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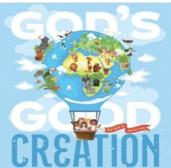
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter July 2018

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 26

5:30 – 8:00 pm each evening

Please join us for a fun week of Vacation Bible School! All ages are welcome! We look forward to learning more about God's creation and the many gifts He has given the world. We will also learn about the challenges of world hunger and how God's gifts can create a world where all are fed. With God's help, we can solve the problem of world hunger!



We will begin each evening with a light meal and fellowship. The remainder of the program will include music, stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

Please register through the weekly bulletin inserts, or on the poster in the Narthex. If you forget to register at church, please call or email Kathy Ferry (803-530-6178 or kathy_ferry@yahoo.com) to let us know you're coming. We want to make sure we have enough food and materials for everyone!

Don't Miss It! Something For Everyone!

Mon., July 23 – Thurs., July 26

5:30 - 8:00 pm each evening

An evening including dinner, worship,

games, snacks, crafts, music, and more!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS to help. If you are able to help, please call Kathy Ferry at 803-708-6205.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Why We Read the Bible

"In the beginning...." So opens the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. They're intriguing – they catch the eye, they invite you to continue onward, to read further. They are words of deep theological meaning and intent. They declare great truth.

So, you may wonder, what truth do they declare? Well, the quick observation is that they tell of a beginning, when all that now is was not. That, therefore, there was a purpose and a meaning to creation. That there was One, who on purpose, spoke creation into being.

Now, there are many different directions in which we could go to explore the meaning of One who creates and a creation that was spoken into existence. There is one primary direction I want to take: that is the direction of relationship.

Those who shaped the text we now have had any number of different sources upon which to base this work. It appeared perhaps in the 6th century BC, and was probably written to those who were in exile in Babylon. They were written as words of hope for those whose life situation belied any confidence or hope in the God of their forbears. Jerusalem had been ransacked. Its walls thrown down. They lived as strangers in a strange land. By all rights, in the prevalent belief of the day, their God had been defeated by the gods of Babylon. Many were bereft and without hope. Then comes "In the beginning..."

Those three words led into a faith-filled story of creation whose design was to affirm the God of Israel, and to do that affirmation in declaring for those in exile the nature of the God of their ancestors. The composers of Genesis 1 demonstrated that God was a God known through relationship. God speaks. Things happen. God speaks again. Things happen again – over and over and over. God is revealed in relationship from what God conceives to what God creates and this act of speaking of creating establishes relationship. The climactic act of creation in Chapter 1 is the creation of humankind – male and female – designed to live together in relationship, a relationship begun by the very act of creation.

The message is clear. A city can be destroyed. A people can be sent into exile. Yet, neither the one or the other can sever a relationship based on God's act of creation. In Jerusalem or in Babylon, God still is. "In the beginning," then, opens a new vista of hope for the people of Israel. A hope that they have not been abandoned or cut free from God. A hope that salvation and redemption are still possible.

While in Babylon, scholars believe synagogue worship began. This aura of hope formed into a physical structure – a place wherein faith and hope and belief could be fostered and nourished and grown.

So, what then does all this old stuff mean to us? Well, it's no accident that the Gospel of John opens with those same three words: "In the beginning...." The Gospel of John is filled with words of hope and faith and belief that lead us forward today as we face a world in which we, too, often feel like strangers in a strange land. "In the beginning..." both in Genesis and John are words of hope for us and for our times, grounded in a God who calls us through Jesus to live in relationship with God and with one another.

This is, after all, why we read the Bible. Not for laws and rules or ways to exclude some while we include others, but to give to us all words of hope, grounded in the faith of those who have gone before, who in their faith call us forward.

Oh yes, one other thing. We owe the shape and pattern of our worship today to those synagogues that began in exile.

Attention All Members

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – All active confirmed members of the congregation are asked to note that we will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 8th, immediately following the 9:30 A. M. worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the Annual Report for 2017.

Council President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this letter, I am reflecting on the Synod Assembly that Pastor John and the delegates from Good Shepherd attended at the end of last month. The theme of the assembly this year was "Blessed Are The Peace Makers." The convention was pretty routine since there were no major votes to be taken. However, there was one event that was exceptional. The South Carolina Synod welcomed the newest church to become a part of the ELCA in South Carolina. This is the first African-American church in our synod and is located right here in Columbia. Christ Mission is the name of this new congregation of disciples. They began as a small group of people who wanted a place to worship and have now grown to a congregation of excited, enthusiastic disciples with their own place to worship. I was very impressed and moved by the outpouring of love and enthusiasm of this group of people who were just so excited to have a church to attend and call their own. It would be wonderful if all our congregations could exhibit this type of dedication and enthusiasm. If that should happen, we would see filled sanctuaries and have no trouble getting volunteers to participate. May God bless this newest addition to our Synod and their efforts to spread the Gospel.

