,000 grant. Your support is such a wonderful way to provide service to our community while also assisting our schools. Ensuring that our students' basic needs are met is instrumental to their success. Your grant funding will help to ensure that we can keep their education as their primary focus.

Richland School District Two appreciates the opportunity to develop and grow our partnership with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We truly understand that it "takes a village" and we rely on our community partners to help ensure that our students are successful. Thank you again for your overwhelming kindness and warmth for the students and families of Richland School District Two.

Sincerely,

Abby K. Cobb, LISW
Coordinator of Social Work
Richland School District Two



The Richland 2 Backpack Program received grant funds to expand distribution of food to additional schools in 2025/26. Pictured are food supplies purchased with their 2024 grant award.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the grant award. Your generosity has already made a difference.

My gratitude,
Angie
The Women's Shelter



To the GSLC Foundation,

I am grateful for the support received for my 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training. Now a graduate, I humbly embrace the call to share the practice with our community – having recently guided my first class. I'm excited to grow in this service. Gentle yoga with mindful movements, breathwork, and meditation relaxes the body, calms the mind, and invites stillness, balance and opening for whole person health – suitable for beginners and those seeking a reset, a safe space where all are welcome.

Thank you for all the ways making this grounding practice accessible can help so many.

God's peace,
Mary Aitchison

Dear Siblings in Christ:

We are SO GRATEFUL for the recent \$3,000 gift we received from your foundation. As stated in our request, this money was used to purchase a wonderful, brand-new Mahindra tractor with a scoop AND a grapppler! This will make maintenance at Camp Kinard so much more efficient! We are so grateful for your gift. Attached is a picture of Nevin Rodgers, Director at Camp Kinard, on the tractor!

Thanks again!

Blessings,

Dallas J. Shealy
Deacon Dallas J. Shealy (she/her)
Executive Director
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers



Providing holy spaces for God to change lives at Camp Kinard and Coastal Retreat



SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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




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

* **Combined Adult Sunday School Class on August 10 & 17.**

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

August 2025





Sun	Mon	Tue
3 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE  4:00 pm Congregational Event Ice Cream Social (FAB)	4 5:00 pm Congregational Retreat planning meeting (Conf Rm) 6:00 pm Gifts Committee meeting (CL 2)	5 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
10 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE * 10:45 am Combined Adult Sunday School Class (CL 1) End of School Supply Drive 	11	12 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
17 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday * 10:45 am Combined Adult Sunday School Class (CL 1) 6:30 pm Council meeting (Conf Rm)	18	19 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
24 9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 am Rally Day (Sanctuary) 11am-7pm [private event in FAB] 12:00 Lunch, crafts and VBS lesson (Youth Room) 12:45 pm Summer Splash (FAB lawn)	25	26 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
31 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Noisy Offering 		

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**
AUGUST 15

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

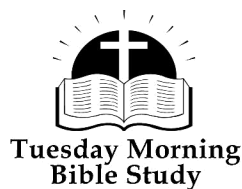
Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	1 Fri	2 Sat
6 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	7 Set up for Fun Fridays (FAB)	8  6:00—9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)	9
13 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 5:30 pm Mutual Ministry meeting (Conf Rm)	14 5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (Conf Rm)	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
20 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	21 5:30 pm Dorcas meeting (FAB)	22	23  5:00—9:00 p.m. Supper Club (FAB)
27 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study	28	29	30



75TH HOMECOMING

Our 75th Homecoming will be held **September 14 at 10:30 a.m.** Former pastor the Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Feltman will be our guest preacher for the day and Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be with us to celebrate also. A catered lunch will follow in the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB.) Please **note the change of worship time** for this special day and there will be **no Sunday School**. Be sure to be here and invite friends, family and former members to come celebrate with us! If you have not picked up your 75th anniversary history booklet and sticker, you may do so from the table in the Narthex.



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.



SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still some Sundays that are available to sign up for the Altar Flowers. Dates that Altar Flowers are still available are as follows: December 7, 14, and 21.

Altar Flowers cost the church \$103.80 but we ask that when you sign up for the Altar Flowers that you contribute \$85.

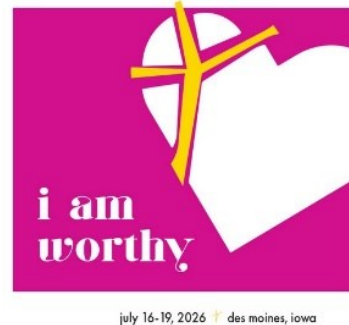
Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2025 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date.

If you do not plan to take the flowers, please let Don Caughman or the office know. Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.

WELCA NEWS

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering July 16-19, 2026 Des Moines, Iowa

Every three years, women from across the country gather to worship, hear inspiring speakers, engage in service projects, participate in a 5K run and interact with others in a large exhibit hall with educational, service and shopping experiences. **Registration began on July 16, 2025.**



WOMEN'S RETREAT—A DAY OF WELLNESS

September 6, 2025

Speaker Rev. Mary M. Finklea

Rev. Mary M. Finklea lives in Florence, SC with her husband, Wade. She is a graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and she served as the pastor of Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Florence for 12 years. She currently serves as the Community and Congregation Engagement Coordinator for South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers and loves connecting people with outdoor ministry. Her work in the community includes having served on the boards of Francis Marion University, Lutheran Services Carolinas, and the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation. She is the former president of Women in Philanthropy and enjoys encouraging generosity.

