

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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LENTEN WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The theme this year is: ***The Fold and the Field: Finding Rest, Seeking the Weary.*** We will focus on receiving and sharing the love and care of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Please note that noon and 6:30 p.m. services will be in the FAB.

There will be a meal served following the noon services and at 5:30 p.m. prior to the evening services.

The meal after the noon Lenten Service for the March 11 lunch will be hosted by POGS. You will need to make a reservation for the POGS luncheon by completing the bulletin insert no later than Sunday, March 8.

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Wednesday Lenten Services

February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

- 12:00 Noon Service (fab)
- 12:45 p.m. Lenten Meal (FAB)
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal (FAB)
- 6:30 p.m. Service (FAB)



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Good Shepherd family,

This Lent, our congregation is not just observing a season; we are embarking on a movement. Our new mission—Empowering every generation to seek the missing, shepherd the weary, and share the table—finds its heartbeat in the Gospel of John. Over the next four weeks, we will encounter four people whose lives were interrupted by grace. Their stories show us the power of Jesus' mission.

We Seek the Missing (Nicodemus)

We often think of "the missing" as those who aren't here yet. But Nicodemus reminds us that people can be "missing" while sitting in the front row—lost in doubt or hiding in the shadows of their own lives. This Lent, we commit to being a community where it is safe to come "by night." We seek the person behind the mask, offering the promise of a fresh start and a new birth.

We Share the Table (The Woman at the Well)

Jesus didn't wait for the woman at the well to "fix" her life before offering her living water. He met her at a common place of thirst and invited her into a conversation that changed everything.

To share the table is to acknowledge that we are all thirsty. Whether we are providing rest to a stranger or a listening ear to a neighbor, we are building a community where no one eats or drinks alone and where the very Bread of Life is our most joyful and abundant shared meal.

We Shepherd the Weary (The Man Born Blind)

The man born blind was weary of being a "case study" for others. Jesus saw him as a person. When the world cast him out, Jesus sought him out a second time to shepherd him into a new reality. Shepherding isn't just about guidance; it's about protection. As we embrace our mission, we vow to stand with the weary, helping them navigate a world that often refuses to see them.

We Empower Every Generation (Lazarus)

The miracle at the tomb of Lazarus required a village. Jesus spoke the word of life, but he commanded the community to do the hard work: "Unbind him and let him go." It takes every generation to unbind one another's burdens of grief, illness, and struggles. We are all needed—the young and the old—to help our neighbors walk out of their "tombs" and into the community of the living.

As we move toward the cross, let us not be bystanders to these stories. Let us be the ones who roll away the stones and unbind the afflicted. Let us be the ones who share the water and sit with the suffering. This Lent, let us practice being the church we have been called to become.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew



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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY OPEN HANDS: LETTING GO TO GROW

Lent is often seen as a season of subtraction—giving things up. But what if we gave things up to make room for something greater? As we prepare for a new season in the life of our congregation, we must first adopt the posture of Open Hands. This study invites us to loosen our grip on the comforts of the past so we can reach for the mission God is placing before us. We aren't just letting go; we are letting go to grow.

In 5 sessions we will explore themes of:

- Control (Matthew 6:25-34)
- Nostalgia (Isaiah 43:18-19)
- Identity (Mark 10:35-45)
- Risk (Luke 15:1-7)
- Legacy (John 12:24-26)

There are four options for small groups:

- Sundays at 5:30 p.m. at Starbucks at 5400 Forest Drive with Amanda Snodgrass
- Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room with Don Caughman
- Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Anna-Marie Plyler
- Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Bruce Shealy



You can sign up for a group in the Narthex or contact your chosen leader listed above to let them know you plan to attend.