I would also make note that the Transition Team and the Call Committee have both met and are preparing the way for us to begin the search for our next pastor. As a reminder, the Transition Team is made up of the following people, Jeff Inabinet, Gaye Collins, Mark Lovern, Paige Frierson, Bonnie Hammond, Peter Zornow, and Donna Foster. They are working with Pastor Bill Mitcham to develop the congregational profile that will be used for preparation for beginning the call process through the Synod Office. The Call Committee has also met and chosen Amanda Snodgrass to chair this committee. The other members of the committee are Greg Sox, Don Caughman, Cheryl Beaman, and Phil Tollison. Elizabeth Whitlow and Bruce Shealy are serving as alternates on this committee. Please remember to keep these two very important committees in your prayers and remember that all this will take time. Please be patient and understanding as these disciples move forward with their tasks.

Above all else, please be active and involved with the work of the church. If you are not active or very involved, step up and offer yourself to serve in some capacity. Good Shepherd is only as strong as its participating and involved disciples.

THE COME AND SEE CLASS will be taught by Pastor John each Sunday through July 15. He will teach on the Book of Genesis.

Mark Lovern will teach the class from July 22 through August 12 and Bruce Shealy will teach on July 29.



Oberammergau Trip

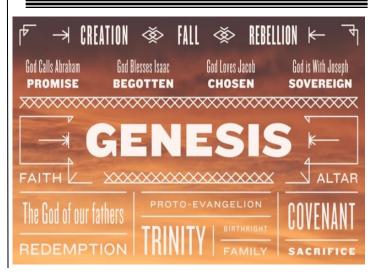


Plans are being made for a trip to see the once-every-ten -years production of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in the summer of 2020. We are looking at a 10 -12 day trip during the mid-June to late July period. A variety of other sites in Germany and possibly Austria also would be part of the tour.

Dating to 1634, the play, with a lot of choral and orchestral music, is done as a continuing thanks to God for sparing the small town of Oberammergau during the plague that ravaged Europe in 1633. Since 1670, the play has been performed ever 10 years on the first year of the decade. It dramatizes the events in the last week of Christ's life, leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection.

With 5,000 plus residents, Oberammergau is a fairy-talelike town in the southeastern Bavarian Alps not far from the Austrian border. Woodcarving continues to be an important part of the area's economy.

If you or any one you know might be interested in such a trip, contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236 or at <u>dodgerfan@sc.rr.com</u>. Specifics of the trip, including cost, dates and specific itinerary are being finalized.



God's Young Followers

Our July God's Young Followers (GYF) event is Vacation Bible School! Please come join the fun from July 23rd through July 26th. More details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Don't forget to preregister, so VBS staff can prepare for everyone!

Look for information in the next newsletter about our 2018/19 kickoff event. In the meantime, if you need more information about this group for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, please contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com.



Social Ministry Focus for July

The Free Medical Clinic is our social ministry emphasis for July. Located at 1875 Harden Street, the Clinic has been serving low-income people who have no health insurance since 1984. The Clinic has a small paid staff, but most care is provided by volunteer physicians, nurses and pharmacists. Patients receive primary care, medications, diabetic supplies, and referrals for laboratory tests at hospitals. To learn more, visit their web site: www.freemedclinic.org To provide financial support through Good Shepherd, place your gift in a pink envelope, write "Free Medical Clinic" on the front and drop in the offering plate.

Noisy Offering on Sunday, July 29th

Our fifth Sunday noisy offering will be used to purchase school backpacks. These will be taken to Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools to give to children whose families can't afford backpacks. Save your change!





GraceWorks 2018 ALL ARE CALLED!



Join us for an awesome week of worship, service, learning and FUN!!! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to register at the link below for this mission week July 15-20. We will be all over the city being the hands and feet of Jesus in our own community. Our theme this year is All Are Called and we plan to show Columbia that all are called to serve others as we walk alongside our mission partners and serve together. This is what Jesus asks us to do. If possible, please register by July 1. The cost is \$50 per student participant. You may make your check payable to Good Shepherd and note "GraceWorks" in the memo section. ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! There is no cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link. If you have any questions, please call or email Jennifer Ross at jross@trumc.org or 803-237-6551!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-2018-tickets-46760254179

GraceWorks 2018

ALL ARE CALLED!

