

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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EASTER SERVICES 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 1st**. The **Sunrise Easter Service begins at 7 a.m.** and the **second Easter Service takes place at 10:30 a.m.** Both services will celebrate **Holy Communion**. Both worship services will be enhanced with special music by our **choir** and the **Capital City Brass Quintet**. (Special donations are welcomed to help defray this wonderful brass addition to our services. If you would like to contribute, you may use a special "pink" envelope in the pew rack and designate it to "Music Assistants." Thank you!)

After the Sunrise Service, everyone is invited to the FAB for our traditional **Good Shepherd Easter Breakfast**, served by the Parish Life Committee. **Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.** and will be followed by fellowship in the FAB.

There will be no children's Sunday School on Easter morning. The Fellowship Class is the only adult class meeting. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy extra time for fellowship in the FAB. There will be a photo backdrop available for families to use, and some simple crafts for the children to enjoy.

All are welcome – and we'd love to meet any guests you may have visiting!

OPEN OUR LIVES, LORD



Open our eyes that all living things thrive and grow.
Open our hands to do your work in the world.
Open our ears that all will know your love.
Open our hearts and heal our resentments.
Open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

**COME WORSHIP OUR RISEN LORD!
 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
 HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**

WHERE DO LEADERS COME FROM?

A MESSAGE FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON
(TAKEN FROM STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION)

Friends in Christ,

Some were fishermen. One was a tax collector. Another, a zealot. The others—who knows? Though the 12 disciples came from different walks of life and different places, what united them was their deep commitment to following Jesus.....

But where do leaders come from? They are former fishermen and tax collectors and soldiers and laypeople who give generously of their lives to serve Christ. They are people like us—me and you.

We as a church will be focusing on leadership and congregational vitality as part of the ELCA's Future Directions 2025 (ELCA.org/future), This is our time to work together to build up leaders, and we can do that by continuing to give generously and by noticing leaders — from all walks of life — and inviting them to consider a call to ministry. Perhaps that leader is you! Will you answer the call?

Thank you for your faithful service on behalf of this church. Together, by God's grace, we can live generously and answer God's call.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,

Presiding Bishop,

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As President of the congregation and the Council of Good Shepherd for 2018, I would like to share a few thoughts with each of you. As we all know 2017 was a year filled with a lot of emotion both in our church and in the world as a whole. First Cody Jones, the Director of Music, left for a full-time teaching career, and then Pastor Paul accepted a call to a church in Winston-Salem, N.C. Shortly thereafter, Pastor Kris accepted a call from a church in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Both of these people were an integral part of our family for quite some time. With their departure things started to change. Barbara Hunter, our Parish Coordinator, resigned to move back to Iowa to be with her family.

In October, we called Pastor Karen Hawkins to be our interim pastor, our spiritual leader, and to work with the laity as we seek to grow our ministry in this place. I am pleased to announce that her contract with Good Shepherd was unanimously approved for another six months. During this time she will challenge each and every one of us to help us discern what is best for Good Shepherd as a church and as a light for the community around us.

Even before the departure of Pastor Paul and Pastor Kris, there had been a decline in worship attendance and participation in the programs offered here at Good Shepherd. We have lost a good number of long time active members who passed away to their eternal rest. In addition, some long time members and some of our younger families are not participating in church programs as they have done in the past. Of course with less participation from the members, we see a decline in contributions and pledges used to meet our annual budget. I have heard people say things like, "We need more people in church on Sunday," "We need more people in Sunday School classes", "We need more small groups", and on and on. However, in order to have these things we need each and every person to participate and grow our ministries. We need the laity to step up and come to worship on Sunday morning, come to Sunday School, volunteer for helping get a small group started and more important make the small group thrive over the long term. It has been proven that when small groups are successful new members who are part of these groups tend to feel more welcome and at home in their new church.

We want this to be a place where there is passion about the services and the programs offered and a place where we know one another and work together to make God's people outside our walls feel welcome when they enter to hear the Gospel.

Working together and participating as brothers and sisters in Christ and most important, with the help and direction of the Holy Spirit, each and every one of us can make a difference. A heartfelt thank you to all who have been here and a warm welcome back to those who may have taken a leave of absence.