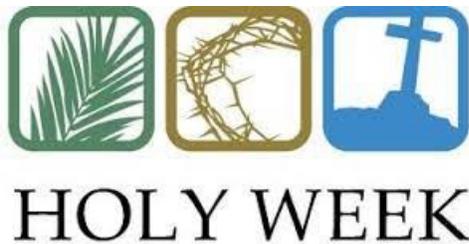
Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 29
9:30 a.m. - Service (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday, April 2
7:00 p.m. - Service (Sanctuary)

Good Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m. - Service (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 5
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service (Sanctuary)
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (FAB)
9:30 a.m. Easter Service (Sanctuary)

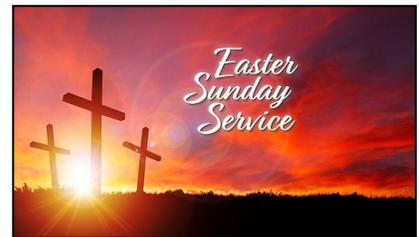


HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday, April 2
at 7:00 p.m.**

*First communion for eligible children.
Contact Pastor Andrew if you are interested.*

**Good Friday, April 3
at 7:00 p.m.**



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 5

**Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in FAB
Service at 9:30 a.m.**





FLOWERING OF THE EASTER CROSS SATURDAY, APRIL 4

The Evangelism Committee will sponsor the flowering of the outdoor cross for Easter Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Quattlebaum at 803-446-1945, or simply join us with your pruning shears on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m.

All members are encouraged to bring flowers and greenery to be placed on the cross. Please bring these to the church on Good Friday or the morning of Saturday, April 4. Buckets and tarps will be provided for the flowers.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

The recipients of this year's Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will be three local organizations that help individuals get back on their feet and become self-sufficient: Homeless No More, The Providence Home, and The Women's Shelter.

Homeless No More offers a spectrum of care – from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing – to keep families together and meet their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they work to eradicate family homelessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence.

The Providence Home for Men is a Christ-based “place of new beginnings” for men. It offers a temporary home for men in life transitions or recovery. Providence's programs help men renew mind, spirit and body; seek reconciliation with family, friends and neighbors; and reintegrate fully into the community.

The Women's Shelter has been an integral part of the Columbia Community for over 30 years. As a part of the Providence Home Organization from 1976 until 1991, the shelter served homeless men, women, and children in the community. In 1991, The Women's Shelter formed a separate, private nonprofit organization from the Providence Home, in order to carry out a comprehensive ministry specific to homeless women. The changing needs of homeless women have required The Women's Shelter to adapt its programs over the years. They strive to offer more than a bed and something to eat as a means to provide lasting change in the lives of their residents. The Women's Shelter offers a variety of educational and support programs to women and families in need.

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor. You will be receiving a special offering envelope in the mail so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering envelope during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Homeless No More, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.

MY LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING

Our Lenten theme this year is "Eternally Green." Please use this daily calendar to help you practice encountering Christ and drawing yourself by making a daily offering during our Lenten season.

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

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



Holy Week

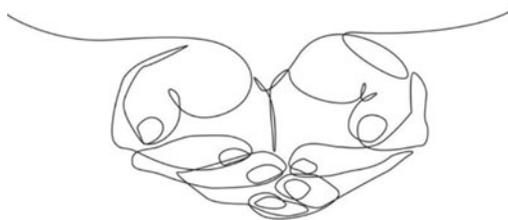
Name: _____ Amount: _____ Envelope # _____

TODAY IS MY PEACEFUL DAY

During this contemplative season of Lent, you are invited to press pause and join others who are choosing to do the same. Please join Pastor Andrew and Mary Aitchison (RYT-200) each Friday in March right here in our beautiful church. Gathering together, we'll slow down, move mindfully, breathe deeply, find unhurried moments of stillness, and make space for what longs to be renewed. In the hush, there is room for reflection and connection. An offering rooted in peace, dressed in what allows you to move comfortably, we will remain seated during most of our time. *May this be your peaceful day.*

No experience needed | No expectations to meet | Come exactly as you are | All are welcome

March | Fridays from 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Classroom 1



Music Notes

**SAVE THE DATE
MUSIC FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

Do you want to experience the depth of musical talent that we have at Good Shepherd? Come join us on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our second annual Music Festival. We will hear choir music, piano and flute, child pianists and instrumentalists, brass music, rock guitar, popular vocals, cello and more. Lite refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Festival making for a great afternoon as a church family for music and fellowship. If you would like to perform please contact Jim Johnson, Director of Music, at jimjohnson51@gmail.com.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED--COME GROW WITH US!

