



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS AUGUST 26TH

On Sunday, August 26th, Good Shepherd will resume its two regular worship services with some changes in time to accommodate more adequate time for our Sunday School classes and fellowship/refreshment gathering.

Our **Contemporary Service** will begin at **8:15 a.m.** and conclude by **9:15 a.m.** From 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. a time of fellowship with refreshments and announcements will be held in Classroom 1. **Sunday School** classes will be held from **9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** for 6th Grade through Adults. Kindergarten through 5th Grade will allow a little extra time – music from 9:25 – 9:50 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:55 – 10:30 a.m. Our **Traditional Service** will begin at **10:45 a.m.**

This new schedule is in response to requests for allowing more time for fellowship among worshippers from both services; sufficient time for Sunday School class participation and serving in various capacities (i.e., choir, ushers, greeters, acolytes, crucifers, etc.) and a combined music/Sunday School time for our children, kindergarten through fifth grade.

After a time of vacations and our special summer schedule, we look forward to returning to our two worship services under the leadership of Interim Pastor John Stoudemayer. Deacon Jim Johnson (and fellow member) will return from his summer break to again serve as our Interim Director of Music. He will be directing the Traditional Service Choir and providing a music program for our children and youth. (See article "God With Us – Emmanuel!" in this issue about the special Advent/Christmas Play he is writing for our children.) Deacon Justin Rimbo will continue serving as our Interim Contemporary Music Leader.

"BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" SET FOR AUG. 19



Summer is drawing to a close and soon the kids will be going back to school. This year, Good Shepherd would like to send students back to school with an extra prayer for a blessed and successful school year.

On **Sunday, Aug. 19**, students of all ages — as well as teachers and other school workers — will be invited to come to the altar to receive a **"Blessing of the Backpacks."**

At that time the pastor will offer special prayers for protection and guidance for each student, teacher, and school worker and bless the backpacks that are brought to the altar.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Exploring Wednesday

It's hot. It's humid. Conditions not unknown in the Greater Columbia area in July. But, you wonder, just how hot and humid has it been? Well, about a week ago, while playing golf, I could swear I saw a fish **swim** through the air going from one pond to another seeking deeper, cooler water.

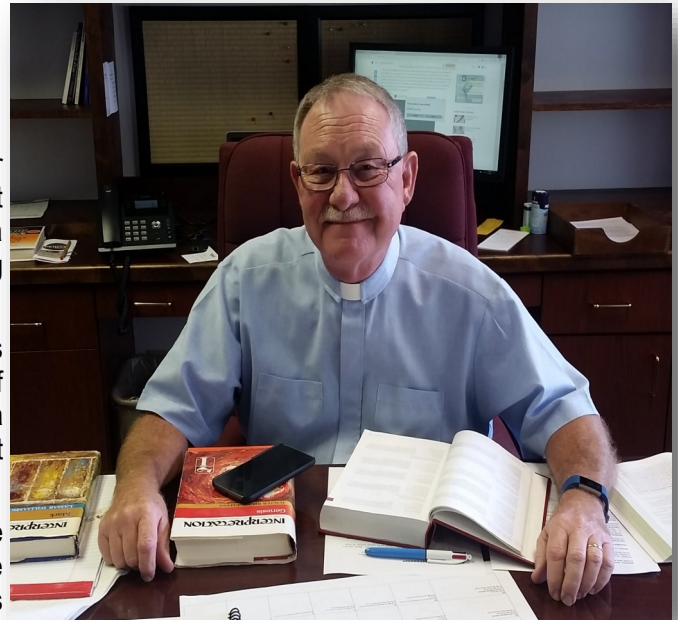
In a more serious vein, our Wednesday night worship services have become very special. There is, in these services, a sense of intimacy that is not often achieved in Sunday worship – which is not a criticism of Sunday worship, but is, rather, an observation of a different dynamic on Wednesdays.

