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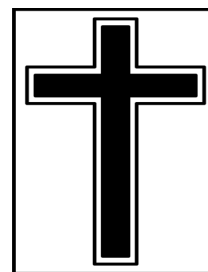
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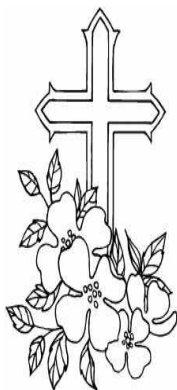
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week services begin with **Palm Sunday** on March 25. Weather permitting, we will process in from the courtyard. On this day, children who have completed their first communion instruction will receive their first communion. The

Maundy Thursday services will be held at **noon** and **7:30 P.M.** on March 29. This day, we remember Jesus gave us a new command to love one another as he has loved us. (See page 5 for server information.) On March 30, the **Good Friday** Service of the Word will be held at 7:30 P.M. **SATURDAY, MARCH 31.**



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



The Evangelism Committee is asking for flowers and greenery to be donated to decorate the Easter cross. The decorated cross provides a beautiful visual image celebrating our risen Lord. The Easter cross will be decorated on Saturday, March 31, at 1 P.M. on the church grounds near Forrest Drive. We appreciate your assistance with this ministry and we would love any and all disciples of Good Shepherd to join us at this time to decorate. For more information, please call Jim Johnson at [803-609-2338](tel:803-609-2338)

EASTER SERVICES SET AT 7 AND 10:30 A.M.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT BOTH GSLC WORSHIP SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1. THE SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE BEGINS AT 7 A.M. AND THE EASTER SERVICE TAKES PLACE AT 10:30 A.M. BOTH SERVICES WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION.

AFTER THE SUNRISE SERVICE, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE FAB FOR OUR TRADITIONAL GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER BREAKFAST, SERVED BY THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE. ALL ARE WELCOME – AND WE'D LOVE TO MEET ANY GUESTS YOU MAY HAVE VISITING!





PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It's been a long time since I've been to Washington, DC, and I'm headed there the day after Easter Sunday. However, I won't be doing any sightseeing. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

has extended an invitation to ELCA disciples to join her on April 4 on the National Mall for A.C.T. Unite to End Racism and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bishop Herman Yoos invited South Carolina Lutherans to join him at the rally and to travel there on one of the buses the Synod is chartering. I plan to be on one of those buses.

A.C.T. stands for awaken, confront, and transform. It's tempting to think that our nation's racial divide has been closed now that over fifty years have passed since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed into law. But it's not the case. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) tracks the activity of 917 active hate groups in the United States, along with an additional 623 antigovernment groups. Here in the South Carolina Midlands the SPLC has confirmed activity on three fronts: Ku Klux Klan, Black Separatist, and White Nationalist. Other groups are operational in the Greenville-Spartanburg area, Charleston/Lowcountry, and Aiken.

Racism is still alive and kicking in overt ways such as Dylann Roof's murder of the nine disciples at Mother Emmanuel, Charleston, and it makes its presence known in subtler ways. It's commonplace for me to hear comments like: "I was driving the other day, and this black man/woman pulled out right in front of me!" I never hear: "I was driving the other day, and this white man/woman pulled out right in front of me!" Poor drivers are poor drivers regardless of race or color. We say this sort of thing without considering what we are communicating. It's a sneaky form of racism, and it's why the key points of April rally are awaken, confront, and transform.

Information about reserving a seat for the trip to Washington is found on p. 3. I hope you'll join me and others who are making the trip to the National Mall. It will be a sight to see.

A.C.T. NOW!
awaken confront transform

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February 25, 2018, marked a new milestone in the life of Good Shepherd. We have officially begun the search for our next pastor. After a fabulous covered dish lunch, Bishop Herman Yoos and Assistant to the Bishop, Ginny Aebischer, led us in a "Spirit Led Time of Renewal."

During this time two scripture passages were read. The first was from Romans 12: 1-5 and the second was from Romans 12: 9-21. Each individual was asked to think about the scripture and write down what they heard God saying in each passage and how does it apply to the life of this congregation. Each round table was asked to summarize their responses and share them with the entire group.