We are still in need of helpers for Children's Sunday School. No preparation is needed--just come spend time in the class and lend a hand as needed. If you are willing to come help one or more Sundays, please sign up on the board in the Narthex, or contact Lisa Sanchez by email (mikelisasanchez@gmail.com), phone 803 736-2070 (leave a message if no answer) or text 803-463-5754. A small amount of your time will make a BIG difference.



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. 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)
- 11:05 - 11:20 a.m. Preschool Children's Music (E-115)
- 11:25 - 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Join us virtually on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. for a Microsoft Teams meeting. A link is sent in a weekly email on Tuesdays.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in January for 57 families serving 158 individuals.



GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

The Property Committee will have a grounds beautification day on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with lunch served afterwards. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex starting this coming Saturday for volunteers to sign up.

GSLC FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The GSLC Foundation is accepting grant applications for the 2026 spring grant cycle. Grants must be for either: Outreach into the community, to institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, to members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending an ELCA seminary, for church-related leadership conferences, etc., or for non-budgeted special projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

- All grants must have a Congregational Shepherd - an active member of our congregation who has knowledge of the proposed grant use and is able to ensure grants are used appropriately.
- Please see the application for complete details and grant criteria.
- Maximum amount awarded per grant is \$3,000.00.
- The grant application form is located on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website: <http://www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026

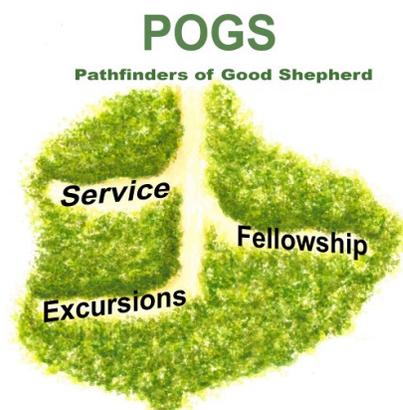
Printed copies are available on the table outside church office.

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS) MARCH 11 IN THE FAB following the Lenten Worship Service

The meal will be catered by Tim's Catering. There will be no charge for the meal, however there will be a **Love Offering** taken. We will not have a program for this event. Even though there is no charge for the meal, reservations will be required. Please complete the bulletin insert to reserve your space or call the church office.

Reservation deadline is March 8.

We look forward to seeing you there.





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 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)
- 11:05 - 11:20 am Preschool Music (E-115)
- 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

March

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p> <p><i>5:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Starbucks Forest Drive)</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>5:30 pm Congregational Retreat planning meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p>
<p>8 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><i>5:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Starbucks Forest Drive)</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p> <p><i>5:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (CL 2)</i></p> <p><i>6:00 pm Social Ministry meeting (CL 2)</i></p>
<p>15 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p><i>5:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Starbucks Forest Drive)</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>5:00 pm [private event] Madison HOA meeting (FAB)</i></p> <p><i>6:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>22 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><i>5:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Starbucks Forest Drive)</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>29 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>





