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68th Anniversary Observed September 9th

Each year on the second Sunday in September, we as a congregational family celebrate the anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's beginning. Several years ago our Council designated every five years as a "celebration homecoming event year" and the next one will be observed in 2020. However, the other years we do recall our beginnings as a congregation in 1950.

This year we will observe Good Shepherd's 68th anniversary on Sunday, September 9th, with Interim Pastor John Stoudemayer preaching at both services. A few years ago on the anniversary day we recognized our 90+ members. We will be doing that again this year and hope to make it a tradition for years to come. Through their dedication and commitment over the years, our congregation has grown and shared ministry with each other, our community and the world. We have twenty-one members in this elite group this year and they are: Mary Allen, Grace Boozer, Rosemarie Brown, Earl Butler, Joanna Carpenter, Ginna Caughman, Helen Derrick, Betty Fellers, Louise Hayes, Sara Loyd, Claire Mayer, Doris McCaughey, Gigi Middlebrooks, Irene Poole, Jean Ray, Alice Riley, Walter Robertson, Mary Sox, Dot Sterling, Earline Suydam, and Luvelle Terrio. We will give special recognition to them at our 10:45 a.m. worship service and hope they and members of their families can join us on this occasion.

Also, we will dedicate any gifts given to the congregation during the past year in memory or honor of a loved one.

Look forward to seeing you in worship – especially on the 68th Anniversary Sunday, September 9th!



Pastor John's Message

A Coming Fall

I know it's still hot and that, if you're out in the middle of the day, the sun still beats down on you without mercy. I also know that we're coming up on sixty days past the summer solstice and my day is beginning more dimly than it did when the solstice was still near to hand. If there is no other sign that summer is waning, the sun cannot be denied. Nor can the calendar, which tells us that the fall equinox is only just over a month away. Also, if these signs of fall's horizon, school, which begins this month, is the final arbiter of a change of season approaching.

For most of us, when we think of fall, we think of cooling temperatures, of leaves ablaze in shades of gold or red or orange. Yes, we also think of football coming once again, or of apples fresh picked in the mountains of North Carolina, of airing out sweaters that have been packed away, of changing out our closets from hot weather clothes to clothes for colder weather – of all the things that come with the change of season.

For me, however, while fall is all of those things, fall is not the ebbing away of summer toward the end of the year. Rather, fall marks the beginning point for new programming for the coming of the new church year – a year that begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas, i.e. the First Sunday of Advent. I guess you could say that for the church, the year is closer to the school year than to the calendar year. On the calendar, as fall approaches, the year begins to show its age as it moves inexorably to the end of the current year and the beginning of a new year. For the church, colored leaves announce a new beginning.

So, while our current year is on the decline, the church is gearing itself up for a new cycle, a new year. We invite you to come and share this newness with us. We are returning (beginning again) our two worship services on Sundays: a contemporary service at **8:15 am** and our traditional service at **10:45 am**. Also, I will begin leading a bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am on October 2nd. All are welcome.

I'll be gone on vacation during the middle of September, so confirmation will begin later than usual. Watch the bulletin and emails for further details on the beginning of confirmation classes.

I look forward to seeing all of you as we head into fall and into a new church year.

Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this letter, we are getting ready to kick off a new year for Sunday School and other programs in the Church. We are at a major crossroad in the life of Good Shepherd. As most of you know the church is working with almost all interim staff until a new pastor is called. The Call Committee and Transition Team are both working hard to make this process a good thing for our congregation. However, I am saddened to say that we have had three positions on the Congregational Council that have been vacated by death or illness. This means that at Council election time there will be eight positions to be filled. There will be one position for one year, two positions for two year terms, and five for the full three year terms. As members and Lay Leaders at Good Shepherd we need each member to pick up the ball and become proactive in making this church thrive. We can no longer say, "Let somebody else do it, I have had my time." It is now our time, everybody's time to step up to the plate and serve when approached. This is the only way Good Shepherd can become a more vibrant and enthusiastic place to worship.

As we go forward I would hope to see more people involved, both members who have been active for quite some time and the newer members who have not seen the church as it was in the past. I am not saying that there should not be change but only that we should hope for the time when we have a thriving congregation of all ages who work together to further the mission of Good Shepherd.

As many of you know, Council meetings have had a bad name because they lasted too long. We have cut the meetings to go from 6:30 to about 8:00 P.M. Council has also been asked why the same people are elected over and over. I will tell you that the main reason for this is that when asked people have declined to run for Council. This year during the transition time, I would encourage anyone asked to run for Council to seriously consider the challenge. This is the time to start anew as we move forward. Please say "yes" if asked to serve in any capacity to further our mission goals. I know people are busy but where does your faith formation and service to Good Shepherd fit into your life?