These services have also given me, as a pastor who uses the lectionary, the opportunity to choose the lessons around which the service and homily (preacher speak for short sermon) are based. This past Wednesday I admitted as much, when I announced that the theme that has joined the lessons through that and the previous services has been readings in scripture that Pastor John likes – that will continue throughout the rest of the Wednesday services this summer. These services are short, lasting about one half-hour.

We will continue to meet for the first three Wednesdays of August: 1st, 8th, and 15th. The services in this order will be: 1. The Service of Healing w/Holy Communion, 2. Taize Service, 3. The Service of Compline (Night Prayer).

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I recommend all these services to you and invite you to come and be with us on these Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Come find out where in the Bible I'll land next – what passages do I find significant, important, needing to be explored. Come and explore with me, and I'll see you on Wednesday nights. Amen.



Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that August is upon us, school will be starting, football mania will begin and yes we will begin a new Worship Schedule beginning August 26th when we return to the two service format. Our Contemporary Worship Service will begin at 8:15 A.M., fifteen minutes earlier and the Traditional Service will begin at 10:45 A.M., fifteen minutes later. This additional 30 minutes will allow adequate time for fellowship, Sunday School and the Children's Music Program. I would like to encourage everyone to start the new year off with a renewed interest and dedication to the programs being offered. It is hard to have a great program without enthusiastic participants. So parents please make sure your children are in Sunday School on Sunday mornings this fall. And yes there will be two classes for adult participants. Please come and try one or maybe both to see what we are doing. You just might realize that you enjoy participating in a class. Hope to see an enthusiastic group of people as we begin the new schedule.

Peace be with you,

Becky Shealy

GOOD SHEPHERD TRANSITION TEAM HAS FIRST MEETING

The Council approved creating a Transition Team during the interim as the congregation prepares to call a new Pastor. Members of the GS Transition Team are: Gaye Collins, Jeff Inabinet, Donna Foster, Peter Zornow, Bonnie Hammond, Mark Lovern and Paige Frierson. The objectives of the Team are: to provide leadership to identify and address any present conflicts and other issues that need to be resolved prior to calling the next Pastor, as well as surfacing the hopes and dreams of members for the future of Good Shepherd; to facilitate a process, in cooperation with Council, in examining the present mission statement and either reaffirming it or creating a new one and setting goals for the congregation to implement its mission; to work with Council and membership to create a profile of the spiritual gifts, skills, and characteristics needed in the next Pastor of Good Shepherd who will help Good Shepherd live out its mission in this congregation, community, Synod and in the ELCA. This profile will be given to the Call Committee as they begin to interview candidates.

The Rev. Dr. Bill Mitcham has been engaged as the Interim Consultant who will work as a coach to the Transition Team. He is under a contract developed with the SC Lutheran Synod and Good Shepherd Council. Dr. Mitcham is Director of the MMC Consultation and Training Institute of Lexington. At one time, he was an Assistant to the Bishop in the SC Synod and was at one time a member of Good Shepherd.

The Team will be gathering information via questionnaires, table talks or listen posts. Look for more information coming from the Team.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PLAY COVERED DISH DINNER

December 9, 2018 ~ 5:30 p.m.

God With Us – Emmanuel!

On **Sunday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m.** the children and youth of Good Shepherd will present an Advent/Christmas play entitled, "God With Us – Emmanuel!" Jim Johnson will write and direct the play which will explore the history of the people of Israel longing for the Messiah to come and heal the wounds of the world. We will explore what the prophets of old said as part of our Advent preparation and we will experience the beauty and joy of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Our play will make use of a puppet theater and our youth will serve as puppeteers and puppet voices. Both children and youth will have group songs, solos and lines which tell the story.