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
<p>4 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Conf Rm) 12:00 noon Lenten Service (FAB) 12:45 pm Lenten meal following service (FAB) 5:30 pm Lenten meal (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 Mary Group meeting (off-site) 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Plyler home) 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Shealy home)</p>	<p>6 FAB reserved for Joint Supper Club 5:30-6:30 pm Peaceful time of reflection (CL 1)</p>	<p>7 FAB reserved for Joint Supper Club 5:00 pm Joint Supper Club (FAB)</p>
<p>11 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Conf Rm) 12:00 noon Lenten Service (FAB) 12:45 pm POGS lunch (FAB) 5:30 pm Lenten meal (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Plyler home) 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Shealy home) 5:30 pm Learning Committee meeting (CL 2)</p>	<p>13 5:30-6:30 pm Peaceful time of reflection (CL 1)</p>	<p>14 12:00-4:00 pm [private event] Whitlow Family funeral meal (FAB)</p>
<p>18 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Conf Rm) 12:00 noon Lenten Service (FAB) 12:45 pm Lenten meal following service (FAB) 5:30 pm Lenten meal (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 11:30 am Dorcas Group meeting (FAB) 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Plyler home) 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Shealy home) 6:00 pm Tamar Group meeting (off-site Katie Bostic)</p>	<p>20 5:30-6:30 pm Peaceful time of reflection (CL 1)</p>	<p>21 8:30 am—12:30 pm Grounds Beautification Day followed by lunch in the FAB</p>
<p>25 8:15 am Virtual Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Conf Rm) 12:00 noon Lenten Service (FAB) 12:45 pm Lenten meal following service (FAB) 5:30 pm Lenten meal (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 7:15 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 1:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Plyler home) 4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study (Shealy home)</p>	<p>27 5:30-6:30 pm Peaceful time of reflection (CL 1)</p>	<p>28</p>



JOINT SUPPER CLUB IN MARCH

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, March 7, 2026, in the FAB. Our meal will be provided by **Perfectly Plated** (consisting of Corn Beef Brisket, Chicken Tenders, cabbage, brussel sprouts, and green beans) **dessert will be supplied by the 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 in the bulletin. The cost will be **\$30 per person** (including 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!

ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 22

Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary using the Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes which can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the front of the envelope to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place the envelope in the offering plate. The cost is \$16.00 each. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order.

All orders must be in by Sunday, March 22 and accompanied by payment. Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on April 5.



CONGREGATIONAL LUTHERIDGE SPRING RETREAT APRIL 24-26

"If we live by the spirit, let us also be guided by the spirit." Galatians 5:25

- Registration is now open and will close on March 15.
- Information to register is located on the table in the Narthex.
- Our speaker is Linda Sloan, M. Ed. who is a Charter member of Good Shepherd, the daughter of Julius and Jean Hair.

Linda is a speaker and trainer in business in the fields of stress management, communication, customer service, supervisory skills and conflict management. Linda Sloan has years of experience as a speaker and presenter with specific emphasis on how the Bible offers the perfect blueprint for us. She is also a published author of *Does This Fig Leaf Make Me Look Fat?*, a guide revealing the 5 best ways to live life with joy and purpose based on Christian principles.



Thank You Good Shepherd

Thank you, Good Shepherd family, for the generous donations to HUGS for the Men's and Women's Shelters. The women were extra excited about the socks with the grippers on them. The boxes and bags were full to the brim. The picture doesn't even reflect the items purchased with the generous monetary donations you gave.

Thanks you,
Dorcas Circle



To our GSLC Family,

The enormous outpouring of love and support has covered our family. From calls, texts, emails, meal trains and your presence, we have been so very blessed by each of you.



All of our love,
The Snodgrass Family

WELCA News

SAVE THE DATE

WELCA RETREAT / PRAYER BREAKFAST

Location: Camp Kinard
Batesburg-Leesville SC

Check In: Friday, August 28 at 4 p.m.

Check Out: Sunday, August 30 at 11 a.m.

JUST FOR ME KITS **Thank you, Thank you!**

From the Tamar group and the WELCA unit, Thank You for donating to the Just for Me Kits. Lutheran Services Carolinas was overjoyed to receive the 24 Just for Me Kits. The support we were able to give this worthy organization and the precious ones they help left a warm spot in the hearts of the Tamar Group and the Good Shepherd congregation. This was so successful, needed and appreciated - we will support another donation drive in the fall.

Leigh Ann Tollison, Tamar Leader



EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop into the Season!  Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt 2026

Bring the family for an egg-citing start to Holy Week! Join us on **March 29, 2026**, for our annual Egg Hunt, featuring treats, fun, and fellowship.

Little Ones (Preschool – 2nd Grade):

Meet on the **playground** immediately following Sunday School for a hunt filled with goodies!