Once that portion was completed, everyone was asked to help with the congregational profile. There were two questions to be answered:

1. *What are three of your greatest hopes for this congregation?*
2. *What are the significant wounds that God wants to heal in this congregation that will prepare you to support a newly called Pastor and a new future?*

The final exercise was to answer two questions and put the answers on sticky notes:

1. *What new things do we want to start doing?*
2. *Are there some things we need to let go of? What are things that drain your energy for God's mission?*

The sticky notes were placed on poster boards in the FAB. Now the notes will be assimilated by members of the council and the results given to the members of the congregation, the Call Committee, and the Synod Office.

After all this is completed, the Call Committee will be selected at the March 2018 Council meeting. They will then begin the search for our new pastor. This could be a lengthy process so patience needs to be shown by each and every one of us. Remember our time is not God's time. We just need to be still and pray for the Call Committee and for our congregation as we go about our everyday task.

I would like to say a special thank you to all the people who have stepped up as volunteers during this time. Yesterday's response to our "Spirit Led Renewal" was very good. Thank you for your time and participation in this event. We estimate that there were about 160 people who attended.

During this time of transition, it will be very important that the laity at GSLC continue to actively work together to move our ministry forward. Remember that Laypersons also are called to do the work of the Church. Our active involvement will help facilitate the Call Process and will send a strong, positive message to candidates. I will close by asking every one to be patient and to pray each day for the Holy Spirit to work as we go forth in this new time.

In God's Peace,
Becky Shealy

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



New and improved! The Lutheran Men in Mission will be meeting in the FAB on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. for fellowship and breakfast. The menu will include: eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and grits. The following topics will be discussed: a Fish Fry, the Beloved Ministry, a Fireflies game, a Men's Retreat, and the Christmas Dinner.

Come and support your church and bring your ideas and input. The Lutheran Men in Mission is open to all male members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and their friends. The Lutheran Men in Mission accepts men of all ages as a multi-generational organization. For more information, contact Peter Zornow (803) 542-7071, email: zornowpd@juno.com.



An Invitation from Bishop Yoos

Why am I planning to participate in a rally to end racism on April 4th in Washington, D.C.?

As your bishop I have witnessed the significant conversations that are happening around our state with the showing of the Selma movie. These conversations have brought together over 110 African-American and Lutheran congregations in dialogue about our need for racial reconciliation and healing.

When I attended the funeral for Pastor Clementa Pinckney, after the shooting of the Emmanuel Nine martyrs, I was deeply troubled to see his two young daughters being deprived of their father's loving care and guidance because of racism and hate. I promised myself that day that I would do all that I could in the future to prevent another tragedy like that one and to honor the forgiveness and grace that these nine families modeled so well.

When Bishop Eaton extended an invitation to have at least 5,000 ELCA Lutherans commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th, I knew that South Carolina Lutherans needed to be present as well.

If you are interested in being a part of this historic march, I invite you to join me and others as we need to fill up several buses. The cost will be \$75.00 per person. We will drive overnight to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday evening and return on Wednesday evening following the rally. Please send your check made out to the South Carolina Synod or pay online at <http://scsynod.us/scsynodgiving> no later than March 15th to reserve your seat.

Join me in following the call of our Presiding Bishop to share how God is bringing us together across the historic division of racism and hate.

In Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos
Bishop
South Carolina Synod, ELCA

MARCH COME & SEE CLASS

The ***Come & See Class*** will continue the study of the Parables of Matthew through March 11. This study focuses on the ten parables that are recorded only in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus told parables to "reveal the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven" and to "utter things hidden since the creation of the world." These parables underscore and compliment the central themes of Matthew. Come & see what "secrets" these parables might contain and how the message pertains to your spiritual life and your walk with Christ. Bruce Shealy is the class leader for this series.



Experience the Open Bible Study: An Easter Exploration

You're invited to experience the Open Bible Study method of exploring scripture. Dr. Bob Hawkins will lead a band of Good Shepherd explorers into a method of scripture reading and devotion which was first developed for people who never before had encountered Jesus, let alone Christianity. Our Order of Confession during Lent helps us to express our regret to bear witness to the presence of Christ in our lives. We're not always sure just exactly how Jesus is present to us and through us. We hesitate to share our faith and the stories of scriptures with others simply because we're not sure what to say. We may well fear we'll appear to be the Bible thumpers who rarely reflect the loving God in whose image we are made.