Mark your calendars! Please write **December 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in your calendars, so that the entire congregation can be part of this celebration. **A covered dish supper will follow the performance.** [Bring your favorite dishes to share.](#)

Rehearsals for the play will be **Sundays, November 18 and December 2, following the late worship service until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served to those participating. An additional run through will be held at 4:30 p.m. on December 9 prior to the 5:30 performance.**

Parents, please add the performance and rehearsals to your family calendars NOW, so that we have an excellent response. Individual rehearsals for solos or other parts of the play can be arranged as necessary. Parts will be assigned and group songs and solos will be emailed weeks ahead of the performance date, so that everyone will have the lead time needed to comfortably learn their part. If there are any questions regarding this event, please contact Jim Johnson at Jimhjohnson51@gmail.com or by phone at 803-609-2338



YOGS

Sunday, August 12th - ALL YOGS rising 6th-12th graders will go to Whirlin' Waters Adventure Park in Charleston. We will meet in the youth room on Sunday, August 12th immediately following the 9:30 am worship service. Youth are asked to bring a lunch to eat on the way down and \$15 for park admission and money for dinner on the way home. Don't forget sunscreen, towel and a change of clothes. **Please RSVP to Deborah Whitlow or Leigh Ann Tollison by Friday, Aug 10th.** In the event of bad weather we will have a local event beginning at 11am. **Monday, August 13th - Youth committee meeting** scheduled at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Sunday, August 26th - Rally Day - all youth and children are encouraged to attend our Sunday School kickoff event on August 26th.

Sunday, August 26th- YOGS 2018-19' planning and brainstorming meeting. YOGS will meet in the youth room from 5-7 pm, vote for 2018-19' officers and brainstorm and plan ways they can participate in worship, learning, service and fellowship activities.

God's Young Followers

Sunday, August - 19th Summer Splash event 11am

God's Young Followers (GYF) for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and Young Family Ministries (YFM) for all toddlers to 2nd graders will participate in the End of Summer Splash Party on August 19th after church! Also, please stay tuned for information about our 2018/19 kick-off in September. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for GYFs, please e-mail Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com, or call (803) 736-2070 and leave a message.

GYF is a group for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please e-mail Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com, or call 803 736-2070 and leave a message.



5th Annual GRACEWORKS Columbia 2018

Grayce Boozer, Jake Lalumondier, Anna Ross, Eden Rowell and Brock Tollison represented GSLC along with adult volunteers Lisa Boozer, Jennifer Ross, Mitch Uehling and Susan Uehling. The theme of the week was "All are called. Here I am Lord...Send Me" Isaiah 6:8. This week long servant camp for rising 6th-12th graders gives youth opportunities to sing, learn, worship, serve others and take daily communion. Some of the agencies that hundreds of youth served included Transitions, Sharing God's Love, Jubilee Academy, Columbia Adult Care, St. Lawrence Place, Atria on Forest Drive, Tanzania project, Autism Academy, delivering water in wagons around Columbia and cookies and thank you cards to RCSD, CFD and 1st Responders. Thank you for all those in our congregation who collected and donated supplies, donated funds and volunteered their time to make GraceWorks a huge success!



Houston - We Had a Gathering!!

Seventeen participants from GSLC attended the National ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas from June 26- July 2, 2018. We attended along with 31,242 others. We met Lutherans from Puerto Rico to Alaska and from Maine to California and everywhere in between. While there, generosity was shown by participants from ELCA MYLE, The Table, and the Gathering with the following:

- +437 hair donations to Children with Hair Loss
- +1,248 units of blood donated from 987 donors
- +40,000 books donated at Blast Off for Books
- +200 grace bags and 100 kindness project rocks made by able participants
- +700 individuals attended MYLE and visited 13 service sites
- +More than \$260,000 raised for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge

