



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3



The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the “great cloud of witnesses” mentioned in Hebrews 12.

During Good Shepherd’s Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on November 3 we will remember with love and gratitude the congregation members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Each will have a bell engraved with his or her name. After the service, the bells will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year’s All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate these Good Shepherd members and all the saints during worship:

- Cathy Quinton (3/18/2024)**
- Pat Hazle (3/29/2024)**
- Milford Hunter (4/30/2024)**
- Helen Derrick (6/26/2024)**
- Margaret Hill (7/13/2024)**
- Joanna Carpenter (7/13/2024)**
- Toby Pedersen (7/19/2024)**
- David Hill (7/29/2024)**
- Rev. Russ Anderson (10/22/2024)**

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

This verse from “For All The Saints” by William How and Ralph Vaughan Williams is one of my favorite verses of one of my favorite hymns. This hymn is a reminder to us that we are never alone in this world. Not only is God with us always, but the saints who have gone before us surround us as a “great cloud of witnesses,” to quote the author of Hebrews. This All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate those who have died in the past year. In addition, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force is kicking off our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on All Saints Sunday with the gift of a stole in honor of our Anniversary as a congregation and in loving memory of our pastors who have joined the Church Triumphant: Rev. Dr. Harold Park, Rev. Dr. Alton Clark, Rev. Dr. Larry Long, and Rev. Rick Inman, a son of the congregation. This stole coordinates with our funeral pall and will be a permanent testimony to the faith, love, and service of our faithful pastors. I look forward to sharing this special commemoration with you all as we remember the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have recently passed and those who served as pastors of the church.

I am sure that all the saints faced trying times in their own lives and ministries, as we all do. When things get tough in my own life, I am strengthened by the knowledge that others have walked the path of discipleship over the ages. I am comforted by the promise that Christ holds all the saints in one communion now and forever. I am emboldened to live and love fearlessly because I trust that no matter what, I belong to Christ.

We all need to hear and believe in God’s faithful promises, especially in troubling times. When warfare and famine are rampant in our world; when election season seems to only deepen the divide between people and families; when we lose those whom we love and suffer various hardships and illnesses, we can turn to Christ. He offers us words of eternal life.

When life is difficult and times are trying, let us listen for that distant triumph song that reminds us that Christ has conquered death and all the forces that defy God. As far away as that promise can seem, it is sure and certain. Then, may our hearts be brave to love and serve all people. Then, may our arms be strong to bear one another’s burdens and to do the work God has given us to do in this life.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew



## LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends  
Sunday, November 3.  
Be sure to turn your clocks  
**BACK** one hour  
Saturday night!

## A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, November 17, 2024, for the purpose of accepting nominations from the floor for both Congregational Council and Foundation Board.

## A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 15, 2024, to elect new Council Members, Foundation Board Member, and approve the proposed 2025 Budget. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation.

Community Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sanctuary



**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church**  
3909 Forest Drive



Please join us as we welcome the Community and local leaders to Good Shepherd for a gathering of music and service, a few speakers, and light refreshments afterwards.

If able, please bring a canned good or other food item to be donated to the nearby A.C. Flora Food Bank.



## NOVEMBER 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-113)

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

### Around The Corner Adult Class: Parlor

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 Adult Class: Classroom 1

The Come and See class will continue the study of *The Chosen* historical drama series through Season 3 – a total of 32 episodes. The class is using the interactive Bible Study series written by Dallas Jenkins (creator of *The Chosen*), Amanda Jenkins, and Dr. Dustin S. Hoffman, PhD, New Testament Professor. Each lesson parallels one of the episodes. Come and see what it means to be chosen.

### Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 2

The Fellowship Sunday School class is focusing on Women of the Bible for the fall session. We are doing 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.

## 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



Thank you Good Shepherd family for the cards, calls, prayers and support for me and my family on the passing of my wife Helen.

It meant a lot to me.