Beginning March 18 and continuing through May 6, Bob will gather folks to read, reflect, and explore the Gospel passages appointed for the Easter Season. We'll learn how to ask questions of the texts we hear. We'll discover we can express our wonder, doubts, and excitement about familiar and unfamiliar verses. Like Thomas [he always shows up the Second Sunday of Easter] we can say to Jesus and the Bible – "Show me! I don't get it yet!" He's not dismissed because he has doubts. Jesus simply provides him what he needs.

Each week we'll read the Gospel we'll hear in Church two weeks later [that means our first text will be the Easter Sunday Gospel]. We'll hear it several times, read by different folks each time. Then, we'll have opportunity first to indicate what we haven't heard before, something that challenges us, something we don't understand, and even something we want to remember for whatever reason. Then, after hearing the passage again, we'll explore the questions and insights we have. By the end of class we should be able to say, "I want to chew on this for the coming week."

There are lots of ways to study the Bible, and lots of curricula which can aid or complicate the task considerably. Often we unwittingly adopt a classroom professor / student setting. When's the final exam? Will I reveal my ignorance simply by opening my mouth? Why didn't I pay attention during Confirmation? If that is your reoccurring nightmare – put it to rest. So come; all are invited, and take heart, for God indeed is with us, our mouths, hearts, and minds, and will teach us "...what we are to speak."



Young Family Ministries

Gods Young Followers

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, March 18 to visit shut-ins. We will meet in the FAB after

the 10:30 service. We will be delivering Easter Cards to members of Good Shepherd with Mr. Don and Mrs Lisa. Bring a bag lunch and a friend!

Contact Lisa Sanchez
at mikelisanchez@gmail.com or 803-736-2070.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Newborns to 5th graders are encouraged to join us for our annual **Easter Eggstravaganza**. This event will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 10 A.M. in the FAB. There will be a photo booth, crafts, a Bible story and hunting for Easter eggs! Family and friends are invited to join you.

Empty Easter eggs can be picked up in the Narthex after the 1st Sunday in March. Please return filled eggs with individually wrapped candy on or before Sunday, March 18. Sign up to volunteer on the Easter board in the Narthex or contact mitchuehling@gmail.com.

National Youth Gathering

The youth and adult participants who are attending the National

Youth Gathering are asked to attend the Mutual Expectations meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 12 P.M. with Amy Kemp. Lunch is on your own and should last about an hour. Amy will also provide packing tips. Parents are welcome to attend. A Gathering Bible Study will be held Sunday, March 25 during Sunday School in the youth room.



Did you know... There is a lost and found box on the desk across from the office? More valuable items are kept inside the office. Please check if you are missing anything.

YOGS March Activities

On Sunday, March 11 all YOGS (grades 6-12) will Spring ahead with some Spring cleaning. From 5-6 P.M. they will clean the yards of some of our members, then head back to the youth room for dinner. We should finish at 7:30 P.M. Lisa Boozer and Mary Aitchison will provide dinner. Sid Havird will coordinate the yard cleaning. *If you would like your leaves raked or yard spruced up, please contact Sid.*



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 24. The YOGS are asked to arrive at 9 A.M. to help set up and hide Easter Eggs. The egg hunt begins at 10:00 A.M.

Good Friday Walk to Zesto's

On Good Friday, March 30, all YOGS will gather at 5 P.M. outside the youth room and walk to Zesto's for dinner. Afterwards they will return for the Good Friday service. The youth thank Donna Foster for sponsoring this annual event. They look forward to this Easter tradition.



2018 Baptismal Festival Dates



Expecting a new arrival in 2018? Baptismal festival dates are now on the calendar: January 7, Baptism of Our Lord; April 1, Easter Day; May 20, Pentecost; July 29, 10th Sunday after Pentecost; September 9, Holy Cross Sunday; November 4, All Saints Sunday at either service. Please let the church office know as soon as possible that a little one is on the way so that a date for baptism can be scheduled and family and friends have plenty of time to make plans to attend.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR LENTEN WEDNESDAYS AND HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, March 7

Noon

Greeters: Jerry and Donna Vaughn

Lector: Becky Shealy

6:30 P.M.