As you read this, pray for our church, its council, its pastor and most important our members who together can make this all happen.

In Christian Love,
Becky Shealy



Lutheran Men in Mission

Calling all men for fun and fellowship, and support for Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church! Come join the Lutheran Men in Mission for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018, in the FAB. Tentative plans include: a Fish Fry, a church-wide Columbia Fireflies game, a Christmas Dinner, and a Men's Retreat. For more information, contact: Peter Zornow, email: zornowpd@juno.com, telephone: (803) 542-7071.

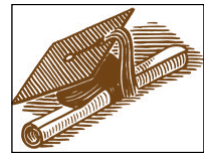
VBS - Please Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 23-26, 2018. We will study God's Good Creation and learn about ways we can all help put an end to world hunger. We will have classes and activities planned for both children and adults. Please plan to participate! Please contact Kathy Ferry (kathy_ferry@yahoo.com) if you are willing to volunteer.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

On Sunday, May 20, Good Shepherd will recognize our high school and college seniors who will be graduating this spring.



*If you are or know a member of Good Shepherd who is graduating from high school, trade/technical school, college or graduate school, please **let the church office know by Monday, April 16.***

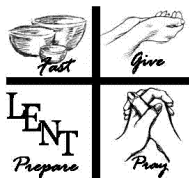
*Good Shepherd will recognize all our well-deserving graduates in the **May 20 bulletin** as well as in the May newsletter based on the information the office receives from graduates or their families.*

2018 Baptismal Festival Dates

Expecting a new arrival in 2018? Baptismal festival dates are now on the calendar: **May 27, Trinity Sunday; 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.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor.

In February you received a special offering envelope so you could make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: The Family Shelter, The Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.

The Family Shelter provides emergency shelter for up to 120 days for 15 families at a time. Residents receive help in finding employment and affordable housing so they can become independent. The Family Shelter also provides counseling and parent education classes.

The Providence Home for Men is to help stabilize the living conditions of dislocated men and to encourage progress in realizing their full personal potential in self-sufficient living through the power of Jesus Christ.

The Women's Shelter provides a variety of support services for "women in crisis." It provides temporary shelter for up to 90 days and transitional housing for up to two years, serving about 90 residents a year.



INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN USHER AT WORSHIP?

Some of our usher teams could use some more help. If you are interested in serving in the congregation in this most-needed way, and did not sign up on your Time & Talent card to do so, please get in touch with Nancy Hyatt, chair of Worship Life, at 873 -9449. Remember – adult or youth – female or male – are welcome to become a part of a team.

Social Ministry

The Tanzania Companion Synod Ministry is this month's focus. Your gifts will assist the Tanzania Mission 2018 team in their activities while visiting the diocese this summer. The activities include helping with the "Farm Project" which assists the villagers with supplies such as fertilizer and seed. The team will also visit schools, the orphanage, churches, clinics and the women's groups. Supplies are needed for all these activities. These supplies include school supplies, medical supplies, clothing for the orphans and treats for the women's groups. Your gifts provide a hope for a better tomorrow for these villagers and shows our love and God's love for them. Thank you for your assistance with this ministry.

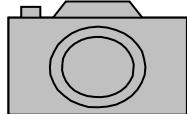


APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Come & See Class - An Easter Exploration - CI-1**
- Around the Corner Class - Lenten Bible Studies - CI- 2**
- Parlor Class - In-depth examination of Romans - CI-3**
- Fellowship Class - Adult Bible Study on Faith - CI-5**



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everyone to enjoy extra time for fellowship in the FAB. We will have a photo backdrop available for families to use, and some simple crafts for the children.

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:

SERVICE AREA	CONTACT PERSON
Worship Life	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
8:30 a.m.	Susan Weaver 600-1936
10:30 a.m.	Lula Camp April Usher Chair 788-8140
Worship Assistants	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers	Neal Inman 788-5421
Nursery	Sarah Evans 803-315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936

Worship Assistants for 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 5)

Torch Bearers: Millie Sox and Lennae Sox

Banner Bearer: Jake Lalumondier

Emergency Contact

During office hours: Call the church, 803.787.4413. If Pastor Hawkins is unavailable, please leave a message. Staff or volunteers will contact her immediately in case of emergency. Otherwise, please leave a message, and she will contact you as soon as possible.