Steve Hanayik

## SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Monthly Emphasis for November is the VA Food Pantry. Donations will be used to buy the food the veterans like, to be distributed through the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement. The food pantry volunteers like to see Good Shepherd coming with our donations because they like the food we purchase. If you want to support this special emphasis, please use the pink Special Offering envelopes found in the pew racks and indicate VA Food Pantry on the memo line of your check. Donations can be placed in the offering plate during Sunday service or mailed to the Church office throughout the month of November.



## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship Life Committee asks you to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please use the **Seasonal Flower Offering** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia.

The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$15.00 each**. Make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place it in the **Seasonal Flower Offering envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

**Place your check and the order form** in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 15**. The first 75 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

## Thinking Ahead to Christmas . . .



### RINGING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY

Good Shepherd will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army this year on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. We have a new location—Lowe's Foods on Forest Drive. We have divided the day into one-hour shifts. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning November 24.



### ANGEL TREE

Good Shepherd is having an Angel Tree again this year. We are supporting Providence Home with 60 men and Women's Shelter with 13 women. We will provide a \$25 gift card from Walmart, Visa, MC, or AMEX for each resident. If you are unable to get a gift card, a donation can be made to GSLC and designated for Angel Tree on the envelope or check. Each card is placed in a box or bag before it is delivered. There will be Christmas cards available if you would like to write a note of encouragement to add to your gift card. The tree will be in the Narthex **November 10 – December 8**. The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.





## **CHRISMON TREE DECORATING & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE**

Saturday, December 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Sanctuary

All Youth & Children are invited to bring their holiday spirit and join us as we come together to decorate the Chrismon Tree on **Saturday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Children will gather to learn the meaning of the Chrismon ornaments before they decorate the tree.

Do a Google search for "Decorating the Chrismon Tree in 40 secs" to see a video of our children decorating the tree in 2019!

*Immediately following the Chrismon Tree decorating, all youth and children are asked to stay to **practice the Children's Christmas Program**. We will meet in the Youth Room for pizza and then return to the sanctuary to practice the program.*




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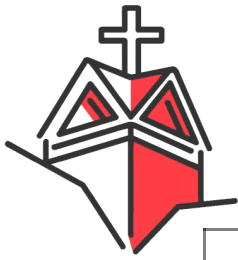
## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 11:00 A.M.**

Please join us in the Fellowship Activities Building (FAB)  
after the 9:30 a.m. service for this program given by our youth and children.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Preparation for our annual Children's Christmas Program has begun. All youth and children are welcome and encouraged to participate. Children will be learning the program music during Children's music class on Sunday mornings. There is also one Saturday practice on December 7 after the Chrismon Tree Decorating.

We also are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the production. If your child is interested in performing, or you would like to volunteer, contact Amanda Snodgrass at 803-422-7105 or [amandadpt2007@hotmail.com](mailto:amandadpt2007@hotmail.com) or Jim Johnson at [jimjohnson51@gmail.com](mailto:jimjohnson51@gmail.com) or 803-609-2338.



**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)

November 2024

| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>Mon</b>   | <b>Tue</b>   |
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| <p><b>3</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><b>All Saints Sunday</b></p>  | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:00 pm GSLC Retreat planning meeting (Conference Room)</p> <p>5:30 pm Mutual Ministry meeting (CL 2)</p> <p>6:00 pm MORE Justice meeting (Sanctuary &amp; Narthex)</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>5:30 pm Technology Subcommittee meeting (Conference Room)</p>   |
| <p><b>10</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p>   | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi (Conference Room)</p>  | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (CL 2)</p> <p>5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee meeting (CL 2)</p> |
| <p><b>17</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><b>Congregational Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Council meeting (CL 2)</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>   | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</p> <p>4:30 pm 75th Anniversary Task Force meeting (CL 2)</p>   |
| <p><b>24</b> SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)</p>   | <p><b>25</b></p>   | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>No Bible Study (Conf Rm)</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.

