



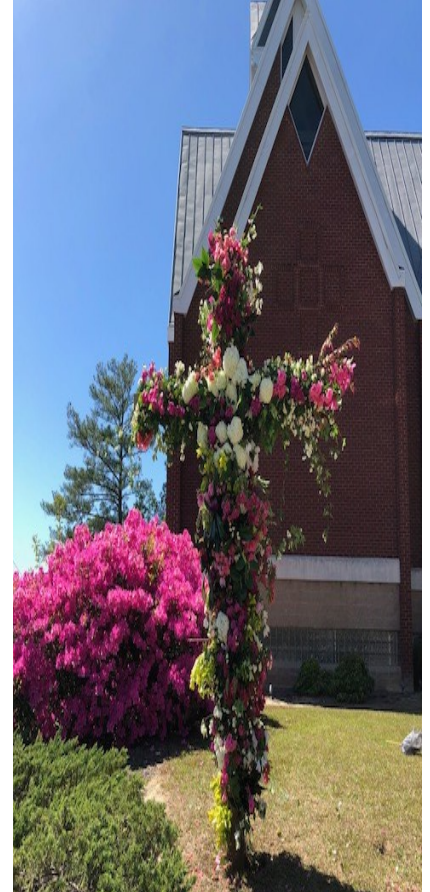
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A GLORIOUS EASTER AT GOOD SHEPHERD



FISH AND HYMNS

Come join us for a fish fry, **May 21**, sponsored by Good Shepherd



Lutheran Men. Proceeds go to GSLC Food Pantry.

6:00 p.m. in the FAB. **Tickets are \$10 per plate.** Kids under 5 eat free. Take out plates \$10. Tickets available in the church office or from Lutheran Men.

Justin Rimbo and the Beer & Hymns group will entertain. A special offering will be collected for the entertainment.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A lot has happened in the life of Good Shepherd since my last letter. We have said good-bye to Pastor Karen as she moves into another phase of her life. I would like to thank her for all the support she has given during this transition time. We have all enjoyed her sermons each Sunday, especially, her children's sermons that actually spoke to every member of the congregation. Her Bible studies were enjoyed by many as they gathered each Tuesday to study and learn together. Last but not least, we thank her for the time she spent with counseling and visiting the members who so needed her. Thank you to Pastor Karen and Godspeed as you leave Good Shepherd.

A Call Committee has been named and will start the search for our next pastor in the near future after doing some study and research on the needs of the church. They are Don Caughman, Cheryl Beaman, Phil Tollison, Greg Sox and Amanda Snodgrass. Bruce Shealy and Elizabeth Whitlow will serve as alternates to the Call Committee. We ask that the Holy Spirit work in and thru this committee to discern and find the person God will lead us to call.

The Church Council in conjunction with the South Carolina Synod will work together in a program called CTI, Consultation and Training Institute. What is its mission? "The mission of the program is to offer professional and skill based training and consultation aimed at assisting groups in developing competent and effective leadership, evaluation of organizational structures, developing mission statements, and setting clear goals." Dr. Bill Mitcham will work with our Council and a Transition Team to accomplish several goals. This program is designed to rebuild following a Congregational Crisis, develop a Mission Statement and set goals for the future. It will also foster effective leadership training, teach Team Building and conflict resolution. The program will kick off on May 3rd with your Council attending a retreat to better understand the program and its goals. After this retreat, Council in conjunction with Pastor Mitcham will identify several people to work with him to discern the needs of the church and to give the Call Committee some information gathered from the profile sheets submitted at the meeting in the FAB on February 25th. May the Holy Spirit work with and thru this group to strengthen Good Shepherd for the days ahead.

As we continue to move forward, we will have Supply Pastors working with us until such time as we have secured a new interim. I am working with Bishop Herman Yoos to secure a new interim for Good Shepherd and hope that one may be in place soon.

During this transition time emergency calls during the day should be handled by calling the church office at 803-787-4413. For after hours needs call Becky Shealy at 803-467-4045.

We also welcome, Elaine Granger as our new Parish Coordinator. Come by the Church Office and meet Elaine.

I look forward to the days ahead for our church and its members. Remember to be patient and let the Holy Spirit work in and thru each and everyone of us for the continued success of Good Shepherd in this community and in the world.