May we enthusiastically embrace St. Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Philippians 3: 13-14.

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Peace be with you,

Becky Shealy

President

Transition Team Questionnaire

ON SEPTEMBER 9 THE TRANSITION QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS

The Good Shepherd Transition Team has been hard at work creating a Questionnaire designed to help the congregation get ready to call a permanent pastor. The Council has approved the Questionnaire and it will be handed out at both services on Sunday, September 9th. There will be a two week time block for members to complete the Questionnaire and return it on the Deadline....which is September 23rd. The Questionnaire will be available in the church office for those not at worship on the 9th and it will also be available on September 16th. You may take the Questionnaire online.

The PURPOSE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS:

To give each member of Good Shepherd a chance...

- 1) To register their hopes and dreams for the future of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- 2) To express their concerns about any current issues (if any) in the congregation that need to be resolved before calling our next pastor.
- 3) To share findings and recommendation to Good Shepherd's Call Committee and congregation on the qualities, characteristics, personal and spiritual gifts, skills and personality traits desired in our next Pastor.

Once the data is gathered and compiled, it will be shared with the Council with recommendations from the Transition Team to the Council. The Council will then decide how to share findings and recommendation with the Congregation.

If you have questions about the Questionnaire, call or text either one of the Co-Chairs of the Team, Mark Lovern (361-6276) or Frierson Paige (920-0271).

Live Wire News

Our first meeting will be held on Friday, September 28th. **(Please note the date change due to WELCA Retreat).**

This lunch meeting will kick off with a planning session—there will not be a regular program. The steering committee met and discussed some great ideas for this year. In the spring we are planning an overnight trip to North Carolina to include visiting Mt. Airy and Old Salem ; and attending a Lenten Service at Pastor Paul's church in Winston-Salem.

Please come out and support Live Wire. Bring your favorite covered dish, learn about the upcoming events and enjoy fun and fellowship.

Mark your calendar: September 28, 2018 at noon in the FAB.

Social Ministry Focus for September



The Social Ministry Committee has chosen Happy Wheels as the ministry focus for September. Happy Wheels is a local, independent non-profit that sends volunteers into three children's hospitals in our state (MUSC, Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, and Greenville Children's Hospital) to bring smiles to their patients with gifts of books and toys. Each week, Happy Wheels volunteers bring either the book cart or the toys and games cart to every patient in the hospital -- from newborns to teens. Each child can choose their favorite book or toy from the cart to enjoy during their stay and then take it home with them to keep. These gifts must all be brand-new in keeping with hospital infection control policies, and Happy Wheels relies entirely on gifts from local individuals, churches, and businesses to keep the carts stocked. More information can be found at <http://happywheelsinc.org>. You may make a contribution using a pink Special Offering envelope and writing "Happy Wheels" on the memo line.

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

PARLOR CLASS/TRANSITIONS PROJECT

The Parlor Class will have its 4th and final Transitions Project for this year with the chili serving project for the homeless, the weekend of September 29 and 30. The group will begin cooking in the FAB on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and will serve at Transitions on Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact Susan Weaver at (803)600-1936.

September Noisy Offering Focus

Noisy Offering on Sunday, September 30th, to support Animal Mission of the Midlands. This non-profit organization works to improve the safety and quality of life for animals in the Midlands. It has offered spay/neuter coupons in Richland County since 2006 to reduce pet overpopulation and the need for euthanasia of unwanted animals at shelters. The Animal Mission supports similar spay/neuter programs in other Midlands counties. It has also funded upgrades at the City of Columbia Animal Shelter to provide more humane living conditions and increase pet adoptions. Web site: www.animalmission.org

Generosity
changes everything

Thanks to everyone who bought jars of fig preserves. I have sold out completely. I will donate \$237.00 to the ramp fund this year. Remember to refrigerate them to enhance the flavor. Please consider returning the jars and bands as you finish the preserves.

Lula Camp

Fall Church Cleanup Day

The Lutheran Men are sponsoring a fall cleanup day for the entire church, Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9-12 in the FAB. Kitchen cabinet cleanup will be the focus. Additional work projects will be assigned. Bring a Pot-Luck Dish to share for Lunch afterwards. A short meeting to discuss social activities and service projects will be held after lunch. Sign-up in the Narthex. Contact: Peter Zornow 803-730-7570, email: zornowpd@juno.com

CALLING ALL 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS!

You are invited to the

GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS ANNUAL KICKOFF EVENT

WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 16, after the late
service

WHERE: The FAB

Join us for an afternoon of "getting to know you" activities, planning, fellowship, and fun. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 9 to 803-736-2070 (leave message) or mikelisanchez@gmail.com.