Wish List

Throughout the week at GraceWorks we will have several ongoing missions that we will work with each day. We will be collecting the following items to help us in our daily work. If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Jennifer Ross at jross@trumc.org or 803-237-6551. There will be a collection basket in the Narthex for these items June 24, July 1, July 8, and July 15.

Bottled Water

Postage Stamps

Healthy Snacks (granola bars, dried fruit, juice boxes)

Thrivent Grants (We would like to be able to gift each of our missions that we serve with a Thrivent Grant at the end of the week. For those members who are Thrivent members, If you have available grants that you have not used and would like to help, please contact Jennifer Ross.)

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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 21st (probably 6 pm). If we have enough people participating they can provide it at no additional charge.

To reserve your space, place this 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

NOTE: The church office is closed on Sundays. In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

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 H	lyatt,
	Chair	
	873-944	9
10:30a.m.	Chris He	errmann
	July Ush	ner Chair
	787-043	3
Worship Assistan	its:	Nancy Hyatt
		873-9449
Acolytes & Crucif	ers:	Neal Inman
		788-5421
Nursery		Sarah Evans
		315-7141

JULY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Irene Poole	11	Andrew Traufler	17	Bruce Shealy	28	Barbara Rowell
4	Mark Smith	12	Lisa Boozer		Stephany Uehling	29	Tim Mueller
	Mary Aitchison		Jack Burrows	18	Katie Bostic	30	Natalie Ferlauto
6	Sandy Gundlach		Charles Sigel	19	Ray Frierson		Janice Haigler
	Lindsay Mackinem		Susan Uehling	20	Leigh Ann Tollison		Wendell Holmes
7	Russ Anderson	13	Forrest Havird	21	Hance All-Black		Bev Weymouth
	Rosemarie Brown		Kadin Hogue	22	Anita Easter	31	Anne Brittain
	Sylvia Livingston		Linda Taylor	23	Jon Pierce Shirley		Ashton Struthers
	Heather Van Duys	14	Bob Koons	24	Ryan Burrows		Lydia Wingard
8	Drew Gustafson		Beth Mackinem	25	Walter Robertson		
	Maggie Gustafson	16	June Greenlaw	26	Carolyn Cromer		
10	Jake Lalumondier		Margaret Hill		Harry Dent		
11	Neal Inman	17	Patrick Ross	27	Earl Butler		

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion10:30 am Fellowship (Downstairs)11:00 am Adult Sunday School

	Sun	Mon	Tue
∞	1 National Youth Gathering 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	2 National Youth Gathering 6:30: PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	3 Youth return from National Youth Gathering 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 PM Learning Committee Meeting (CI-2)
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uly	15 Food Pantry Sunday GraceWorks — July 15—20 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School 6:30 PM Council Meeting (CI-2))	16 6:30: PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	17 <i>5:30 PM</i> OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4) 7:00 PM FANA Meeting FAB
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FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE CALENDAR EVENTS, GO TO <u>https://tinyurl.com/ycuox9w8</u> Or link from the church homepage <u>http://www.gslc.com/</u>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 NO WORSHIP SERVICE CHURCH OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL CLOSED 6:30PM NA (CONFERENCE ROOM)	5 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	6	7
11 6:00 PM Property Committee Meeting (Cl-4) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	12 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30PM Social Ministry Committee Meeting (Cl-2)	13	14
18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	19 2:00 PM Shepherd's Visitors 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	20	21 10:00 PM Live Wire trip to Fort Mill, SC
25 No Worship Service Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	26 Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	27	28

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY

DATE	07/01/18	07/08/18	07/15/18	07/22/18	07/29/18	08/05/18
GREETERS	Marcia Woodward	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Deb Embrey Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox
USHERS	Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Matt Herrmann	Dick Sturkie Sid Havird Forrest Havird Dale Richardson	Sid Havird Forrest Havird Chris Herrmann Matt Herrmann	Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Matt Herrmann Eric Whitlow	Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Matt Herrmann Dale Richardson	TBA
ACOLYTE	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig	Jaden Porter	Anna Ross	Eden Rowell	Jack Burrows
CRUCIFER	Anna Ross	Brock Tollison	Eric Whitlow	William Foster	Jake Lalumondier	Sam Seay
WORSHIP Assistants	Lula Camp (L) Emily Whitlow (C)	Don Caughman (L & C)	Gaye Collins (L & C)	Cathy Quinton (L & C)	Mitch Mackinem (L) Marcia Woodward (C)	Stacy Gross (L) Diane Smith (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail TBA	Kimi Dail Stephany Uehling	Kimi Dail Eden Rowell	Kimi Dail Mary Stallings	Leigh Ford TBA	ТВА
Altar Care	Anna – Marie Plyer	Anna – Marie Plyer	Anna – Marie Plyer	Anna – Marie Plyer	Anna – Marie Plyer	Mary Stallings
TABULATOR	Mary Margaret Hoy Mitch Uehling	Jerry Vaughn Mike Brown	Lavina Chandler Steve Steck	Terri Tokaz David Lucas	Leigh Ford Karen Lucas	Betty Cox Mary Stallings