She is a native of Charleston, SC; she graduated from First Baptist Church School, and has a long family heritage at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Wade and Pastor Mary welcome college baseball players into their home every summer to play for the Florence Flamingoes. She loves to travel and is very excited to be here!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

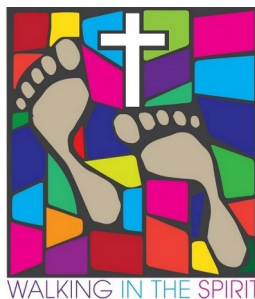
COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: KATE FERLAUTO

DATE	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24 Rally Day	8/31	9/7
GREETER	Karen Lucas	Earline Suydam	Verna Sawyer	Bud & Sally DePriest	Pam Fusco	Frances Plyler
USHERS	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler, Russ Cox	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler, Russ Cox	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler, Russ Cox	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler, Russ Cox	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Jan Haigler, Russ Cox	Wade Wingard, Mary Aitchison, Ben Haigh, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent Mike Weaver
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell	Lector & Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector: Gloria Oakes Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector: Steve Steck Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector: Bud DePriest Communion Assistant: Joey Allison
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Jackson Nabors C: Mike Sanchez	A: James Isenhower C: Adam Ortiz	A: Callen Gilbert C: Blake Gross	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Blake Gross	A: Jackson Nabors C: Jan Haigler	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass
ALTAR GUILD	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler
TABULATORS	Karen Lucas, Becky Shealy	David Lucas, Rebecca Richardson	Mike Sanchez, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Karen Lucas	Donna Foster, Becky Shealy	Mary Stallings, Jim Tucker

AUGUST 2025 MEETINGS

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

August 4	Congregational Retreat planning (5:00 p.m.) Gifts Committee (6:00 p.m.)
August 5	Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
August 12	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
August 13	Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
August 14	Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
August 17	Council (6:30 p.m.)



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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Penny Sox	7	Blake Gross	19	Todd Gustafson
2	Brittany Cauthen	8	Pam Robertson		Frank Fusco
3	Trey McLeod	9	Kevin Gross	20	Phil Tollison
	Ellen Brown		Mary Margaret Hoy	21	Joe Robinson
4	Harry Oakes		Alice Buckner		Mariah Sightler
5	Jason Fowler	10	Charles Buckner	22	Darlene Whipple
6	David Ellington	13	Mo Denny	24	Wade Wingard
	Debbie Smith	14	Lauren Evans	26	Mike Sanchez
	Thomas Cohl	16	David Lucas	29	Bently Grosh
7	Stephen Beaman	17	Stacey Cohl		

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2025

AUGUST 3 – EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

PSALM – Psalm 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

AUGUST 10 – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

FIRST READING – Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

PSALM – Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

AUGUST 17 – TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading

distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

PSALM – Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:29–12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

AUGUST 24 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

PSALM – Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

AUGUST 31 – TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

FIRST READING – Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life.

Today's reading is about humility.

PSALM – Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

WITH PRAYER

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



PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

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

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family
 Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush
 Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler
 Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend
 Betty Cox—former member
 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
 Idona Erwin—friend of member
 John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini
 Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson
 Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow
 David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
 Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum
 Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard
 Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law
 Tiffany Kent—daughter of Rod Kent
 Kathy Killian—sister of Bobbie Storey
 Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
 Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell
 Deborah Pulliam—coworker of Amy Kemp
 Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley
 Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders
 Sharon Schulze—friend of Sandy Gundlach
 Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee
 Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family
 Andrew Todd—friend of Kappy Steck
 Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
 Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
 Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
 Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler
 Tom White—friend of Frances Plyler
 Zelma Winbourne – mother of Deb Whitlow
 Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

SYMPATHY

Jeannine Jameson
 Mary Massey – mother of Gaye Tucker

Office Information

<http://www.gslc.com>

Hours: Mon–Thurs. 9 AM-4:30 PM;

Fri. 9 AM-2:00 PM

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Pastor

Reverend Andrew Isenhower

Parish Administrator

Deborah Mitchell

Director of Music

Jim Johnson

Organist/Music Associate

Susan Sturkie

Sexton

Joey Allison

Financial Secretary

Deb Embrey

Council President

Becky Shealy

Council Vice-President

David Lucas

Secretary

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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)

***August 10 & 17 Combined Adult Sunday School (CL 1)**

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

August 3 Summer Sunday Schedule above
 August 8 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
 August 10 *Summer Sunday Schedule above
 August 15 **August Newsletter Deadline**
 August 17 *Summer Sunday Schedule above

Food Pantry Sunday

August 23 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Supper Club (FAB)

August 24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 a.m. Rally Day (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. [private event in FAB]

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch, crafts and VBS lesson (Youth Rm)

12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Summer Splash (FAB lawn)

August 31 **Noisy Offering**

Summer Sunday Schedule above