Our group participated in the Mass Gathering each evening and everyday a different activity was planned. Interactive Day consisted of learning about the life and breadth of the church and the community of God. We had a chance to visit and interact with the partners of the Gathering. These organizations helped us to learn how to Reflect, Move, Bond, Dream, Accompany, Connect or Serve as Christians. On Synod Day we gathered with other churches from the South Carolina Synod. We reconnected with friends, renewed our baptism and worshiped with Bishop Yoos. On Service Learning Day we were partnered with Incarnation Lutheran from Columbia, SC and two other churches from Iowa at Pilgrim Place, a low-income housing center for senior citizens and those with disabilities. We shared stories, sang songs, played Bingo, built a bench and picked up trash. Then we went to NRG Arena for Community Life and an entire room full of Gaga Ball pits and every game imaginable. Sunday's worship was amazing; the message, music, singing and sharing Communion with 31,242 Lutherans. Along with our late nights, early mornings, First 15, Final 15, getting seats 'on the floor' twice, eating Tex-Mex and Cajun cuisine, riding the MetroRail, walking 60 miles we also saw the Houston Astros vs. Toronto Blue Jay's baseball game, visited NASA, the Kemah Boardwalk and the Houston Zoo.

Without the generous support of GSLC none of this would have been possible.

Ask any of us how we saw God at the Gathering in Houston, Texas:

Addie Cannon, Brock Tollison, Elizabeth Whitlow, Eric Whitlow, Forrest Havird, Grayce Boozer, Harrison Seay, Jake Lalumondier, Millie Sox, Noah Adams, Sam Seay, Valerie Evans, William Foster, Deborah Whitlow, Don Caughman, Greg Sox and Leigh Ann Tollison.

Ephesians 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

This changes everything!

God's Love Changes Everything

God's Grace Changes Everything

God's Hope Changes Everything



Houston Pictures



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.

WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD, you haven't missed your chance! There are 8 spots left for our WELCA retreat to Lutheridge September 21-23. Join us for a weekend of worship, learning, fun and relaxation. Questions? Call, text or email Jennifer Ross at 237-6551, jross@trumc.org. or Barbara Rowell at 348-4897, bhrowell@gmail.com. Cost for the retreat is \$160/person. The balance of payment will be due August 19th for everyone registered.

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 Hyatt, Chair
	873-9449
8:15 a.m.	Susan Weaver
	600-1936
10:45 a.m.	Lula Camp
	August Usher Chair
	787-0433
Worship Assistants:	Nancy Hyatt
	873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers:	Neal Inman
	788-5421
Nursery	Sarah Evans
	315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver
	600-1936

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Mary E. Allen	8	Jean Sundlie	14	Lauren Evans	22	Darlene Whipple	29	Bently Grosh
	Penny Sox	9	Alice Buckner	16	David Lucas	23	Sam Harms	30	Melanie Lalumondier
2	Brittany Jakiela		Kevin Gross	19	Frank Fusco	24	Wade Wingard		Eliza Jane Lucas
6	David Ellington		Mary Margaret Hoy		Todd Gustafson	25	Carol Mayfield		Cathy Quinton
	Debbie Smith	10	Charles Buckner	20	Betty Cox		Ashley Barnhill	31	Jim Lalumondier
7	Stephen Beaman	12	Mackie All		Phil Tollison	26	Mike Sanchez		
	Blake Gross		Rebekah Sanchez	21	Joe Robinson		Helene Lipe		
8	Pam Robertson	13	Mo Denny	21	Jerry Rogers	27	Barb Kent		

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>YOG'S trip to Whirlin' Waters Adventure Park in Charleston (immediately following 9:30 service) 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30 PM Executive Committee 5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Blessing of Backpacks Food Pantry Sunday 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM YFM's and GYF's End of Summer Splash Party (Lawn next to FAB) after late service 6:30 PM Congregational Council (CI-2)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>SCS Rally Day 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments & Announcements (Classroom 1) 9:25 AM Children's Music - Kindergarten- Grade 5 (Children's Music Room) 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6- Adult 9:55 AM Sunday Church School- Kindergarten-Grade 5 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5:00 PM YOG's 2018-19 Planning and Brainstorming Meeting (Youth room)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>