| <b>Wed</b>  | <b>Thu</b>  | <b>Fri</b>  | <b>Sat</b>   |
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| <p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00 am Mary Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>4:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting (CL 2)</p>                             | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br><br>[private event] Eleanor Macy Life Celebration (FAB)  |
| <p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm POGS (FAB)</p> <p>5:30 pm GSLC Foundation Board meeting (CL 1)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Communication Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</p>   | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  |
| <p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>   | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Tamar Group meeting (off site)</p>                                | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br><br>10:00 am Emily Whitlow Stolba Ordination Service (Sanctuary) Reception following in the FAB |
| <p><b>27</b></p> <p>No Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>No Choir Practice</p>  | <p><b>28</b></p>  <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> | <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> | <b>30</b>  |



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

As you read in Pastor Andrew's article on page 2, we have begun the celebration of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All Saint's Sunday is a great time to recall our past and praise God for all those saints who came before us who helped make Good Shepherd what it is today.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force is planning some great celebration times:

**November 3, 2024** – All Saints Sunday – Worship at 9:30 a.m. Dedication of pastoral stole in memory of deceased pastors of the congregation.

**January 31 – February 2, 2025** – Congregational Retreat – Lutheridge. Be sure to sign up!

**February 9, 2025** – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charter Signing. Worship at 9:30 a.m. with light refreshments following.

**April 27, 2025** – 4:00 p.m. Spring Festival with music concert.

**September 14, 2025** – Homecoming Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. with catered dinner afterwards. Pastor Ron Feltman will be guest preacher.

Join us as we continue *Walking in the Spirit*. Mark your calendars for these dates and invite old members, family, friends and neighbors to join us for these special times and for any of our services and activities! And, if you have stories, pictures, etc., to share about Good Shepherd's history, please contact a member of the Task Force.

Members of the Task Force are  
Don Caughman, Stacy Gross, Neal Inman,  
Jim Johnson, Anna Marie Plyler, Bruce Shealy,  
Kappy Steck, Nancy Hyatt and Pastor Andrew

## LOOKING BACK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

*(Note: For the next year, each newsletter will highlight various aspects of the 75-year history of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, including reminiscences from members. If you have memories of your time at Good Shepherd you'd like to share with other members, please contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236. dodgerfan@sc.rr.com, or the church office.)*

Forest Acres was a vastly different place more than 75 years ago when the S.C. Lutheran Synod sent a young pastor to the growing area to work at developing a mission congregation.

That energetic, hard-working young pastor was Rev. Harold F. Park, and it wasn't long before he had gathered a group very interested in forming a new congregation.

The group held its first meeting August 9 at the home of Frank and Margaret Leaphart on Verner Street, not far from the current Good Shepherd campus.

Things moved quickly, and the fledgling congregation had its first worship service September 11, 1949, in the chapel at Carolina Children's Home (then called Carolina Orphan Home). On Feb. 5, 1950, 65 confirmed adult members signed the charter making Good Shepherd a congregation of the S.C. Synod. There also were 22 child members. Pastor Park was called as pastor. (Another 22 adults signed the charter in succeeding months. A plaque with all 87 names is in the Narthex.)

Services continued at CCH for a year before the congregation was able to buy a three-acre tract with a large two-story home at Madison Rd. and Forest Drive. Madison continued to be an unpaved street until the mid '50s. The house was converted to space for worship and Sunday School, with the pastor living on the top floor for a while, with services beginning there September 9, 1951.