God's Grace and Peace,

Becky Shealy, Council President

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE SET

As we prepare for the summer, we have heard many express their appreciation for coming together for one worship service during the vacation months as we had done in the past. Therefore, again this summer we will observe a summer worship schedule. Beginning June 3rd thru August 19th, one unified worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School will follow for all ages.

Also, again this summer a worship opportunity will be observed on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, beginning June 6th thru August 15th. These will include a variety of reflective, prayerful services – a Healing Service with Communion, Taize, Compline and Intercessory Prayer Services.

A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced and relationships are healed. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ. Many find not only prayer but also Holy Communion, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil to be healing. Look for the Healing Service in our ELW, page 276.

A Taize Service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. This style of Christian worship is practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world and is characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. Look for Taizian hymns in our ELW.

A Compline Service, also known as Complin, Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is the final church service of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran and certain other Christian denominations with liturgical traditions hold Compline services. They tend to be contemplative services that emphasize spiritual peace. Look for the Order for Compline in our ELW, page 320.

An Intercessory Prayer Service is committed to fostering a greater emphasis on personal and corporate prayer in the life of a believer and the church. It is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. An intercessor takes the place of another, pleading another's case. Intercessory prayer has been defined as "holy, believing, persevering praying."

So, make plans for the summer. Enjoy your vacation! But, ALSO MAKE PLANS TO ENJOY and TO JOIN TOGETHER FOR OUR UNIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP!!

Congratulations to the



Adelaide Cannon- Adelaide is graduating from Spring Valley High School where she has been an active member of the Key Club, Student Council, Teacher Cadet, Honor Society, Circle of Friends, and Winter Days Committee Chair for Homeless Outreach. Adelaide received her ten year camp badge from Lutheridge. She has participated in YOGS and is looking forward to her second experience with the Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer. This life long Clemson fan is excited to be headed there in August. Go Tigers!

Valerie Evans -Valerie will be graduating from A. C. Flora High School. At Flora, she is a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society, and is a Richland One Academic All-Star and High School Scholar. Through church, she served as Youth President, volunteered in the nursery and Vacation Bible School, served on the leadership team for GraceWorks, and participated in the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit and Houston. In her spare time, she likes to babysit, watch movies and spend time with friends. Valerie will be attending Clemson University in the fall where she will be pursuing a degree in architecture.

Ray Frierson - Ray is graduating from USC with a Biomedical Engineering Degree. He will begin working in June at Inglett & Stubbs in Atlanta.

Ansley Seay - Ansley is graduating Summa cum laude from the Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University with a degree in Psychology. During her time there she served as a Clemson Life Mentor and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She served on the student alumni council and was a four year varsity letterman as a member of the Rally Cats dance team. She will be working in Washington, DC as a paralegal and will begin Law school in the fall of 2019.

Harrison Seay - Harrison is graduating from Spring Valley High School. While at Spring Valley he volunteered with the "Be a Fan" club, the Circle of Friends, named Swim team Captain, played Lacrosse and was also named Captain. He will be attending Clemson University in the fall and is majoring in secondary education to pursue a history teaching career.



Jonathan Sanchez - Jonathan will graduate in May 2018 with his Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. He will also receive a certificate in Lutheran Studies and a certificate from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM). Jonathan will be attending Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary next year.

Benjamin Wuori - Benjamin will be graduating from Spring Valley High School and plans to attend the University of South Carolina as a Capstone Scholar in the fall. He is the son of Dan and Christi Wuori.

FIREFLIES BASEBALL GAME



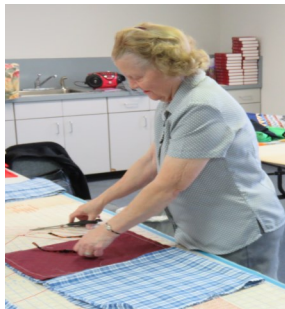
The Lutheran Men invite all family members and friends of Good Shepherd Church to come watch the Columbia Fireflies play the Asheville Tourists, Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Pre-paid tickets will be \$10.00, and the deadline to purchase will be Sunday, June 3, 2018. Make checks out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Men in Mission. Contact: Peter Zornow, email zornowpd@juno.com cell (803-730-7570) or in the church narthex between services or Classroom 2 during Sunday School.