<https://tinyurl.com/y8s85p9x>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	2 6:00 PM Council Terms & Constitution Task Force Meeting (CI-2)	3	4
8 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	9 5:30 PM Call Committee (CI-4) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program	10 6:00 PM Fun Fridays (FAB)	11
15 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service	16 2:00 PM Shepherd's Visitors 5:30 PM Parish Life (CI-2) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 PM Transition Team Meeting (CI-4)	17	18
22 6:00 PM Memorial Committee (CI-2) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	23 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	24	25 4:00 PM Collins/Tucker Family Wedding (Sanctuary)
29 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	31	



DAY SCHOOL FUN



This summer has been a scorcher so we have really been enjoying our water days and ice cream truck visits. We have been really enjoying our time with Jump Bunch on Mondays as they come and teach us about different sports and help build on our gross- motor skills. This month, we have also participated in a Trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

This month, we will be doing our annual cleaning as we prepare for the new school year. Our teachers will complete our final training hours this month as well. We are enjoying the summer but we are excited for what the academic year has in store for us this year.



9:30 A.M. COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

DATE	8/5/18	8/12/18	8/19/18	8/26/18	9/2/18
GREETERS	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam Marcia Woodward	Mitch & Stephany Uehling	10:45 Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Deb Embrey
USHERS	Pat Quattlebaum Adams Smith Dick Sturkie Marcia Woodward	Lula Camp Marion Eargle Herman McQuage Dick Sturkie	Lula Camp Marion Eargle Pat Quattlebaum Adams Smith	Lula Camp Dick Sturkie Adams Smith Marcia Woodward	TBA
ACOLYTE	Jake Burrows	Matthew Herrmann	Leannae Sox	Noah Adams	Grayce Boozer
CRUCIFER	Sam Seay	Brock Tollison	Millie Sox	Eric Whitlow	Maddie Boozer
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Stacy Gross (L) Diane Smith (C)	Eden Rowell (L) Barbara Rowell (C)	Becky Shealy (L & C)	Bruce Shealy (L & C)	Alice Buckner (L) Gaye Collins (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail Leigh Ann Tollison	Kimi Dail Anna Ross	Kimi Dail Jennifer Ross	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Marcia Woodward
TABULATOR	Steve Steck Mary Stallings	Lavina Chandler Mike Brown	Mary Margaret Hoy Karen Lucas	Dave Lucas Jerry Vaughn	Leigh Ford Mitch Uehling

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Susan Weaver **OPENING BUILDINGS:** Marie Currie
FOOD PANTRY: Elizabeth Whitlow, Eric Whitlow

8:15 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

DATE				8/26/18	9/2/18
GRUSHERS				Ken Jirel Rebecca Richardson	Team 1
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				Beth Jirel (L & C)	Barbara Nagy (L & C)
NURSERY				Amanda Snodgrass	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE				Cathy Milejczak	Frances Plyler

Sharing Flowers



If you provide altar or narthex flowers or the altar rose on Sundays, you may take them any time after the service. However, flowers not taken by noon on Monday will be given to Good Shepherd shut-ins, residents of various facilities, or hospitalized persons.

Should you know ahead of time you won't be taking the flowers, please contact the Shepherd's Visitors group at Good Shepherd and arrangements will be made to take the flowers on Sunday for distribution.

The Shepherd's Visitors group is made up of Good Shepherd members who regularly visit our shut-ins, often taking communion to them. If you are interested in being a part of the group, or if you would like your donated flowers taken to shut-ins, contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236 or dodgerfan@sc.rr.com.