In 1955 the first sanctuary was built, and the first service was held there in March, 1956. That building now is the church office complex and chapel. The educational building was finished in 1960, and the FAB was built in 1980. As a result of continued congregational growth, the present sanctuary was built in 1992. This completed the Good Shepherd campus as we now know it.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
in the Forest Drive area of Columbia, South Carolina  
The Rev. Harold F. Park, Missionary-Pastor  
Carolina Orphan Home Chapel  
September 11, 1949

THE SERVICE

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The proper beginning of any service is with silent prayer during the playing of the Prelude. Pray that our worship is acceptable to God and that our hearts are open to His message.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who are present. All are welcome guests in God's House. This is our first service together. We hope that you will find warm fellowship here, and that many Christian friendships will be made in this congregation.

USHERS TODAY - Earle M. Marsh, John W. Muller and W.H. Gilmore, Jr.

## SHARING CHURCH MEMORIES

Although Harvey and Gloria Robinson and their sons Larry and Stan were not charter members, they joined Good Shepherd in late 1951 and were able to experience worship and Sunday School in the “White House” and in the original sanctuary. The Robinsons lived on Vallejo Circle not far from the church. The boys went to local schools, and Larry was in the first A.C. Flora graduating class in 1962.

Larry and his wife Mackey continue to be Good Shepherd members (with a break while they were living out of state for Larry’s work). Stan and his wife Lyn continue to be members as well.

Larry shared with us a variety of printed materials from those years and looked back fondly on those early days. He recalls Sunday School in the White House with lots of kids from the neighborhood attending as well. “Julius Hair was a wonderful teacher,” Larry remembers.

In his early teens, Larry spent a lot of time with Pastor Harold Park in confirmation classes, learning what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. “I really appreciated my time with Pastor Park,” Larry said. He and five other young people were confirmed in 1958 and became adult members of the congregation. Stan was confirmed in 1960.

Pastor Park’s first sermon in the first sanctuary in 1956 stands out for Larry. “I remember so well the Pastor compared the sanctuary to a ship. That really stuck in my mind.” (Note: A boat is an ancient symbol for the church. Signifying a vessel of salvation, the boat was often used to portray the church. A picture of our first sanctuary taken during construction looks quite like an inverted ship.)

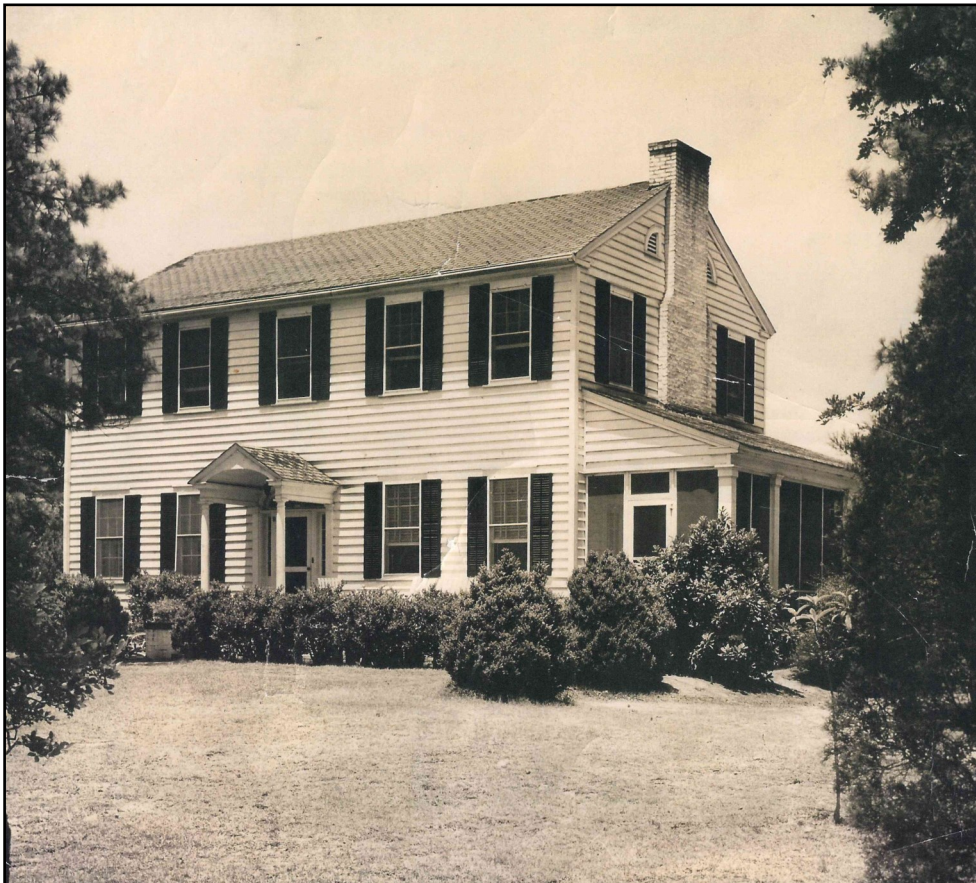
Larry has especially fond memories of Luther League (forerunner of Lutheran Church Youth) and his time as a Boy Scout. “We really enjoyed each other’s company in League,” he said. “That’s where we had a lot of our social activities as well as growing in our faith.” He remembers lots of dances and hayrides. “Those were a lot of fun. In fact, my first ‘date’ with Mackey was on a Luther League hayride!” (Larry and Mackey were married in 1967.)

