



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter
October 2024

XLVIII, ISSUE X

<i>Fall Fest</i>	1 & 3
<i>A Word from our Pastor</i>	2
<i>Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry</i>	3
<i>Commitment Sunday, October 20</i>	4
<i>World Food Day Webinar, October 15</i>	4
<i>Fun Fridays, October 11</i>	4
<i>Food Pantry Update</i>	4
<i>Social Ministry Monthly Emphasis</i>	5
<i>School Supply Update</i>	5
<i>Tanzania Task Force Thank You</i>	5
<i>GSLC Foundation Grant Update</i>	6
<i>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Congregational Retreat</i>	7
<i>Thank You</i>	7
<i>Calendar</i>	8-9
<i>GSLC Celebrates Two Staff Anniversaries</i>	10
<i>Sunday School Schedule</i>	10
<i>Weekly Bible Studies</i> <i>Tuesday In-Person</i> <i>Wednesday Zoom</i> <i>Faith 5</i>	10
<i>Adult Sunday School</i> <i>Around the Corner</i> <i>Come and See</i> <i>Fellowship</i>	11
<i>Worship Volunteers</i>	12
<i>Deadline for Newsletter Articles</i>	12
<i>October Meetings</i>	12
<i>Pathfinders of Good Shepherd</i>	13
<i>Birthdays</i>	13
<i>Lectionary</i>	14
<i>Prayer Lists</i>	15
<i>Staff and Council Members</i>	16
<i>Calendar: Upcoming Events</i>	16

SAVE THE DATE
FALL FEST
OCTOBER 27
4:00 –6:00 P.M.



Look for updates in the bulletin for planning meetings and volunteer opportunities. We can't wait to see you come out to welcome the children and families of the congregation and community into our space. This has always been a really fun day for the kids, their families and all the participants!

GOOD SHEPHERD FALL FEST
OCTOBER 27, 2024 FROM
4:00-6:00 P.M.

This is such a fun day for Good Shepherd and the local community!

Planning is still underway for Fall Fest. If you have not been approached, let the Chris Herrmann or someone on the Youth & Children Committee know you want to participate. Please consider helping with set-up, hosting a trunk, hosting a game or craft table, parking/logistics help and clean-up. We are also looking for volunteers to reach out to our neighbors in the apartments and housing close to the church to invite them and let them know about the increase in traffic and possible street parking during Fall Fest. Can't help on the 27th but want to give in another way? Feel free to drop off Halloween candy, small toys or party favors at the table in the Narthex.

We will need lots of help to make this a great event not only for our Good Shepherd children but Forest Acres and greater Columbia children and parents. Please sign up in the Narthex to help. We will have promotional materials in the Narthex for you to take and share with family and friends. Please also check out the GSLC Facebook page for updates and a post to share on your page.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers:

We are looking for folks (i.e. families, friends, circles, usher teams) to deck out their trunks with Halloween decorations and let the kids walk

(Continued on page 3)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Formation vs. Reformation



Looking ahead to 2025, Good Shepherd will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary as a congregation! We will celebrate the anniversary of our formation throughout the year, giving thanks for this community of faith. This month we will commemorate another important event in the history of the church: The 507th Anniversary of the Reformation. No, 507 doesn't have the same ring to it as 75, but both of these events give us a chance to reflect back on our formation as a congregation and as a wider church body.

As we think back on these milestones, I'm reminded that often it isn't the actual date that is important. Consider a wedding anniversary. What matters more? The date a couple was married or the life that the couple shared from that moment onward? Or think about your birthday. Which is more important? The day on which you came into the world or each day and moment you've lived and made a difference since?

Likewise, Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, was only the start of a much grander story. Ironically, this date could be more accurately called "Formation Day" because it was the event that kicked off a process of the reformation of the church. Think about all that transpired from this date onwards: Luther was put on trial, excommunicated, and taken into hiding. He translated the Bible into German, paving the way for the spread of his ideas and the Gospel message to distant places. The church spread and split; congregations formed and were closed. Our own forebears in the faith left their native lands to seek a new life in this country. Synods and congregations were formed and transformed over the centuries.