After office hours emergencies: Call 803.252.1327, Pastor Hawkins' land line. If she is not at home, leave a message including a telephone number you will answer, and she will call you as soon as she receives your message.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

3	Rose Butterfield	9	Laura Mueller	16	Walker Inabinet	25	Louise Hayes	30	Debi Powell
4	Faith Rutz	10	Andrew Lucas	17	Alex Nagy		Lillie Wilson		Andrew Quattlebaum
5	Ray Adams		Zak Taylor	18	William Dye	26	Joye Broome		Suzanne Sanders
	Lucas Ferlauto	12	Jason Ortiz	19	Daniel Mueller		Karen Lucas		
6	Sarah McFarland		Russell Slice	20	Reynolds Lucas	27	Lewis Cromer		
7	Anne Mueller	14	Greer Seay	21	Robin Traufler		Mark Jakiela		
9	Bill Jordan		Harper Shelton	23	Chris Herrmann	29	Andrew Alton		
	Joe Lockhart	15	Brock Tollison	24	Diane Smith		Amanda Snodgrass		

Traditional Worship Stewardship for April

DATE	4/01/18	4/08/18	4/15/18	4/22/17	4/29/17	5/06/18
GREETERS	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam & Marcia Woodward	Mitch & Stephany Uehling	Jerry & Donna Vaughn
USHERS	Alice Buckner Lula Camp Marion Eargle Evan Stallings	Alice Buckner Pat Quattlebaum Marcia Woodward Dick Sturkie	Alice Buckner Lula Camp Marion Eargle Adams Smith	Lula Camp Adams Smith Evan Stallings Marcia Woodward	Lula Camp Pat Quattlebaum Adams Smith Marcia Woodward	Team 4
ACOLYTE	Sam Seay	Grayce Boozer	Kathlyn Holt	Jaden Porter	Matthew	Noah Adams
CRUCIFER	Harrison Seay	Maddie Boozer	William Foster	Christian Houghton	Eric Whitlow	Jake Lalumondier
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Cheryl Christian-L Lisa Boozer –C1 Diane Smith-C2	Cathy Quinton (L&C)	Barbara Rowell (L&C)	Diane Smith (L&C)	Eden Rowell-L Joey Allison-C	Becky Shealy-L Bruce Shealy-C
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Grayce Boozer Anna Ross	Kimi Dail Lisa Boozer	Kimi Dail Stephany Uehling	Leigh Ford Sarah Evans	Kimi Dail Deborah Whitlow	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Hyatt Mary Robertson	Nancy Hyatt Mary Robertson	Nancy Hyatt Mary Robertson	Nancy Hyatt Mary Robertson	Nancy Hyatt Mary Robertson	Marcia Woodward
TABULATORS	Terri Tokaz Karen Lucas	Wilbur Smith Mike Brown	Wilbur Smith Steve Steck	Mary Stallings Dave Lucas	Mary Margaret Hoy Mitch Uehling	Betty Cox Jerry Vaughn

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Kathy Ferry OPENING BUILDINGS: DON CAUGHMAN

Contemporary Worship Stewardship for April

DATE	April 1 Easter (7a.m.) (See also page 4)	April 8	April 15	APRIL 22	APRIL 29	May 6
GRUSHERS	Lauren Chandler Mo Denny Richard Inman Russell Slice	Mitch Mackinem Frances Plyler	Mike Brown Rebecca Richardson	Jim Donovan Steve Steck	Mike Weaver Susan Weaver	Mike Brown Mitch Mackinem
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Mitch Mackinem-L Bruce Shealy-C	Cheryl Christian (C & L)	Barbara Nagy (C&L)	Joann Nagy (C&L)	Mike Weaver (C&L)	Vic Milejczak-C Bev Weymouth-L
NURSERY	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail (&SS) Mary Stallings	Kimi Dail (&SS)	Beth Mackinem	Kimi Dail (&SS)	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Neal Inman	Frances Plyler	Mary Stallings	Betti Stroud	Susan Weaver	Bev Weymouth