Greeter: Deb Embrey

Lector: Don Caughman

Wednesday, March 14

Noon

Greeter and Lector: Marcia Woodward

6:30 P.M.

Greeters: Jim and Melanie Lalumondier

Lector: Gaye Collins

Wednesday, March 21

Noon

Greeter: Earline Suydam

Lector: Lula Camp

6:30 P.M.

Greeter: TBD

Lector: Tim Mueller

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Noon

Lector and Communion Assistant: Gaye Collins

7:30 P.M.

Greeter: Jean Cockrell

Lector: Becky Shealy

Communion Assistant: Don Caughman

Acolyte: Noah Aitchison **Crucifer:** Brock Tollison

Good Friday, March 30

7:30 P.M.

Greeters: Jerry and Donna Vaughn

Lector: Don Caughman.

Easter Sunday, April 1

7:00 A.M.

Acolyte: Jack Burrows **Crucifer:** Forrest Havird

Torch Bearers: Eden Rowell and Anna Ross

Banner Bearer: Eric Whitlow

10:30 A.M. (see also page 8)

Torch Bearers: Millie Sox and Lennae Sox

Banner Bearer: Jake Lalumondier

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you cannot be here, get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 A.M. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment. If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

| <u>SERVICE AREA</u> | <u>CONTACT PERSON</u> |
|----------------------|---|
| Worship Life | Nancy Hyatt 873-9449 |
| 8:30 A.M. | Susan Weaver 600-1936 |
| 10:30 A.M. | Chris Herrmann March Usher Chair 227-9776 |
| Worship Assistants | Nancy Hyatt 873-9449 |
| Acolytes & Crucifers | Neal Inman 600-5637 |
| Nursery | Sarah Evans 803-315-7141 |
| Contemporary Coord. | Susan Weaver 600-1936 |

Pastor Karen: 803-252-1327

NOTE: The church office is closed on Sunday mornings. In case of emergency, call 803-787-4413 and leave a message for the pastor.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1 | Becky Anne Struthers | 4 | Madelyn Snodgrass | 12 | Katie Miller | 17 | Lena Duncan | 24 | Keri Hogue |
| 2 | Miles Kemp | 6 | Jason Jakiela | 14 | Callen Gilbert | 18 | Mitch Mackinem | 29 | Helen Hanayik |
| 3 | Badgie Badgerow | | Bobby Koons | | Janet Lockhart | | Sarah Peake | | Maddy Hancock |
| | Don Caughman | | Frances Plyler | | Anna Ross | 22 | Dot George | 31 | Ed Beaman |
| | Libby Anne Inabinet | 8 | Jeannine Jameson | | Perry Shuping | | Bonnie Hammond | | Gerry Koons |
| | Joanne Wuori | 10 | Nancy Taylor | 15 | Sid Havird | | Sara Hydrick | | <i>Happy Birthday!</i> |
| 4 | Eric Kemp | 12 | Milford Hunter | 16 | Emily Whitlow | 23 | Michelle Ortiz | | |
| | Emma Peake | | Perla Johnston | | Stan Wilson | | Tory Shelton | | |

WORSHIP SERVICES*: 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
 9:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Downstairs)
 9:25 AM Sunday Church School
 10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion



March 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue |
|--|--|---|
| | | |
| <p>4 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Room) 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service</p> | <p>5 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p> | <p>6 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg. 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:30 PM Learning Comm. Mtg. (Cl-2)</p> |
| <p>11 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Room) 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM YOGS Gr. 6-12 (Youth Room)</p> | <p>12 5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Parish Life Committee (Cl-2) 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p> | <p>13 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 4:30 PM Executive Committee 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:00 PM Worship Life Comm. Mtg. (Cl-1)</p> |
| <p>18 7th & 8th Gr LCY Winter Retreat Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Rm) 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM God's Young Followers (FAB) 12:00 PM Youth Gathering Meeting (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Congregational Council (Cl-2)</p> | <p>19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:00 PM - 8:00 p.m. Weston Property Homeowner's Meeting (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p> | <p>20 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:00 PM Constitution Committee 7:00 PM Forrest Acres Neighborhood Assn. Mtg.</p> |
| <p>25 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Rm) 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM Youth Gathering Bible Study (Youth Room) 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Confirmation (Cl-2)</p> | <p>26 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p> | <p>27 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)</p> |