His involvement in scouting was particularly important to him. Good Shepherd didn’t have a scout troop so Larry was part of the troop at St. Martin’s in the Fields Episcopal Church. In fact, he had a record of perfect attendance at scout meetings for seven years.

But his involvement at Good Shepherd was vital to his working toward a special scout honor, the Pro Deo et Patria (For God and Country) Award. The first of six requirements is “Christian service of at least 150 hours,” and that’s where Good Shepherd came in. “For a year, I helped Pastor Park in the church,” he recalled. “I cleaned out bulletins, changed the numbers on the hymn board, and did whatever else he needed me to do. It was a really good experience.” Larry received the award in August, 1958.



Larry and Mackey live in Northeast Richland not far from Spring Valley High School. Medical issues prevent him from getting out very much, but he loves contact with people. He’d no doubt enjoy hearing from members of the congregation that meant so much to him in his faith development.



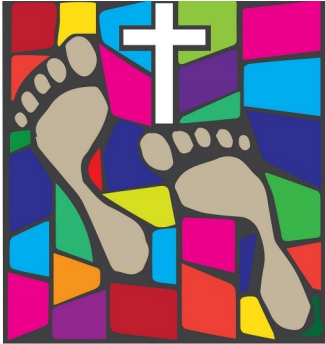
### ***THE 'WHITE HOUSE'***

*From Sept. 9, 1951 to March, 1956, this was the location for Good Shepherd's worship services and Sunday School. The home and three-acre property at Forest Drive and Madison Road are the site of our current church campus. The house stood on the hill where the FAB and parking lot are now located.*



### **1958 CONFIRMATION CLASS**

*Larry Robinson was part of the class confirmed by Pastor Harold Park in May, 1958, in the old sanctuary in the area that is now the chapel. Pictured are, from left, Carol Whichard, Donna Davis, Larry Robinson, Pastor Park, Don Price, Royce Kopacz and Eric Maguire.*



WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

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

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

Join in our yearlong Anniversary Celebration with fun and fellowship!

Program Presenter: Pastor Drew Yoos

Registration deadline is December 15, 2024.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE CALL OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

*Emily Whitlow Stolba*

WILL BE ORDAINED INTO THE  
MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT.

YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED  
AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3909 FOREST DRIVE  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024 AT 10AM

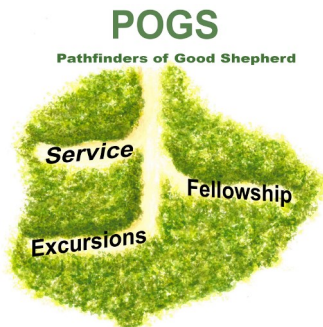


*The Reverend Virginia Hebischer*  
PRESIDING

*The Reverend Dr. Rachel L. Connelly*  
PREACHING

ALL ARE INVITED TO WEAR RED,  
CLERGY ARE INVITED TO ROBE.  
RSVP FOR RECEPTION BY NOVEMBER 9  
(803) 600-6003

EMILY HAS ACCEPTED A CALL TO SERVE AS PASTOR AT  
MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN JOHNSTON, SC.



## PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD POGS

POGS will meet November 13 in the FAB at 12 noon. It will be a covered dish Thanksgiving meal. The turkey will be provided. Our speaker will be a representative from the VA's Center for Development and Civic engagement. We will learn how this department of the VA is helping our Veterans and how we can continue to serve them.



***Help setting up and cleaning up afterwards will be greatly appreciated.***



 Senior  
Resources

 MEALS  
ON WHEELS  
RICHLAND COUNTY

## IT'S TIME TO BE MERRY! SENIOR RESOURCES GIFT BOXES

The group decided at the September POGS meeting 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 in the Narthex to sign up for suggested items to be placed in the gift boxes. You are welcome to give items not on the list as well. You do not need to be a member of POGS to help. Everyone in the congregation is invited to help with the gift boxes. If you are not planning to attend the November POGS meeting, a box will be available in the Narthex to place the donations. The gift boxes will be packed at our November 13<sup>th</sup> POGS meeting. During the POGS November meeting, we will fill the boxes with new unopened gifts. **Please do not include items that may leak, melt, or break.**

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Deb Bodie**

| DATE                          | 11/3  | 11/10  | 11/17  | 11/24  | 12/1   |
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| <b>USHERS</b>                 | Jim Tucker,<br>Bruce Shealy,<br>Jeff Inabinet | Greg Sox,<br>Lennae Sox,<br>Richard Inman,<br>Bruce Shealy,<br>Jeff Inabinet | Lennae Sox,<br>Greg Sox,<br>Jeff Inabinet,<br>Jim Tucker | Richard Inman,<br>Bruce Shealy,<br>Greg Sox,<br>Jim Tucker | Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Alice Buckner,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Marcia<br>Woodward,<br>Chris Herrmann,<br>Dick Sturkie, |
| <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>     | Lector & Communion Assistant:<br>Becky Shealy | Lector & Communion Assistant:<br>Barbara Nagy                                | Lector & Communion Assistant:<br>Jan Haigler             | Lector & Communion Assistant:<br>Kerry Stubbs              | Lector & Communion Assistant:<br>Amanda Snodgrass  |
| <b>ACOLYTE &amp; CRUCIFER</b> | A: Savannah Gross<br>C: Blake Gross           | A: Natalie Ferlauto<br>C: Lucas Ferlauto                                     | A: Madelyn Snodgrass<br>C: Evelyn Ortiz                  | A: Anna-Marie Plyler<br>C: Mike Sanchez                    | A: Adam Ortiz<br>C: Evelyn Ortiz   |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>            | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell                   | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell  | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell                              | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell                                | Joey Allison,<br>Becky Shealy  |
| <b>TABULATORS</b>             | Mary Stallings,<br>Rebecca Richardson         | Jim Tucker,<br>Becky Shealy  | David Lucas,<br>Donna Foster                             | Mary Margaret Hoy,<br>Karen Lucas                          | Mary Stallings,<br>Steve Steck   |

### NOVEMBER 2024 MEETINGS

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

- November 4    GSLC Retreat Planning (5:00 p.m.)  
Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
- November 5    Technology Subcommittee (5:30 p.m.)
- November 6    Finance Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- November 7    Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)  
Evangelism Committee (4:00 p.m.)
- November 12   Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)  
Social Ministry (5:30 p.m.)
- November 13   GSLC Foundation Board (5:30 p.m.)
- November 14   Communication (6:00 p.m.)
- November 17   Council (6:30 p.m.)
- November 19   75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force (4:30 p.m.)
- November 21   Dorcas Group (5:30 p.m.)  
Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry provided food for 43 families in September serving 148 individuals.