In the same way, our charter on February 5, 1950, was just the beginning of a process that is still unfolding in our midst. Think about all the prayers said, all the hymns sung, all the sermons preached, all the babies and adults baptized, all the tears shed and laughter shared, all the Communion meals celebrated over the years here. Next year is the anniversary of our *formation* as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; our *reformation* still continues. Likewise, this October marks the anniversary of our *formation* as the Lutheran church; our *reformation* is still in progress.

God is always at work in our midst and in our lives, forming and shaping us to be the people God has called us to be in Christ Jesus. The past 75 years and the past 507 years are a part of our story; a part of who we are as God's people. God, who makes all things new, is making us new, now and always. I invite you to share in these milestone celebrations with gratitude and joy. More than that, I urge you to continue actively participating in the life we share here. Let us be grateful for what has been, purposeful in all we do now, and hopeful for what God will have us be.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

In the 1940's the South Carolina Synod, led by the Spirit, had the vision to start a mission congregation in the Forest Acres area. The Rev. Harold F. Park served as mission developer. Many meetings and prayer times were held in the home of Frank and Margaret Leaphart, but the first formal worship service of the group was held on September 11, 1949, in the Carolina Children's Home Chapel.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially organized February 5, 1950, with sixty-five charter members (plus 22 children) and thirty-eight (28 adults, 10 children) more being added until the charter was closed on May 28, 1950.

On February 5, 2025, Good Shepherd will celebrate its 75th anniversary of the charter signing. In anticipation of this special time in the life of the congregation, Congregation Council appointed a Task Force to plan special events to remember and celebrate our past, present and future. The Task Force is Don Caughman, Stacy Gross, Neal Inman, Jim Johnson, Anna-Marie Plyler, Bruce Shealy, Kappy Steck, Nancy Hyatt and Pastor Andrew Isenhower. Watch for announcements and publications about celebration times over the next year and make plans to participate, especially inviting old members, family, friends and neighbors to join us!

We will begin our celebration on All Saint's Sunday, November 3, 2024. As we recall our past, we will praise God for all those saints who came before us, walking in the spirit and serving together to make Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church what it was, is and will continue to be in the future. That day we will especially remember and honor our pastors who have gone to the church triumphant. They are:

The Rev. Dr. Harold Park (mission developer and pastor 1950-1958)
 The Rev. Dr. Alton C. Clark (pastor 1958-1975)
 The Rev. Dr. Larry S. Long (senior pastor 1975-1995)
 The Rev. Richard C. (Ricky) Inman (son of congregation).

Join us as we continue Walking in the Spirit. And, if you have stories, pictures, etc., to share about Good Shepherd's history, please contact a member of the Task Force.

(Continued from page 1)

from car to car collecting candy. Are you hesitating because you don't have an idea of what to do with your "trunk?" Please do not let that discourage you from hosting a trunk. You can decorate and come as your favorite children's book character or TV character. We have seen some great imaginative trunks in the past. Even real old fashion steamer trunks will do. A little dry ice is enough for the kids. But if you are at a loss a google search for Trunk or Treat Ideas will produce many articles and pictures. In addition, Party City has partial and full premade kits for purchase. We do ask that your trunk be kid friendly and not too scary. And adults in costume are encouraged too! And candy for the kids. About every 30 minutes they will cycle around to get more in their pumpkins.



Game Host for Fall Fest:

Do you want to interact more with our kids and community? Great! Consider hosting a game either at a table or in your trunk. In the FAB craft room, we have some themed bean bag toss boards, fishing game, bowling, ring toss and corn hole. Got another idea? Great, we would love to hear it!



On October 8 your time, talent, and financial commitment cards will be mailed. The time and talent brochure will contain opportunities for learning, service, and worship in various roles within our congregation. On **October 20**, please remember to bring these completed forms with you to worship. If you need additional forms, they will be available in the church office.