Confirmation Families and Students

Students already participating in Good Shepherd's confirmation program and those in 6th grade or older who want to begin confirmation studies, are invited to bring their parents to an initial meeting on September 30th at 4 pm. We will meet in Classroom 2 to cover the current program outline and to answer questions. Classes will normally meet twice a month at 4 pm, before youth group meetings at 5 pm. Parents, if you have not been contacted about confirmation, please call the office and let them know your student will participate.

Y.A. Way Kick-Off

Sunday, September 9th, 2018

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Andrew and Leigh Ford's

17 Garden Springs Road

Columbia, SC 29209

Please join us for an afternoon of family fun hosted by the "Young Adults" of GSLC! Families and kids are invited for pool fun, dinner and fellowship!

Snacks and dinner will be provided. BYOB. Free childcare for infants/toddlers on-site.

If you have any questions please contact, **Leigh Ford 803-528-5598 or Amanda Snodgrass 803-422-7105.**

End of Summer for Day School

The summer has flown by and the new school year is here. The children had so much fun doing our in-house field trips with Jump Bunch, learning so many different sports activities. We just had our final ice cream and water day to end our summer on a high note and the teachers had their cleaning days to thoroughly sanitize the classrooms and set up for the upcoming academic portion of the year. We had our inaugural parent/teacher night which was a success and we can't wait to begin.

This year we are doing a Creative Curriculum where we will focus on the children's interest. We will also be offering Spanish this year for our students. We will also begin doing a morning devotional along with our prayer daily in which I am sure they will love as well.

Have a blessed September,

Ms. Jessica



WORSHIP SERVICES:

- 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements
- 9:25 AM Children's Music
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult
- 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
2 Worship Times Above	3 Church Office and Day School Closed for Labor Day 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	4 5:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-1) 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 PM Learning Comm. Mtg. (CI-2)
9 Worship Times Above Good Shepherd's 68th Anniversary Celebration 3:00 PM Young Adults Kick-Off (Home of Andrew & Leigh Ford) 5:00 PM YOG's Kick Off Event- Pot Luck	10 5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB) 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	11 4:30 PM Executive Committee 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)
16 Worship Times Above Food Pantry Sunday GYF's Kickoff Event (2nd - 5th Graders) (FAB) Immediately after late service 3:00-5:30 PM Conference Room (Smith) 6:30 PM Congregational Council (CI-2)	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	18 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4) 7:00 PM FANA Meeting (FAB)
23 Worship Times Above Women's WELCA Retreat	24 6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)	25 5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)
30 Worship Times Above Noisy Offering Parlor Class/Transitions Project (FAB) 9:00 PM (all day) 4: 00 PM Confirmation (CI-2)		

<https://tinyurl.com/y7q37t5u>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>5 5:30 PM Worship Life (CI 2) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Mary Group (CI-2) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting CI-2</p>	7	8
<p>12 6:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. (CI-4) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Social Ministry Comm. Mtg. (CI-2) 6:30 PM Tamar Group</p>	14	15
<p>19 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>21 <i>Women's WELCA Retreat</i></p>	<p>22 Women's WELCA Retreat 8:00 AM Lutheran Men Clean-Up Day (FAB)</p>
<p>26 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>28 Live Wire (FAB) 12:00 pm</p>	<p>29 Parlor Class/Transitions Project (FAB) 9:00 am (all day)</p>



Martha Haigler
 P.O. Box 444
 White Rock, SC 29177
 You no longer have to put the room number.

Elaine Zornow
 Work Phone: 803-296-2665

Church Office and Day School will be closed on September 3rd due to Labor Day.

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 can't be here, please 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.	Wade Wingard September Usher Chair 783-0809
Worship Assistants:	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers:	Neal Inman 600-5637
Nursery	Sarah Evans 315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Barbara Sutton	14	Grace Boozer	18	Bill Quattlebaum	22	Susan Stewart	28	James Shukla
2	Elaine Zornow		Candy Clow	20	Noah Adams	23	Alice Riley	29	Jean Cockrell
3	Richard Inman	15	Lauren Fink		Billy Robertson	25	Trey Limehouse		Pam Fusco
4	Lyn Denny		Taylor Miller		Dick Sturkie	26	Mary Dent		Rebecca Richardson
7	Tim Ross	16	Linda Thomas	21	Bailey Bostic		Susan Sturkie	30	Lennae Sox
9	Jeffrey Beaman	18	John Ferry		Joanna Carpenter	28	Elaine Dionne		
11	Mitch Uehling		Karlin Hogue		Marcus Hogue		Margaret Moody		
12	Isabella Fettig		Mallorie Hogue	22	Ethan Richardson		Barbara Nagy		



