

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter April 2019

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week services begin with **Palm Sunday** on <u>April 14</u>. Weather permitting, we will process into the sanctuary from the courtyard. The **Service of Corporate Confession** will be held on Wednesday, <u>April 17</u> at **7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The **Maundy Thursday** service will be held at **7:30 p.m.** on <u>April 18</u> in the sanctuary. This day, we



remember Jesus gave us a new command to love one another as he has loved us. On <u>April 19</u>, the **Tenebrae Service on Good Friday** will be held at **7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

(See page 9 for Holy Week server information.)



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Easter is the perfect time to joyfully share the Gospel. Bring your flowers and greenery on **Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.** to help the Evangelism Committee decorate the cross facing Forest Drive. Providing a beautiful image celebrating our Risen Lord is a tradition for both our church and the community! We appreciate your assistance with this ministry. Please contact Jim Johnson at 803-609-2338 for more information.

EASTER SERVICES SET AT 7:00 AND 10:45 A.M.

The festival of Christ's victory over sin and death will be celebrated at both GSLC worship services on Easter Sunday, April 21. The Sunrise Easter Service begins at 7 a.m. and the Easter Service takes place at 10:45 a.m. Both services will celebrate Holy Communion.

After the Sunrise Service, everyone is invited to the FAB for our traditional Good Shepherd Easter Breakfast, served by the Parish Life Committee. All are welcome – and we'd love to meet any guests you may have visiting!



(See page 8 for Easter Service server information.)

LIVING LENT



We're on the way to Jerusalem, for this is where the Sundays in Lent point. We don't see in the Gospel of Luke a clear day by day trek from not being in Jerusalem to being in Jerusalem. In fact, our gospel lessons all have Jesus in and around the vicinity of Jerusalem for the rest of Lent. Nevertheless, there is a sense of movement, if not geographically, toward the events of Holy Week – Jesus being

in the temple, his teaching and healing, his last supper with his closest disciples, his betrayal, his arrest, his trials, his crucifixion, and his death.

Typically, we like to rush through Lent and really rush through Holy Week in order to get to Easter and the resurrection. No surprise there! After all, we are a resurrection people, we Christians. Jesus' resurrection is that event which creates and gathers us. We say, quite rightly, that we live in the hope of the resurrection just because of Jesus' resurrection.

This year, however, I'm going to ask you to slow down – to hear the gospel story of Jesus' death on the Sunday of the Passion; to understand the complicity of humanity (even of ourselves) in Jesus' death as we gather for the Service of Corporate Confession on Wednesday of Holy Week; to see ourselves gathered with Jesus in that upper room for that last meal – to know that when Jesus offers bread and wine they are offered as much to us as to those gathered (as if we are with them or they are with us) on Maundy Thursday (and on each Sunday); to hear our voices joined with the crowd on Good Friday calling out "Crucify him," for surely in our sinfulness we would have been.

Then, and only then, when we have plunged with all of humanity to the deepest of our sin, to the deepest of our need, will we be ready to sing: *Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

CONFIRMATION

On Palm Sunday seven young people will come forward for the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. This service will be the culmination of three years of classroom study and intentional participation in the life of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. These youth have been working on confirmation learning throughout a time of much change in our congregation, and have remained committed to growing in understanding scripture, Lutheran doctrine, and most importantly how their faith impacts their life every day. Now they are prepared to affirm that they share the Christian faith they were baptized into and wish to take adult responsibility for living out that faith. They will promise to live among God's people, hear God's word and share in God's holy supper, proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed, follow Jesus' example of service to others, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

On April 13, the confirmation students and their loved ones will gather for a banquet to honor the work of those who will affirm their baptism. The group will see presentations about what their faith means to them from students being confirmed. As a congregation we celebrate and give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in the faith of Noah Adams, Grayce Boozer, Isabella Fettig, Eden Rowell, Lennae Sox, Madison Tankersley and Jack Wuori. Come share with God's family on April 14 and pray together for these sisters and brothers in Christ.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

"Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"

We find ourselves in the midst of the reflective time of Lent. Our Wednesday services have begun – held in the sanctuary at 12:00 noon and in the FAB at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to Janet Lockhart, Deb Whitlow, Bev Weymouth, Susan Uehling and their helpers for preparing the suppers held at 5:30 p.m. prior to our evening Lenten worship.