WORLD FOOD DAY WEBINAR – OCTOBER 15

Join ELCA World Hunger to celebrate World Food Day and the **50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger!** This special Zoom event on Tuesday, October 15, at 8 p.m., will be hosted by the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the SE Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, vice president of the ELCA. Tune in to hear firsthand stories from partners at ELCA World Hunger projects—including Educación Popularen Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile that was founded over 40 years ago, and more recent starts such as Tapestry Farms, an urban-farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois. See the impact of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger work; get excited to be part of the next 50 years! You can register for this Webinar at <https://community.elca.org/world-food-day-2024>.

Donations can be made to World Hunger through Good Shepherd by placing your donation in one of the pink envelopes located in the pews or on the table outside the office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd and noted for World Hunger.

FUN FRIDAYS – OCTOBER 11, 2024



Participants of Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, October 11, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month. Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd who have been Fun Fridays helpers for years. All members of Good Shepherd are welcome to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities while our guests have fun with their friends. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or 803-788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 11 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to see what we do at Fun Fridays.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food for 43 families in August serving 134 individuals.

The food pantry does NOT need used plastic grocery bags. Please recycle them at your local grocery store. We are required to use brand new bags when packing food.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE—CAROLINAS

The Monthly Emphasis for October is Lutheran Disaster Response - Carolinas. The ministry of LDR Carolinas was funded by a grant from Lutheran Disaster Response to provide local faces and voices for this vital ministry. Now it is a shared ministry supported by both the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods. Grounded in faith, the focus is 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. Our support will help expand and continue disaster preparedness and response in the Carolinas. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during October by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Monthly Emphasis.

SCHOOL SUPPLY UPDATE

Thanks to all of you for contributions to the School Supply Drive. We delivered 14 book bags to A C Flora High School and a carload of other supplies to Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools. Cash contributions totaled \$450; we purchased gift cards for each of the elementary schools to use for their students' special needs.

Social Ministry Committee

TANZANIA TASK FORCE THANK YOU! TALK OF TANZANIA

The Tanzania Task Force would like to take a moment to thank the Good Shepherd Congregation and the Foundation for their generosity for two of their projects. The first is the Magoye Medical Center upgrade. We were able to refurbish the ward building and add a fully equipped Operating Room. Reports from the South Western Diocese tell us that the OR is up and running. We have a surgeon in place and many villagers are coming to the center. In fact, I have been told that all the beds in the center are full of patients receiving care. It is so good to hear that the villagers are receiving much needed care.



The second is the She Shed Project. Donations were received to fully equip the She Shed. The items, a tractor and ten attachments, have been ordered. Everyone is excited for the shipment to arrive in the diocese hopefully by mid-October.

Bishop Nguvula (Bishop of the SWD of Tanzania) "thanks each of you for your concern for the people in the South Western Diocese in Tanzania." He continues to say that "what you have done for our women is a service to God on behalf of our diocese. We thank you very much. The value of your donation will be displayed openly!"

Cathy Milejczak



GSLC FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE

The Foundation is pleased to report that nine spring grant requests were funded as requested. The maximum grant amount that can be awarded is \$3,000.00. The grants support a wide range of programs that improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need.

To offer a glimpse at the work accomplished these are quotes from some of the agencies that received Foundation funding. *(See pictures from left to right.)*

“Thank you for your generous gift from your foundation which allowed us to get our John Deere and Toro Zero Turn mowers repaired. We are grateful for this gift! Keeping grass mowed on 300 acres at Camp Kinard is very challenging, especially with older equipment.” South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.

“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 are instrumental to their success.” Richland School District Two Weekend Backpack Program

“Your generosity not only provides fresh and nutritious meals but also allows each senior to feel valued and loved within our community.” Senior Resources (Meals on Wheels Richland County).