*Come Join Our*  
**BIBLE** TUESDAY IN-PERSON  
 STUDY **BIBLE STUDY**

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

*There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, November 26, the week of Thanksgiving.*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**



Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

*There will be no Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday, November 27, the week of Thanksgiving.*



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Sara Loyd
- 5 Donna Foster
- 6 Cheryl McDonald
- 8 Teri Holmes
- 10 Nancy Schaefer  
Greg Struthers
- 11 Anne Rush  
Mary Stallings
- 14 Patrick Roof  
Brett Bostic  
Ronnie Roche
- 15 Jack Morris
- 18 Robert Ellington  
Matt Burrows
- 20 Larry Evans  
Billie Jones
- 22 Molly Kate Herrmann
- 24 Ashleigh Taylor  
Anna-Marie Plyler
- 25 Marilyn Hogan  
Pat Butterfield  
Kappy Steck
- 26 Rebecca Netzel
- 27 Christian Houghton  
Cheryl Beaman
- 28 Sam Seay
- 29 Paige Frierson  
Ben Wuori  
Erica Traylor
- 30 Grayce Boozer  
Bettie Stroud  
John Calhoun

## LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2024

### **November 3 – All Saints Sunday**

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

#### **First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

#### **Psalm – Psalm 24**

*They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

#### **Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

#### **Gospel – John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

### **November 10 – Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

#### **First Reading – 1 Kings 17:8-16**

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

#### **Psalm – Psalm 146**

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)*

#### **Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28**

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

#### **Gospel – Mark 12:38-44**

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

### **November 17 – Twenty-six Sunday After Pentecost**

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting,

then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

#### **First Reading – Daniel 12:1-3**

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

#### **Psalm – Psalm 16**

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)*

#### **Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-25**

*Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

#### **Gospel – Mark 13:1-8**

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

### **November 24 – Christ the King**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

#### **First Reading – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

#### **Psalm – Psalm 93**

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)*

#### **Second Reading – Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

#### **Gospel – John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

## WITH PRAYER

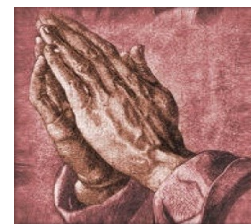
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| Grace Boozer    | Marianne De Werdt   | Sara Hydrick      | Justine Parker        |
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| Charles Buckner | Bob Fortner         | Sara Loyd         | Peter & Elaine Zornow |
| Lavina Chandler | Bonnie Hammond      | Mary Clare McAbee |                       |

### 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](mailto: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  
 Torin Otto Fessler—grandson of Susan Uehling  
 John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini  
 Sarah Harmon—friend of Anna Lawson  
 Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow  
 David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew  
 Frank Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew  
 Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard  
 Will Kepley—nephew of Libby Anne Inabinet  
 Kathy Killian—sister of Bobbie Storey  
 Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman  
 Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell  
 Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & 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  
 Martha Sigmon  
 Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family  
 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

### NEW BABY

Torin Otto Fessler, grandson of Susan Uehling

### SYMPATHY

Rev. Russ Anderson  
 Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes

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**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)**

November 3

**All Saints Sunday**

**See Sunday Schedule Above**

November 6

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 10

**See Sunday Schedule Above**

November 13

**November Newsletter Deadline**

**POGS Lunch & Meeting (FAB)**

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 17

**Congregational Meeting**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

**See Sunday Schedule Above**

6:30 p.m. Council meeting (CL 2)

November 20

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

November 23

**10:00 a.m. Ordination Service and Reception**

November 24

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

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. All Youth & Children practice (FAB)

**5:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service**

November 28-29

Church Office Closed