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE CALENDAR EVENTS, GO TO <https://tinyurl.com/y9eanuv2>
Or link from the church homepage <http://www.gslc.com/>

| Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|
| | <p>1 10:00 AM Mary Group 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 8:00 p.m. Weston Property Homeowner's Meeting (FAB) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:00 PM Tabulator Training (Cl-2)</p> | <p>2 7:00 PM Private Use (FAB)</p> | <p>3 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Private Event (FAB) 7:00 PM Private Event (FAB)</p> |
| <p>7 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 12:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Supper (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p> | <p>8 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Social Ministry (Cl-2)</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>14 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 12:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Supper (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p> | <p>15 2:00 PM Visitation Ministry 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:00 PM - 8:00 p.m. Weston Property Homeowner's Meeting (FAB) 6:30 PM Dorcas Group (at the home of Gaye Collins) 6:30 PM Tamar Group</p> | <p>16 7th & 8th Grade LCY Winter Retreat 12:00 PM Live Wire</p> | <p>17 7th & 8th Grade LCY Winter Retreat 9:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission (FAB)</p> |
| <p>21 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 12:00 PM Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:00 PM Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Supper (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Choir Practice</p> | <p>22 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (FAB)</p> |
| <p>28 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p> | <p>29 Maundy Thursday 12:00 PM Worship Service 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 7:30 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>30 Good Friday 5:00 PM YOGS Walk to Zesto's (Youth Room) 7:30 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>31 1:00 p.m. Flowering of the Cross</p> |

Late Service Worship Stewardship for March

| DATE | 03/04/18 | 03/11/18 | 03/18/18 | 03/25/18 Palm Sunday | 04/01/18 Easter Sunday |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| GREETERS | Greg & Carole Sox | Mitch & Stephany Uehling | Jerry & Judy Rogers | Greg & Carole Sox | Jerry & Donna Vaughn |
| USHERS | Chris Herrmann Dick Sturkie Forrest Havird Sid Havird | Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Eric Whitlow Robert Ellington | Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Dale Richardson Eric Whitlow | Chris Hemann Dick Sturkie Sid Havird Forrest Havird | Team #3 |
| ACOLYTE | Jack Burrows | Eden Rowell | Matthew Herrmann | Anna Ross | Sam Seay |
| CRUCIFER | Harrison Seay | Eric Whitlow | Millie Sox | William Foster | Harrison Seay |
| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | Millie Sox—L Kerry Stubbs—C | Elaine Zornow—L Emily Whitlow—C | Alice Buckner—L Joey Allison—C | Stacy Gross—L Barbara Rowell—C | Cheryl Christian-L Emily Whitlow C1 Diane Smith C2 |
| NURSERY | Kimi Dail Laura Smith | Kimi Dail | Brock Tollison Leigh Ann Tollison | Kimi Dail Ashleigh Taylor | Kimi Dail |
| ALTAR CARE | Becky Shealy | Becky Shealy | Becky Shealy | Becky Shealy | Nancy Hyatt |
| TABULATORS | Leigh Ford Lisa Boozer | Mary Stallings Mitch Uehling | Dave Lucas Lavina Chandler | Mary Margaret Hoy Jerry Vaughn | Terri Tokaz Karen Lucas |