Older Kids (3rd – 5th Grade):

Join a special, separate hunt during the Sunday School hour in their usual classroom.

It's going to be an egg-cellent time!

We Need Your Help!



To make this event a success, we are collecting donations of wrapped candy or small toys. Please contact **Ben Haigh** to donate:

- **In-person:** At Church
- **Email:** benjamin.haigh@yahoo.com
- **Phone:** [803-528-5350](tel:803-528-5350)



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: MIKE WEAVER

DATE	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
GREETER	Bud DePriest	Sue O'Cain	Pat Quattlebaum	Mary Aitchison	Verna Sawyer
USHERS	Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Jim Tucker	Dick Sturkie, Russ Cox, Bruce Shealy	Jim Tucker, Dick Sturkie, Bruce Shealy	Jan Haigler, Russ Cox, Greg Sox	Jan Haigler, Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Dick Sturkie
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector: Gloria Oakes Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector: Kerry Stubbs & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector: Karin Culp & Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Jackson Nabors C: Adam Ortiz	A: James Isenhower C: Blake Gross	A: Madelyn Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Kate Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Savannah Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, David Lucas	Donna Foster, Mike Sanchez	Kate Ferlauto, Becky Shealy	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck	David Lucas, Rick Storey

Maundy Thursday – April 2	Good Friday – April 3
Lector & Communion Assistant Charlene Fink	Lector Don Caughman
Acolyte & Crucifer TBD	Crucifer TBD

Easter Sunday – April 5	Easter Sunday – April 5
7:00 a.m. Sunrise	9:30 a.m.
Greeter Nancy Hyatt	Greeter Karen Lucas
Usher Karen Lucas team	Usher Karen Lucas team
Lector & Communion Assistant Barbara Rowell	Lector & Communion Assistant Becky Shealy
Acolyte Anna-Marie Plyler	Acolyte Madelyn Snodgrass
Crucifer Becky Shealy	Crucifer Amanda Snodgrass
Torch Bearers Barbara Rowell and David Lucas	Torch Bearers William Snodgrass and James Isenhower
Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez	Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez
	Tabulators Mary Margaret Hoy and Becky Shealy

MARCH MEETINGS

Since some of the committee chairs were rotating off council, committee meetings were not carried over to the new year. Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

- March 2 Congregational Retreat Planning (5:30 p.m.)
- March 3 Evangelism Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 5 Mary Group (off-site)
- March 9 Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 10 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
 Finance Committee (5:00 p.m.)
 Social Ministry Committee (6:00 p.m.)
- March 12 Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- March 19 Dorcas Group (11:30 a.m.)
 Tamar Group (off-site)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

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

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2026

MARCH 1 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

FIRST READING – Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

PSALM – Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)

SECOND READING – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

MARCH 8 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

FIRST READING – Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

PSALM – Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

GOSPEL – John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

MARCH 15 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

PSALM – Psalm 23

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

GOSPEL – John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

MARCH 22 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

PSALM – Psalm 130

I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)

SECOND READING – Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

GOSPEL – John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

MARCH 29 – PALM SUNDAY

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

PSALM – Psalm 31:9-16

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

SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

GOSPEL – Matthew 26:14—27:66

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

WITH PRAYER

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CALENDAR



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March 1

Second Sunday in Lent
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March 4

11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Conf Rm)
12 noon Lenten Service (FAB)
Lenten Meal following service (FAB)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal (FAB)
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service (FAB)
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

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March 6

5:30 p.m. Peaceful Time of Reflection (CL 1)

March 7

5:30 p.m. Joint Supper Club (FAB)

March 8

Third Sunday in Lent
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March 11

Same Lenten Schedule as March 4

March 13

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

March 15

5:30 p.m. Peaceful Time of Reflection (CL 1)

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March 18

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 20

Food Pantry Sunday
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March 22

Same Lenten Schedule as March 4

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March 25

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

March 27

5:30 p.m. Peaceful Time of Reflection (CL 1)

March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Same Lenten Schedule as March 4

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

5:30 p.m. Peaceful Time of Reflection (CL 1)

Palm Sunday

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