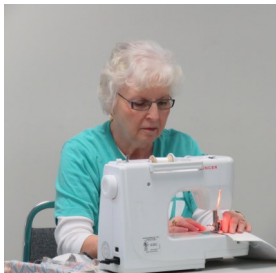
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Saturday, April 14, thirty people from GSLC and Resurrection Lutheran joined together at 8:30 a.m. for a rewarding In-As-Much morning. Pastor Coffman from Resurrection gave us wonderful words to think about as we started our day. The youth and adult helpers painted clay pots and filled them with flowers to take to shut-ins. An energetic group collected many bags of trash in the Garners Ferry area. Donated items were sorted for three shelters. Monday the Providence Men's Shelter, Women's Shelter, and St. Lawrence/Family Shelter were surprised with boxes of cleaning, laundry, and personal items. The people doing laundry at Wash World Rosewood were grateful to have a Tide Pod and free wash and dry. The sewers were busy cutting, stuffing, and sewing pillows for the VA Hospital. On Monday 100 pillows were delivered to the VA where they will be used in the Chemo and Dialysis areas. A special



thank you to Susan Sturkie for printing the bulletin and assisting in the a.m. service. Action Team Seed money and t-shirts were provided by Thrivent.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 21 – September 23, 2018

Join the women of Good Shepherd for a weekend in the mountains! Gather with us at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center outside Asheville to relax and recharge. Women of all ages – Good Shepherd members, friends, and relatives – are invited. There are plans for worship, learning and reflection, free time for area activities, and lots of laughter.

Cost for the retreat is \$160/person. You can pay now with your registration, part now and part later, or pay it all this summer. The balance of your cost is due August 12, 2018. The cost covers your lodging, 3 meals Saturday, and 1 meal Sunday. Please note below if you would like to have dinner at Lutheridge on Friday night the 21 (probably 6 pm). If we have enough people participating they can provide it at no additional charge.

To reserve your space, place this insert form in the offering plate or give it to Laura Leigh Smith. Questions? Call, text or email Jennifer Ross at 237-6551, jross@trumc.org, or Barbara Rowell at 348-4897, bhrowell@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Deposit: _____

Roommate: _____

Do you wish to have supper Friday, 9/21 @Lutheridge? Yes / No



WELCA BREAKFAST SET FOR MAY 19

WELCA PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018
9:00 A.M. AT LIZARD'S THICKET
ON BELTLINE BLVD.

Please join us for WELCA's annual prayer breakfast: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 19, at **Lizard's Thicket** on Beltline Blvd. All ladies are welcome as we gather for food, fellowship and prayer.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person (includes breakfast buffet, drink, tax, and gratuity). Please RSVP on the insert located in the church bulletin May 6 and May 13.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event. If you have any questions please email katiebrettbostic@gmail.com.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will reconvene in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.



TANZANIAN BISHOP TO VISIT

Bishop Job Mbwilo from the South Western Diocese of Tanzania will be visiting the South Carolina Synod this Summer. He will attend the South Carolina Synod Assembly and the WELCA Convention. The South Carolina Synod and The Southwestern Diocese is celebrating 15 years as companion partners. Bishop Mbwilo and his wife, Ala, will be visiting Good Shepherd on June 3. They are very excited about the opportunity to be with GSLC again. Everyone is invited to come and meet the Bishop and his wife.

LIVE WIRE'S LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21

Live Wire will meet on Friday, May 18 at noon in the FAB. **NO COVERED DISH IS REQUIRED.** This will be our annual cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs. Baked beans and chips will be provided. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert, please do so. This will be our last meeting until September 21. So mark your calendar for May 18 and come enjoy the fellowship.



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, Chair 873-9449
8:30 a.m.	Susan Weaver 600-1936
10:30 a.m.	Wade Wingard May Usher Chair 738-2622
Worship Assistants	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers	Neal Inman 788-5421
Nursery	Sarah Evans 315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936

Worship Assistants for Pentecost Sunday, May 20

10:30 a.m. (See also page 8)

Torch Bearers: Millie Sox and Lennae Sox

Banner Bearer: Eric Whitlow

The **Come and See Sunday School Cass**, classroom 2, will continue studying the Gospel lessons for succeeding Sundays using the Vasteras method. Class participants read the passage and then identify verses or ideas that offer new insights, that are especially important, that are unclear, or that are helpful to memorize. This study method is designed to encourage personal reflection, group discussion, and sharing. Study leaders will be Barbara Rowell and Bruce Shealy..