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



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM Worship Service 8:30 AM Easter Breakfast & Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>3 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:30 PM Learning Comm. Mtg. (Cl-2)</p>
<p>8 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Room) 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Evangelism Committee Lunch 5:00 PM YOGS (Youth Room)</p>	<p>9 5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting (YOGS Room)</p>	<p>10 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 (Cl-2)</p>
<p>15 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Room) 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM God's Young Followers (North Springs Park) 6:30 PM Congregational Council (Cl-2)</p>	<p>16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>17 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)</p>
<p>22 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> 9:25 AM Youth Gathering Bible Study (Youth Room) 10:30 AM Worship Service 1:00 PM - 4 PM YOGS (Frankie's Fun Park)</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>24 11:30 AM Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)</p>
<p>29 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:20 AM Children's Choir (Ch. Music Room) 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	

PASTOR KAREN'S DAY OFF IS FRIDAY

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>4 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Mary Group 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>6 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>7 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Private Use (FAB)</p>
<p>11 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. (CL-4) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p>14 8:30 AM Operation Inasmuch (CL-1 & 2) 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM OA Workshop (FAB)</p>
<p>18 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 2:00 PM Visitation Ministry 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Dorcas Group 6:30 PM Tamar Group</p>	<p>20 12:00 PM Live Wire</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission (FAB)</p>
<p>25 9:45 AM Day School Chapel 6:00 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

ELCA Conference of Bishops issues statement of support

ITASCA (March 6, 2017) – The ELCA Conference of Bishops has approved the following statement of support for the March for Our Lives on March 24. STATEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our children and youth are like a young Jeremiah prophesying to the people: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer. 29:11)

Recently, the students, faculty and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida experienced tragedy. Seventeen people - students and teachers - were killed by a 19-year-old shooter. In response, students have invited their teachers, families and allies around the nation to join with them for a March for Our Lives on March 24, 2018 in Washington, DC; calling our country into a deeper conversation about school safety and second amendment rights and responsibilities.

We recognize this incident is the latest in a long list of tragic shootings in our country and young people have been calling for protest and change for many years. Some of those young voices have been ignored or silenced because of racial and economic injustice. We cannot let that reality keep us from acting now.

Adopted in 1994, the ELCA social message on Community Violence remains sadly relevant today. The message speaks about the causes of violence as complex and pervasive, and of how violence breeds violence. In proclaiming the forgiveness and love of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the church addresses the root of violence while being committed to social actions that respond directly to violence and the people it affects.

From the Social Message: In the face of violence, God's resolve for peace in human communities is unshakable. Deliberate acts to harm or kill innocent people violate God's intention for human community. God's commandment is "You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13). In proclaiming God's law, we declare that all people are accountable before God and the community to honor and respect the life God has given. Christians, as salt of the earth (Mt. 5:13) and light of the world (Mt. 5:14), are called to respond to violent crime in the restorative ways taught by Jesus (Mt. 5:38-39) and shown by his actions (Jn. 8:3-11). We are empowered to take up the challenge to prevent violence and to attack the complex causes that make violence so pervasive.

According to Lutheran theology, society is to be ruled by the civil use of the Law. Government is responsible under God for the protection of its citizens and the maintenance of justice and public order. As citizens in a democracy, we have the responsibility to join with others to hold government accountable for protecting society and ensuring justice for all, and to seek changes in policies and practices toward these ends.

That social message was amplified by a social statement, For Peace in God's World (1995) which, as part of its adoption, offered concrete implementation actions, including: To call upon the members and leaders of this church to support our youth in their struggle to define their identity and vocation as present and future peacemakers...

The Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in solidarity with our children and youth, and in response to our common baptismal vocation: living among God's faithful people, hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord's Supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people following the example of Jesus, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth; offer our support, partnership and prayers for the March for Our Lives, its satellite city events, and our children and youth who are leading us forward as peacemakers.

The undersigned members have given their names in public and personal support of the statement.