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Nancy Hyatt

OPENING BUILDINGS: Michael Brown, Sr.

Food Pantry: William Foster, Brock Tollison

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SET FOR JULY 22 AND 29



Good Shepherd will hold

its Annual School Supply Drive this year on **Sunday**, **July 22 and 29.** The supplies collected will go directly to Forest Lake Elementary (Richland District 2) and Bradley Elementary (Richland District 1) schools to help prepare the children for the new school year:

> Pencils (#2), Pens, Erasers Glue Sticks, Crayons (24-pack) Spiral Notebooks, Lined Notebook Paper 3-Ring Binders, Pocket Folders Boxes of Tissues 8-oz. Hand Sanitizer

Good Shepherd will have a collection box available for donations of supplies outside the church office.

Day School News

Summer is officially here and we are definitely feeling the heat! We kicked off the summer with our annual Family Fun Night. The children are cooling off and having a great time on their "splash days" and



bi-weekly visits from the ice cream truck.

We really enjoyed seeing all of the fathers and grandfathers for Pizza for Pops. Each father received a mug with his child's handprint. We really appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to come.

We will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



Church Office will be closed.

There will be no Wednesday evening service on July 4th due to the holiday.





There will be no Wednesday evening service on July 25th due to VBS.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for July through September 2018 are available on tables in the narthex and outside the church office. For a large-print edition, please contact the church office.



LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2018

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE.. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

Psalm: Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

Psalm: Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Psalm: Psalm 23

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Rev. Russ Anderson	Loujean Baker	Gwen Barnes	Trisha Benson
Grace Boozer	Rosemarie Brown	Earl Butler	Monica Camp	Joanna Carpenter
Ginna Caughman	Betty Cox	Mary Dent	Helen Derrick	Sylvia Anne Derrick
Marianne DeWerdt	Larry & Sarah Evans	Betty Fowler	Dot George	Dot Gibert
The Gilbert Family	Martha Haigler	Louise Hayes	Kitty Howard	Judy Hoy
Jeannine Jameson	Barb Kent	Bob Koons	Keith Lindler	Sara Loyd
Claire Mayer	Doris McCaughey	Gigi Middlebrooks	Vic & Cathy Milejczak	Margaret Moody
Irene Poole	Alice Riley	Allen Shealy	Virginia Stephens	Tommie Spence
Dot Sterling	Jean Sundlie	Barbara Sutton	Nancy Taylor	Luvelle Terrio
Darlene Whipple	Melvin Wicker			

Friends and Relatives

DEPLOYED

Andrew Fettig

Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker Adam Silvernail—friend of Rosemary Nance

Erna Allison-mother of Joey Allison

With Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of: Nell Reynolds

PRAYER LIST TO BE UPDATED - We ask that those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, contact Elaine in the office either by email at barbara@gslc.com or by phone at (803) 787-4413 by the newsletter deadline of each month to renew your request or add prayer concerns. Call or email anytime to remove a name. Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

Good Shepherd Friends,

I gratefully acknowledge your many acts of kindness and support during Ray's long illness and recent passing.

I have felt the power of your prayers. I have been blessed with the comfort of your friendship.

My sincere thanks,

Carolyn Adams.



The family of Nell Reynolds wishes to thank our Good Shepherd family for their love and support during this difficult time. We were most grateful for the delicious meal furnished to our family and for the many cards we received.

David & Margaret Hill

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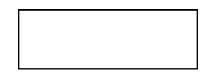
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



July 4 — Independence Day/Church Office closed
July 16-20— GraceWorks
July 23-26—Vacation Bible School
July 29 — Noisy Offering Sunday



August 10 — Fun Fridays August 12 — Blessing of the Backpacks August 26 — YFM's & GYF's End of Summer Splash Party August 26 — YOGS Fall Kickoff Event