“GHM responds to urgent needs like this one at faith-based Lutheran hospitals, clinics, and health promotion efforts in 13 different countries.” Global Health Ministries (shipping layettes and health care supplies to Tanzania)



Grants Funded:

South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers - funds to repair lawn mowing equipment

GSLC Ramp Ministry - building materials

Richland County School District Two - Backpack / Weekend Food Program

Senior Resources, Inc - Meals on Wheels for homebound residents in Richland County

Global Health Ministries – shipping health care supplies donated by SC Synod churches and WELCA units to Tanzania

GSLC Property Committee - Irrigation Well Fund

GSLC Property Committee - supplemented Capital Funds for FAB roof replacement

Cathy Milejczak, Rod Kent – partial travel expenses for mission trip to Tanzania pending SC Synod approval of trip

Pictures and thank-you letters for the grant projects are also posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The next grant application deadline is Friday, November 1. The application form is located on the Church web site: <http://www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/>. Printed copies are available on the table outside church office. If you are involved with an organization or project that serves our community, let them know of this funding opportunity and consider serving as the congregational shepherd for their application.

You can also support the efforts of the Good Shepherd Foundation by making a donation payable to Good Shepherd Foundation or by making a bequest as part of your will.



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
75 Years Walking in the Spirit
Congregational Retreat**

January 31 – February 2, 2025
Lutheridge in Arden, NC

Let's begin our yearlong Anniversary Celebration with fun and fellowship!

Program Presenter: Pastor Drew Yoos

Registration begins September 29 – December 15, 2024

THANK YOU



The family of Joanna Carpenter sincerely appreciates your prayers, cards and support since her passing. Your kindness has touched each of us deeply.

*Ellen Bateman and Lydia Califf
Daughters of Joanna Carpenter*

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Bradley Elementary School, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of school supplies. Your thoughtful gift will make a significant difference in the lives of our students, providing them with the tools they need to succeed and thrive in their education.



Your kindness not only supports their academic journey but also shows them that they are valued and cared for by a compassionate community. We are truly blessed to have you as a partner in nurturing and guiding our young minds.

Thank you once again for your support and for being a beacon of hope and generosity.

With sincere appreciation,
Andre-Noel
Parent and Family Engagement Specialist
Bradley Elementary School

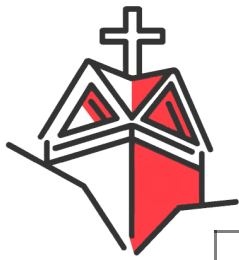
Thanks for all of your support!



Thank you so much for the donation of school supplies. The generosity of your congregation is truly a gift from God.

Thank you so much for the \$225 Amazon gift card. We truly appreciate the generosity of your congregation to help us start the school year in such a positive manner.

Forest Lake Elementary



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-114)
- 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue
		1 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:00-8:00 pm Williamsburg HOA meeting (FAB)
6 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE <i>WELCA Retreat (Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms)</i>	7	8 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
13 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE	14 4:00 pm Evangelism Committee (CL 2) 6:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)	15 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm) 3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)
20 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Commitment Sunday Food Pantry Sunday 6:30 pm Council meeting (CL 2)	21	22 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)
27 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Reformation Sunday  4:00—6:00 pm Fall Fest (FAB parking lot)	28	29 11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)



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>2</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am Mary Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Property meeting (CL 2)</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>WELCA Retreat (Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms)</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>WELCA Retreat (Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms)</i></p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (POGS) lunch & meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>set up for Fun Fridays (FAB)</p> <p>3:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>6:00 pm Communication Committee (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 pm Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Tamar Group meeting (off-site)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 pm Learning Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>	<p>31</p>		

GSLC CELEBRATES TWO STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

During October, we are observing the anniversary of two staff members. Pastor Andrew Isenhower celebrates his 5th year of ministry and Susan Sturkie celebrates her 36th year of musical service with us. As a congregation, we are grateful for Pastor Andrew's leadership and pastoral care and for Susan's talents and dedication. We give thanks for their commitment to serving with us here at Good Shepherd!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)

10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-114)

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



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew.



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.



FAITH 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.



- 1) **Share** your highs and lows of the day/week
- 2) **Read** a bible verse or story
- 3) **Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows
- 4) **Pray** for one another's highs and lows
- 5) **Bless** one another



AROUND THE CORNER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Around the Corner class is a discussion-based class that utilizes various resources, such as podcasts, books, music, or television shows, to inspire talking points that relate to our Lutheran faith and individual and shared faith journeys. ***This class meets in the Parlor and starts a little closer to 10:55, as several members need time to sign children into their Sunday School classes.*** All are welcome to join this lively class!