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Early Service Worship Stewardship for March

| DATE | 03/04/18 | 03/11/18 | 03/18/18 | 03/25/18 | 04/01/18 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| GRUSHERS | Marilyn Hogan Mo Denny | Russell Slice Marilyn Hogan | Karen Lucas David Lucas | Russell Slice Mo Denny | Team 1 |
| WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | Patty Branham L&C | Connie Donovan L&C | Charlene Fink L&C | Mitch Mackinem-L Lisa Lehman-C | Mitch Mackinem-L Bruce Shealy-C |
| NURSERY | Kimi Dail (& SS) | Kimi Dail (& SS) | Donna Foster SS-TBD | Kimi Dail (& SS) Amanda Snodgrass | Kimi Dail (& SS) |
| ALTAR CARE | Patty Branham | Connie Donovan | Steve Hanayik | Karen Lucas | |



Order Easter Lilies by March 18

Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the sanctuary. Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the form to indicate your dedication,

place your payment in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$15 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 March 18 and accompanied by payment. Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 10:30 A.M. Easter service on April 1.



What's with the wacky floral arrangement? The vase is filled with curly willow, which left in water will bud and leaf out. It is a symbol of new growth of spring and the new growth in faith the disciplines of Lent nurture.



THERE'S A NEED FOR...

- Personal-sized toiletries for various shelters
- Wide-mouthed pill bottles
- Plastic grocery bags
- Food donations
- Shoes

Collection bins are in the hallway across from the office. **Please note:** If no bin is available for an item, that item is not needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

Live Wire

Live Wire will meet on Friday, March 16, 2018, for a potluck lunch. The presentation will be on "**Happiness, Well Being and Aging: Reflection from Science and the Arts,**" by Kay McFarland, MD, retired Endocrinologist and Geriatrician. The PowerPoint presentation will use examples from the arts and data from sciences to show what age of our lives we are best at different activities and then consider what can promote well-being at any age. So please come join us for an interesting program and enjoy the fellowship.



Too hot? Too cold? Weather temperatures range from sub-freezing one day to balmy the next, and it becomes a challenge for any H/VAC system to satisfy individual temperature preferences. Be sure to wear layers of clothing that can be either added or removed to keep you comfortable during worship.



COMMUNICATION CORNER

The church office sends out **weekly emails** about GSLC events. Make sure we have your **current email address**.



Announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon each Wednesday. Articles for the **April newsletter** are due **Monday, Mar. 19.** Send your newsletter information to the church office and contact the office if you want to receive your newsletter digitally. **All correspondence that goes into the bulletin, on the calendar, or in the newsletter should still be emailed to barbara@qslc.com with a copy to becky@shealytruck.com.**

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2018

MARCH 4 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Psalm: Psalm 19

The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

MARCH 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people

will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

MARCH 25 - SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

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

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

Gospel: Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

KEEPING IN PRAYER

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- Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison*
- Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker*
- Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker*
- Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker*
- Tena Vinson—friend of Betty Fellers*

With Sympathy

- We extend sympathy to the families of:*
- Alex Gibert, husband of Dot Gibert.*
 - Anna June Gilbert, daughter of Mike and Heather.*
 - Catherine Bowden, mother of Cathy Milejczak.*



Thank-you for all the lovely cards, visits and wonderful food. Jay and I feel very blessed to belong to a church that sends prayers and love our way. It means so much to hear that so many have prayed for my healing. The power of prayer is felt and each day brings more strength my way.

Love to my church family,
Karen Jenny

Deployed

- Preston Haigh*
- Andrew Fettig*



Is someone's name missing from the prayer list? As noted in the December newsletter, the Prayer List has been refreshed for 2018. If you want to add a name to the prayer list, please provide the church office with:

- + the name of your friend/relative,
- + your relationship to him/her, and
- + the length of time you would like the name to be on the prayer list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer list current!

"The ELCA has five goals for the future of our church. These are based on a shared trust and hope that the future is in God's hands. They express what this church has collectively said is important into the future: being a thriving church, an equipping church, a welcoming church, a deeply committed church and a well-governed connected church." (ELCA.org/future) Good Shepherd took a step toward the future during the "Spirit Led Time of Renewal."



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



- March 11—YOGS Spring Cleaning
- March 18 — Food Pantry Sunday
- March 18—GYF Easter Eggstravaganza
- March 24—Easter Egg Hunt
- March 25— Palm/Passion Sunday
- March 29 — Maundy Thursday
- March 30—Good Friday



- April 1 — Easter
- April 15 —Food Pantry Sunday