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	09/02/18	09/9/18	09/16/18	09/23/18	9/30/18
GREETERS	Deb Embrey	Jean Cockrell Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox
USHERS	Wade Wingard Jerry Vaughn Stan Wilson Wayne Hammond	Wade Wingard Rod Kent Rebecca Richardson Stan Wilson	Jerry Vaughn Wayne Hammond Rebecca Richardson Rod Kent	Wade Wingard Jerry Vaughn Rebecca Richardson Stan Wilson	Wade Wingard Wayne Hammond Rebecca Richardson Jerry Vaughn
ACOLYTE	Grayce Boozer	Isabella Fettig	Jaden Porter	Anna Ross	Eden Rowell
CRUCIFER	Maddie Boozer	Forrest Havird	Jake Lalumondier	Brock Tollinson	William Foster
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Alice Buckner (L) Gaye Tucker (C)	Bruce Shealy (L & C)	Marcia Woodward (L & C)	Lula Camp (L) Joey Allison (C)	Millie Sox (L) Emily Whitlow (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail	TBD	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward
TABULATOR	Leigh Ford Mitch Uehling	Terri Tokaz Mary Stallings	Steve Steck Mary Margaret Hoy	Jerry Vaughn Karen Lucas	Betty Cox Leigh Ford

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Mitch Uehling

OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

FOOD PANTRY: Elizabeth Whitlow, Eric Whitlow

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	09/02/18	09/9/18	09/16/18	09/23/18	9/30/18
GRUSHERS	David Lucas Karen Lucas	David Lucas Russell Slice	Mo Denny Marilyn Hogan	Russell Slice David Lucas	Mo Denny Marilyn Hogan
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Barbara Nagy (L & C)	Joann Nagy (L & C)	Steve Steck (L & C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Bev Weymouth (L) TBD (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail	Kimi Dail Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail Anna Lawson	Kimi Dail
ALTAR CARE	Frances Plyler	Mary Stallings	Betti Stroud	Susan Weaver	Bev Weymouth

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday, September 2, 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

Psalm: Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

Psalm: Psalm 146

I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Sunday, September 16, 2018 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Sunday, September 23, 2018 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

Psalm: Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

Sunday, September 30, 2018 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

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

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Mary Allen</i>	<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Loujean Baker</i>	<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Trisha Benson</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Earl Butler</i>	<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Ginna Caughman</i>
<i>Betty Cox</i>	<i>Mary Dent</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Marianne DeWerd</i>
<i>Larry & Sarah Evans</i>	<i>Betty Fowler</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>The Gilbert Family</i>	<i>Martha Haigler</i>
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<i>Sara Loyd</i>	<i>Claire Mayer</i>	<i>Carol Mayfield</i>	<i>Doris McCaughey</i>	<i>Gigi Middlebrooks</i>
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<i>Nancy Taylor</i>	<i>Ashleigh Taylor</i>	<i>Luvelle Terrio</i>	<i>Darlene Whipple</i>	<i>Melvin Wicker</i>

Friends and Relatives

Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison
Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker
Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Hammond
Paul Ford—father-in-law of Leigh Ford
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes
Meredith Jones—wife of Cody Jones
Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker
Adam Silvernail—friend of Rosemary Nance

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 Andrew Fettig

WITH SYMPATHY
We extend sympathy to the family of:
Dorothy (Dot) George



The Women's Shelter for \$893.00 from Lenten offerings—"I can't thank you all enough for everything you have done for us. Such love and care...what a gift!" Kathy Riley, Director

Richland County Sheriff's Department for \$365.00 from Special Offerings for Project Hope—"It's good to know there are people like you in our community who share in the importance of helping our precious elderly." Leon Lott, Sheriff

Providence Home for \$893.00 from Lenten offerings – "We are extremely grateful for all of the financial gifts to the ministry of Providence Home....This was a tremendous blessing!" Rob Settle, Executive Director

To Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

On behalf of the children of Forest Lake, I would like to thank you for all of the wonderful school supplies and back packs. We are very excited to begin our new school year! Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our community!

Together We Can,
 Dr. Kappy Steck

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



- Sept. 3**— Church Office & Day School closed
- Sept. 9** — Good Shepherd’s 68th Anniversary
- Sept. 9** —Young Adults Kick-Off 3:00 p.m. (Home of Andrew and Leigh Ford)
- Sept. 9** — YOG’s Kick-Off Event 5:30 p.m. (Youth Room)
- Sept 16**— GYF’s Kick-Off after late service (FAB)
- Sept 21-23**—Women’s WELCA Retreat



- Oct. 7** — Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 12** — Fun Fridays
- Oct. 28**— Reformation Sunday—500th Anniversary
Congregational Event 5:30 p.m. (FAB)
- Oct. 28**— Fall Festival

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