COME AND SEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THE CHOSEN

For the fall Sunday School season, the Come and See Sunday School class has begun an interactive Bible Study of Season 1 of the popular streaming television series *The Chosen*. The study is based on the official study guide entitled *What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?* coauthored by Amanda and David Jenkins, creators of *The Chosen* series. You can “Google” this for more details.

The Chosen is a unique historical drama series based on the earthly ministry of Jesus with a special focus on select characters and their personal interactions with Jesus and with each other.

If the class chooses, we will continue the study of the next 3 seasons to include all 32 episodes. The class discussion will be facilitated by Mark Lovern and Bruce Shealy and meets downstairs in Classroom 1.

Participants are asked to view each episode prior to the group discussion. Episodes are available on streaming TV via *The Chosen* app. Episodes also can be viewed on a PC or smartphone by searching for *The Chosen*.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Fellowship Sunday School class will focus on Women of the Bible for the fall session. We will do in-depth studies of major and minor women characters of the Bible. Feel free to join us at any time. The class meets in Classroom 2 in the lower level near the elevator. The class is led by Don Caughman and Ben Haigh.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: CHRIS HERRMANN

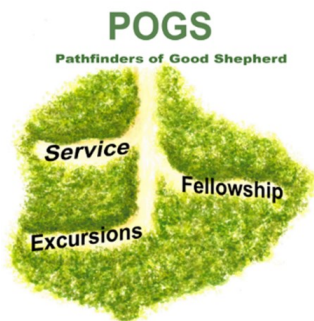
DATE	10/6	10/13	10/20	10/27	11/3
USHERS	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown	Karen Lucas, Jason Fowler, Steve Bowden, Mike Brown	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Lennae Sox, Lauren Chandler, Richard Inman, Bruce Shealy, Jim Tucker
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector & Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector & Communion Assistant: Stacy Gross	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Lucas Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	A: TBD C: Evelyn Ortiz Banner: Mike Sanchez Torch: Callen Gilbert, Becky Shealy	A: Savannah Gross C: Blake Cross
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	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell
TABULATORS	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler	Becky Shealy, Steve Steck	Donna Foster, Mary Margaret Hoy	Karen Lucas, Mike Sanchez	Mary Stallings, Rebecca Richardson



OCTOBER 2024 MEETINGS

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

October 3	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
October 8	Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
October 9	Worship Life (5:30 p.m.)
October 10	Shepherd's Visitors (3:00 p.m.) Communication (6:00 p.m.)
October 14	Evangelism Committee (4:00 p.m.)
October 15	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
October 17	Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.) Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)
October 20	Council (6:30 p.m.)
October 24	Learning Committee (6:00 p.m.)



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD POGS

POGS will meet October 9 in the FAB at Noontime. It will be a covered dish. Our speaker will be a representative from Lutheran Disaster Response Carolina Ministry. The focus is on helping individuals and congregations prepare for disaster and on building a network of resources across North and South Carolina to respond when a disaster occurs. Please join us for fellowship, good food, and to learn about the Lutheran Disaster Response Carolina Ministry. Help setting up and cleaning up afterwards will be greatly appreciated.

At the September POGS meeting the group decided to further assist the Senior Resources organization by providing holiday gift boxes for the people on our Meals on Wheels route. There are 12 people currently on our route. A list will be available soon to sign up for items to be placed in the box. The boxes will be packed at our November meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Donna Vaughn	10	Ava Cohl	17	Evelyn P. McQuage
2	Melissa Shukla	12	Hilde Jakiela		Pat Roche
	Susan Faith Ellington		Alicia McFarland		Juli Calhoun
	Karin Culp		Valerie Evans	20	Libby Slice
5	Jennifer Ross	13	Lib Quattlebaum		Amy Kemp
	Marie Currie		Elizabeth Whitlow	21	Carolyn Adams
6	Mackey Robinson		Eric Whitlow		Kerry Stubbs
	Lauren Chandler	14	Drew Green	23	Mark Whitlow
7	Katie Fessler		Nancy Hubert		Thomas Elliott
	Dan Wuori	16	Trae Dent	25	Jordan Herrmann
	Dale Richardson		Minot Stanton		Charlie Calhoun
9	Cindy Taylor		Don Wuori	27	Savannah Gross
10	Abel Ferry		Steve Steck	29	Gwen Barnes
	Mary Allen	17	Sylvia Anne Derrick		Sam Smith