Social Ministry Emphasis for August

Hidden Wounds



The mission of Hidden Wounds, a non-profit organization, is to provide peace of mind and comfort for military personnel suffering from combat stress injuries such as PTSD, TBI, and other psychological post war challenges. It aims to connect veterans with immediate counseling and support services, especially when they are experiencing delays and difficulties in receiving government services. It also provides publicity to dispel fear and lower the stigma of veterans' emotional and psychological challenges. The organization was founded by Anna Bigham, a local woman whose brother suffered from PTSD and took his own life in 2009. More information is available at www.hiddenwounds.org.

Contributions to this ministry may be made through Good Shepherd by placing the donation in a Special Offering Envelope and marking it for "Hidden Wounds".

FUN FRIDAYS TO BE HELD AUGUST 10

Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on **Friday, August 10, from 6–9 p.m.** in the FAB for their bi-monthly event.



All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities.

If you can help or would like more information, contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com or come to the FAB on August 10 any time from 6 to 9 p.m.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN FOREST ACRES



The National Night Out in Forest Acres will be held in the FAB parking lot on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6:30 P.M.– 8:30 P.M. The event is sponsored by the Forest Acres Police Department and the Forest Acres Neighborhood Association. There will be hot dogs, games for the children, Forest Acres Police officers and police cars.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Please join us at the National Night Out in Forest Acres.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been meeting regularly and continues to welcome your prayers during this important process. The Committee has been compiling necessary data for the Ministry Profile and performing community interviews to submit to the Synod.

Amanda Snodgrass,
Call Committee Chair



Good Shepherd Food Pantry Helps

Thanks to the regular support of our congregation, Good Shepherd's food pantry continues to provide help with monthly food needs for many persons in our community.

During the January 1-July 31 period, 127 persons representing 483 family members visited the food pantry at least once to receive some basic food staples to help them with their monthly food needs. Those persons made a total of 253 visits during the period, representing 1,025 family members receiving food assistance.

Visitors are limited to one visit per month to the food pantry, and bags of non-perishable food are provided for them. The pantry stocks a variety of non-perishable food items, but the most common items provided to the visitors are pasta and sauce, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, rice, peanut butter and jelly, and cold and hot cereal.

The Good Shepherd food pantry was expanded to its current status about four years ago, and the goal is to provide aid to needy families to help them stretch their monthly food dollars.

Those who need help are asked to call ahead and then pick up the food on Wednesday afternoons. Dedicated volunteers pack bags with an appropriate amount of food for a particular family, and the bags are ready when the visitors arrive.

Most of the families are in the 1-5 person range; however, some families have as many as eight, and there even is one family with 12 members.

None of this could be done without the donations of food and money by the congregation, as well as the regular, dedicated assistance of volunteers. In recent years, Carolyn Adams, Patty Branham, Mike Brown, Pat Roche, Anne Rush and Libby Slice have shared regular volunteer duty on Wednesdays to pack bags and greet the visitors when they arrive.

While the third Sunday of each month is designated as "Food Pantry Sunday" for the collection of food, items may be brought at any time during the month and left in the designated container outside the church office. Financial contributions, designated for "food pantry," also are welcome at any time.

Special thanks are due to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Men in Mission for their donations of \$1,000 (proceeds from the fish and hymns supper in May) and a \$250 Thrivent grant.

The food pantry is one of the many ongoing outreach activities and services under the purview of Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Committee.



LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2018

Sunday, August 5, 2018 - Lectionary 18

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Sunday, August 12, 2018 - Lectionary 19

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

Sunday, August 19, 2018—Lectionary 20

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

Sunday, August 26, 2018 - Lectionary 21

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

Gospel: John 6:56-69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

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August 10 — Fun Fridays

August 19 — Blessing of the Backpacks

August 19— YFM's & GYF's End of Summer Splash

August 26 —Two worship services resume

August 26—Rally Day



Sept. 3 — Church Office closed

Sept. 9 — Y. A. Way Kick Off

Sept. 9 — YOG's Fall Kick Off Event

Sept. 16 — GYF's Kickoff Event

Sept. 21-23— WELCA Retreat