The Rev. Thomas M. Aitken, Bishop Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA	Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Richard H. Graham, Bishop Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, Bishop Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Bishop North West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Abraham D. Allende, Bishop Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Erik K. J. Gronberg, Bishop Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Felipe Lozada-Montanez, Bishop Caribbean Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Timothy M. Smith, Bishop North Carolina Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Jon Anderson, Bishop Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA	The Rev. James Dunlop, Bishop Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Roger Gustafson, Bishop Central States Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Patricia Lull, Bishop St. Paul Area Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Pedro Suarez, Bishop Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Jim Arends, Bishop LaCrosse Area Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	The Rev. James Hazelwood, Bishop New England Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Brian Maas, Bishop Nebraska Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Ann Svennungsen, Bishop Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop New Jersey Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Paul D. Erickson, Bishop Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Mark W. Holmerud, Bishop Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA	The Rev. John S. Macholz, Bishop Upstate New York Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Andrew A. Taylor, Bishop Pacifica Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Daniel G. Beaudoin, Bishop Northwestern Ohio Synod, ELCA	The Rev. R. Guy Erwin, Bishop Southwest California Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Rick Hoyme, Bishop Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA	The Rev. Gerald L. Mansholt East Central Synod of Wisconsin	The Rev. Ray Tiemann, Bishop Southwestern Texas Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, Secretary Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	The Rev. Katherine Finegan, Bishop Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Robert F. Humphrey, Bishop Virginia Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Donald. J. McCoid, Interim Bishop Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Claire Schenot Burkat, Bishop Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Mary Froiland, Bishop South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA	The Rev. Rick Jaech, Bishop Southwestern Washington Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Wayne N. Miller, Bishop Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Steven L. Ullestad, Bishop Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Michael Burk, Bishop Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA	The Rev. William O. Gafkjen, Bishop Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop Northwest Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Rodger G. Prois, Bishop Western Iowa Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Shelley R. Wickstrom, Bishop Alaska Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Jeffrey Clements, Bishop Northern Illinois Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Mike Girlinghouse, Bishop Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Donald Kress, Bishop Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Michael Rinehart, Bishop Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Lawrence R. Wohlrabe, Bishop Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Barbara J. Collins, Bishop Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA	The Rev. William Gohl, Jr., Bishop Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Kristen E. M. Kuempel, Bishop Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Michael L. Rhyne, Bishop Allegheny Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Herman Yoos, Bishop South Carolina Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Jessica Crist, Bishop Montana Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Jim Gonia, Bishop Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Wilma Kucharek, Bishop Slovak Zion Synod, ELCA	The Rev. S. John Roth, Bishop Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA	The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser, Bishop Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
The Rev. Steven H. Delzer, Bishop	The Rev. H. Julian Gordy, Bishop Southeastern Synod, ELCA			

God's Young Followers

Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! God's Young Followers will have a family picnic on Sunday, April 15th. We will meet at North Springs Park ([1320 Clemson Road](#)) at 12:30 p.m. Bring the entire family to participate in an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. For more information, check your e-mail or contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisanchez@gmail.com or [803-736-2070](tel:803-736-2070).



Youth and Children Events

Sunday - April 8 - Meals on Wheels presentation and dinner in YOGS Room 5-7 pm. Leader: Lisa Boozer, Dinner: Barbara Rowell

Monday - April 9 - Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 pm in YOGS Room

Saturday - April 14 - Operation Inasmuch - YOGS will work together on a service project beginning immediately following short worship service. (Mitch has contacted PAALS and will be the contact for Operation Inasmuch Youth project).

Sunday - April 15 - Food Pantry - Isabella Fettig and Madison Tankersley

Sunday - April 15 - GYF 12:00 noon meeting at North Springs Park for Family Picnic - Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun. Contact Lisa Sanchez for more details.

April 20th-April 22 ----Confirmation Retreat - Lutheridge, *Please confirm with Pastor Karen*

Sunday, April 22 - 9:30 am -Sunday School - Youth Room - Houston NYG Participants will meet for ELCA youth gathering Bible Study

Sunday, April 22 - 1-4pm Frankie's Fun Park, All YOGS Event. Leader: Sox Lunch: Foster

Saturday, May 5 - Sunday May 6 - All YOGS Event - LOCK-IN. Dinner: Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar, Scavenger Hunt ending with Sweet Treat. 8:30 am worship service: Leader: Whitlow Breakfast: Ross