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

OCTOBER 6 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

FIRST READING – Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

PSALM – Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

GOSPEL – Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

OCTOBER 13 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

FIRST READING – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

PSALM – Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

GOSPEL – Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

OCTOBER 20 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

PSALM – Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL – Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

OCTOBER 27 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

PSALM – Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

WITH PRAYER



Rev. Russ Anderson
Gwen Barnes
Trisha Benson
Grace Boozer
Steve Bowden

Victoria Brown
Rosemarie Brown
Charles Buckner
Lavina Chandler
Cheryl Christian
Dot Correll
Sylvia Anne Derrick
Marianne De Werdt
Lena Duncan
Larry Evans
Violet Fetner

Bob Fortner
Bonnie Hammond
Trisha Holman
Kitty Howard
Judy Hoy
Sara Hydrick
Jeannine Jameson
Billie Jones
Lisa Lehman
Sara Loyd
Mary Clare McAbee

Michele Morrison
Joann Nagy
Gloria Oakes
Justine Parker
Frances Plyler
Barbara Sutton
Bubba Willis
Peter & Elaine Zornow

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
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox
Betty Cox—former member
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
Sally Elliott—mother of Lee Elliott (loss of husband)
Idona Erwin—friend of member
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini
Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow
David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
Frank Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew
Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard
Bodie Kidd – Steve and Helen Hanayik's great-great nephew
Will Kepley—nephew of Libby Anne Inabinet
Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
Rachel McCutcheon—granddaughter of Evelyn McQuage
Robert Nagy—brother-in-law of Barbara Nagy

Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Moble
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
June Steadman—96-year-old friend of Raymond & Julie Hendrix (house burned down)
Harry Swindler—father of Penny Sox and grandpa of Stacy Gross
Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
Richard Wall—neighbor of Barbara Nagy
Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
Danny and Joey Wheeler—cousins of Jason Fowler
Tom White—friend of Frances Plyler
Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

SYMPATHY

Office Information

http://www.gslc.com

Hours: Mon–Thurs. 9 AM-4:30 PM;

Fri. 9 AM-2:00 PM

Phone: (803) 787-4413

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

Anna-Marie Plyler

Treasurer

Jan Haigler

Committee/Council Member

Communication/**Carole Sox**

Evangelism/**Jason Fowler**

Finance/**David Lucas**

Gifts/**Ed Woodward**

Learning/**Barbara Nagy**

Parish Life/**Deb Bodie**

Property/**Richard Inman**

Social Ministry/**Jan Haigler****

Worship Life/**Becky Shealy**

Youth & Children/**Chris Herrmann**

****Non-Council Committee Chairs**

Social Ministry/**Cathy Milejczak**

Social Ministry/**Rod Kent**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

3909 Forest Drive

Columbia, SC 29204

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org

U.S. Postage

PAID

Permit #957

Columbia, SC

DELIVERY REQUESTED BY
September 30, 2024
DATED INFORMATION ENCLOSED



CALENDAR



Sunday Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. *Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. *Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)*
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. *Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)*
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. *Confirmation Class (E-112)*
- 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. *Children's Sunday School (E-111 & E-113)*
- 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. *Children's Music (E-115)*

- October 2 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- October 4-6 WELCA Retreat (Coastal Retreat Center)
- October 6 **See Sunday Schedule Above**
- October 9 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- October 11 6:00–9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
- October 13 **See Sunday Schedule Above**
- October 16 **November Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- October 20 **Food Pantry Sunday**
See Sunday Schedule Above
6:30 p.m. Council meeting (CL 2)
- October 23 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- October 27 **See Sunday Schedule Above**
4:00-6:00 p.m. Fall Fest (FAB parking lot)
- October 30 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)