MAY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Logan Struthers	6	Betty Fowler	17	Jon Richardson	23	Keith Lindler	26	Don Hyatt
4	Martha Haigler	8	Loren Alton	18	Mike Gilbert	24	Nancy Hyatt	27	Mary Clare
	Hayden Henderson	9	Jack Wuori		Mary Robertson		Rod Kent	28	Jim Donovan
5	Heather Gilbert	11	Christopher Sloop	19	Scooter Edwards		Mark Lovern		Steve McFarland
	Gabby Shelton		Daniel Wingard		Peter Zornow		Johanna Moore	30	Lisa Sanchez
	Wes Snodgrass	14	Steve Hanayik	20	Matthew Beaman	25	Fiona Taylor		
	Christi Wuori	16	Albert Alton		Penry Gustafson		Deborah Whitlow		
		17	Ken Jirel	21	Chalon Headley	26	Brad Aller		


WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship (Downstairs)
 9:25 a.m. Sunday Church School
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Sun	Mon	Tue
	6 pm NA (CR)	1 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:30 PM Learning Comm. Mtg. (Cl-2)
6 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 5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg.	7 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	8 5:30 PM Evangelism Committee Cl-2 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)
13  8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service	14 5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 6:00 PM Parish Life Cl-2 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	15 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)
20 Food Pantry Sunday Graduate Recognition Sunday PENTECOST SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Congregational Council (Cl-2)	21 6:30 PM Fish and Hymns (FAB) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	22 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)
27 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:25 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:30 AM Worship Service	28 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) Church Office Closed 	29 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Cl-4)



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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
2 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM FAB Setup 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 10:30 AM Mary Group Lowman Home Luncheon (FAB) 5:30 PM Council Retreat (FAB) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	4	5 YOGS Lock-in
9 6:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. (Cl-4) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	11	12
16 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Dorcas Group (at the home of Russell & Libby Slice) 6:30 PM Social Ministry (Cl 2) 6:30 PM Tamar Group	18 12:00 PM Live Wire (FAB)	19
23 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 2:00 PM Shepherd's Visitors 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	25	26
30 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 SYNOD ASSEMBLY 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	SYNOD ASSEMBLY	SYNOD ASSEMBLY 

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY

DATE	05/06/18	05/13/18	05/20/18 (see also page 5)	05/27/18	06/03/18
GREETERS	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Jean Cockrell Deb Embrey	Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers
USHERS	Wade Wingard Jerry Vaughn Mitch Mackinem Stan Wilson	Wade Wingard Daniel Wingard Rebecca Richardson Wayne Hammond	Wade Wingard Rod Kent Rebecca Richardson Stan Wilson	Jerry Vaughn Mitch Mackinem Rod Kent Wayne Hammond	Team 6
ACOLYTE	Noah Adams	Eden Rowell	Noah Adams	Matthew Herrmann	Anna Ross
CRUCIFER	Jake Lalumondier	Forrest Havird	Sam Seay	Jake Lalumondier	Brock Tollison
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Gaye Collins-(L&C)	Don Caughman-L&C	Kerry Stubbs-L Cathy Quinton-C	Millie Sox-L Gaye Collins-C	Elaine Zornow-L Becky Shealy-C
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Beth Mackinem	Kimi Dail Anna Ross	Kimi Dail Carole Sox Lennae Sox	Kimi Dail TBD	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Janet Lockhart
TABULATORS	Betty Cox Mitch Uehling	Wilbur Smith Steve Steck	Terri Tokaz Mitch Uehling	Mike Brown Mary Margaret Hoy	Lisa Boozer Dave Lucas

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: ZAK TAYLOR

OPENING BUILDINGS: Ty Boheler

FOOD PANTRY: Noah Adams and Eden Rowell

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY

DATE	05/06/18	05/13/18	05/20/18	05/27/18	06/03/18
GRUSHERS	Mike Brown Mitch Mackeinem	Jim Donovan Steve Steck	Marie Currie Steve Fink Steve Hanayik	David Lucas Karen Lucas	TBA
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Bev Weymouth-L Vic Milejczak-C	Connie Donovan-L&C	Charlene Fink L&C	Mitch Mackinem-L Lisa Lehman-C	TBA
NURSERY	Kimi Dail & SS Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail & SS TBD	Kimi Dail & SS Marilyn Hogan	Kimi Dail & SS TBD	Kimi Dail & SS
ALTAR CARE	Bev Weymouth	Connie Donovan	Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas	TBA



YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS

YOGS

Join Our Youth Group

Sat/Sun - May 5th-6th - All YOGS and friends are invited to a Lock-in event. Cinco-de Mayo taco bar, scavenger hunt, breakfast and early service Sunday morning. Deborah Whitlow and Jennifer Ross are leading and coordinating this event.