Good Shepherd Lutheran, Ascension and Resurrection Lutheran Churches will join together

on April 14 as a community work day. Churches throughout the synod will also be going out in their communities. A short service will be held in our church at 8:30 am. Wear a OIAM or Thrivent t-shirt from previous years. We will have Thrivent shirts available. Projects so far are Road Clean-up, Laundry ministry, Sewing and stuffing pillows, sorting donations for shelters. We are taking donations of toilet paper, personal hygiene, and cleaning supplies for shelters. Donations of money, yarn, material and gently used clothes also accepted. If you would like to lead or participate in a project please sign up in the Narthex or contact Susan Uehling 803-238-7353 This is a fun morning of fellowship as we help others in our community.



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Save the Date

May 19

WELCA Prayer Breakfast

Lizard's Thicket-Beltline

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

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 **May newsletter** are due **Monday, April 16**. Email your newsletter information to GoodShepherdLutheranNews@gmail.com, and contact the office if you want to receive your newsletter digitally.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR HAWKINS

Keep this handy:

During office hours: Call the church, 803.787.4413. If Pastor Hawkins is unavailable, please leave a message. Staff or volunteers will contact her immediately in case of emergency. Otherwise, please leave a message, and she will contact you as soon as possible.

After office hours emergencies: Call 803.252.1327, Pastor Hawkins' land line. If she is not at home, leave a message including a telephone number you will answer, and she will call you as soon as she receives your message.

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2018

April 1 - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

Psalm: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

Psalm: Psalm 4

The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

Psalm: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, the Ethiopian is baptized by Philip.

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.

Keeping in Prayer

<i>Ray Adams</i>	<i>Mary Dent</i>	<i>Dot George</i>	<i>Claire Mayer</i>	<i>Allen Shealy</i>
<i>Mary Allen</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Martha Haigler</i>	<i>Doris McCaughey</i>	<i>Margie Slice</i>
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<i>Loujean Baker</i>	<i>Marianne DeWerdt</i>	<i>Jim & Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Gigi Middlebrooks</i>	<i>Virginia Stephens</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Marian Dunlop</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Vic Milejczak</i>	<i>Dot Sterling</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Wilhelmina Edwards</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Margaret Moody</i>	<i>Jean Sundlie</i>
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Karen Jenny</i>	<i>Irene Poole</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Monica Camp</i>	<i>Sarah Evans</i>	<i>Barb Kent</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>	<i>Nancy Taylor</i>
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				<i>Darlene Whipple</i>
				<i>Melvin Wicker</i>

Relatives and Friends

- 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*

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- Preston Haigh*
- Andrew Fettig*

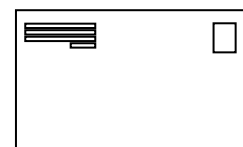
Thank
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Dear Members of Good Shepherd Church,
 Thank you for all you did for our daughter, Virginia, and for our family during her illness and our loss. All the acts of love and kindness – the prayers, visits, messages, refreshments at the visitation – were greatly appreciated and will be remembered with gratitude.
 In Christ,
 Jim and Ginny Aull

Vic and Cathy Milejczak would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and messages during Vic’s illness and for the passing of Cathy’s mother.
 Peace,
 Cathy Milejczak

CARDS AND LETTERS FOR MONICA CAMP

Monica’s been in the hospital for a while now and will be for some time. Cards and notes would help her to know we’re praying for her. Her birthday is April 3, and her address is:



*Continued CARE Hospital at Palmetto Health Baptist Taylor at Marion Street
 Columbia, SC 29220*

*Monica Camp, Room 791 **(Highlight this on the lower left corner of the envelope.)***

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Maundy Thursday Service — Noon and 7:30 p.m.
March 30 — YOGS Walk to Zesto's
Good Friday Service — 7:30 p.m.



April 1 — Easter Services. 7 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
April 2 — Church Office/Day School Closed
April 9 — Youth Committee Meeting
April 14 — Operation Inasmuch
April 15 — Food Pantry Sunday, GYF Picnic
April 16 — Newsletter Deadline
April 20-22 — Confirmation Retreat



May 5-6 — YOGS Lock-In
May 19 — WELCA Breakfast
May 20 — Graduate Recognition Sunday