Monday, May 14th - Youth committee meeting 6:30 p.m. in Youth room.

Sunday, May 20 - Parish Life will be hosting a reception for 2018 graduates - (they will be encouraged to wear their graduation gown to church, light reception immediately following service).

Sunday, June 3 - National Youth Gathering Bible study in youth room during Sunday School. Summer kickoff picnic party at Sesqui Centennial Park immediately following church.



YOGS - In March the youth had a spring clean up service day. Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Grayce Boozer, Eden Rowell, Forrest Havird, Eric Whitlow, Noah Adams and Mitch Uehling worked

hard raking, mowing, trimming bushes, blowing driveways and cleaning up leaves. GSLC congregational members Claire Mayer and Vic and Cathy Milejczak were very appreciative of the hard work and kindness of our youth.



God's Young Followers

In February and March our God's Young Followers lead by Lisa Sanchez created Easter cards for members of GSLC and then with the help of Don Caughman delivered these to some of our long time members. The youth were able to meet and visit with Nell Reynolds. All of our church members were very appreciative of the kind words and beautiful cards that our youth created.

We had a great time at our family picnic in April! Due to busy end-of-the-school year schedules, GYF will not meet in May. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to join us for our summer activities. We will have a game day at the church in June, and will participate in Vacation Bible School in July. If you have questions or wish to be added to the e-mail list, please contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com or leave a message at 803-736-2070.

OIAM - Operation In As Much was attended by 5 youth and several adult volunteers. A total of 8 clay pots were beautifully decorated with paint, then sealed and filled with potting soil and flowers. These flowering pots were made with love and will be distributed to members of GSLC by our dedicated visitation team. A special thanks to all those who coordinated and participated in OIAM. (see pictures pg. 4).



YFMs - Our Annual Easter "Eggs-travaganza"

was a huge success and this event was a lot of fun for our young families and little ones. Thank you to all of our church members who helped fill eggs with candy. A huge thank you to all of our youth and adult volunteers who helped plan this event, hide eggs, donate cookies for decorating, create coloring pages, set up and clean up of the photo booth and take great pictures throughout the morning. A special thank you to Anna-Marie Plyler who shared a very animated Easter story with all of our little ones prior to the start of the egg hunt.



LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2018

May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

Psalm: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

May 20 - Day of Pentecost

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be

called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

May 27 - The Holy Trinity

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

Psalm: Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Remember WITH PRAYER

<i>Ray Adams</i>	<i>Ginna Caughman</i>	<i>Dot George</i>	<i>Doris McCaughey</i>	<i>Tommie Spence</i>
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Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison

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With Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the families of:

The family of Marian Dunlop

The family of Jim Howard, husband of Kitty Howard

Dear Good Shepherd Friends,

I cannot begin to tell you how touched I have been for the various expressions of sympathy shown to me after the death of my husband Alex. It is so comforting to be remembered and I am fortunate to have such a caring church family.

Dot Gibert

*Thank
You*

Please thank all of your musicians for making my worship experience touching and uplifting at the Easter Sunrise Service. It was so beautiful. The whole service was very moving. Thank you, Patty Fowler (Daughter of Betty Fowler)

Cards and Letters for Monica Camp

Monica remains in the hospital and will be for some time. Cards and notes would help her to know we're praying for her.

Thank you for all the visits, the cards, and your prayers during my hospital and rehab stay. I'm getting back to normal slowly. Miss seeing you all. Thanks again.

God's Blessing to all.

Claire Mayer

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May 5 & 6 — YOGS Lock-In

May 19—WELCA Breakfast

May 20 — Pentecost Sunday

May 20 — Graduate Recognition Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

May 21 — Fish & Hymns

May 28 — Memorial Day/Church Office closed



June 3 — One-service Sundays begin (thru 8/19/18)

June 6— Wednesday Night Worship Begins

June 17—Food Pantry Sunday

June 28 — Fireflies Game



July 4 — Independence Day/Church Office closed

July 23-26—Vacation Bible School

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