Our theme for this year is "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." How appropriate for us to turn our thoughts to our theme as there seems to be so many "fears" in our lives -- at work, at school, at home, at play, on the road, in the air, for family, for our health, for our safety, for our financial security, for the homeless, for the stranger, for the hungry – the list is endless – and even at and for our church.

What do we do with ALL of these fears? Can we turn our fears into actions? Actions which are inspired, strengthened, and supported by perfect love that only comes from our Gracious God. Actions of praying and worshipping together. Actions of listening and supporting each other in our happy and sad times. Actions of building a handicap ramp. Actions of collecting our special Lenten offerings to be distributed to Family Shelter, Providence Home for Men and the Women's Shelter. Actions of collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for our Food Pantry at each Wednesday Lenten Supper. Actions of visiting with shut-in members. Actions of praying for our Call Committee, our future pastor and trusting the "call process." Actions of teaching a Sunday School Class. Actions that go on and on – beyond just the Lenten season.

Our fears do seem to diminish when they are shared – shared with God and each other – and turned into actions. May we during this Lenten Season and on into the future come together to cast our fears into actions through the power of perfect love in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I look forward to sharing in prayer and worship with you at our Lenten and Holy Week services and to celebrating with you the joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Peace be with you, Nancy Hyatt



The Call Committee continues to complete church visits and interviews. We have scheduled **second** interviews with two of our candidates.

Please continue to pray for both the Call Committee and these candidates during this time of discernment.

Peace,

Amanda Snodgrass, Chair

New Address

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Dear Friends (YOGS),

Your recent visit filled my heart with joy. I really felt your friendship and love.

May God continue to bless each one of you for bringing such happiness to others.

Thank you for the pretty orchid. I enjoy looking at it everyday.

Love, Gigi Middlebrooks



YOGS News

April 5 – 7 All youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge.

Friday, April 19 5:00 p.m. – All YOGS are encouraged to meet in the youth room to walk to Zesto's for dinner and ice cream before the Good Friday service. After dinner the youth will attend the Good Friday Service. Please have your youth bring \$10 for dinner.



Sunday, May 5 Carowinds Trip – All YOGS are encouraged to attend the early service and then the youth and chaperons will leave immediately following the early service for Carowinds. More details to follow. Contact Deborah Whitlow or Mitch Uehling if your youth plans to attend.

Sunday, June 2 – Graduation Recognition Service and Reception for ALL Graduates. Please contact Mitch Uehling if you, your child or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, Seminary, etc.

FUNERAL FOOD GROUPS

Our Funeral Food Groups have been serving families in bereavement for many years. Upon the death of a family loved one, we offer a meal or finger food prior to or after the funeral or memorial service. We currently have seven groups comprised of members who have signed up in the past or on our 2019 Time and Talent Sheets. If you are not serving on a food group and would be willing to assist in this important ministry, please contact Gaye Collins Tucker.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Calling all infants to 5th graders for our Young Family Ministries and God's Young Followers Easter Eggstravaganza!

NOTE: Date has been changed to accommodate more families, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

There will be a photo booth, crafts, decorating cookies, an Easter Egg story read by Anna-Marie Plyler followed by our annual Egg Hunt.

Please pick up Easter eggs, fill them with candy and return them to the church by April 14, Palm Sunday. YOGS and adult volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, hide eggs and help with a small craft table.





FUN FRIDAYS—APRIL12

Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, April 12 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. All members of Good Shepherd are wel-

comed 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, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or <u>sloopystur@aol.com</u> or just come to the FAB on April 12 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE FOR **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 17-20. 2019 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Dinner will be provided in the

FAB at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "Who is your Neighbor?" Participants will learn about some of the people around the world who are our neighbors in the kingdom of God and the work of ELCA World Hunger.

> **Please contact Katie Bostic** (katiebrettbostic@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Did you know...



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Barbara Rowell has been granted board certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains.

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes meet downstairs. Come at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship, coffee, and I brief announcements before class begins. Join any class you like — our classes are always open for new folks!

COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM I

Penry Gustafson will lead the class that focuses on evangelism called DARE.CARE.SHARE. Meaning dare to care and share.

AROUND THE CORNER CLASS—CLASSROOM 2

This month we will be using the Nooma video series. These are short films where Pastor Rob Bell does a brief "talk" that is perfect for starting a discussion.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5 Lula Camp and Don Caughman will alternate leading an adult Bible study.

There will be no children's or adult Sunday School on Easter morning. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy extra time for fellowship in the FAB. There will be some simple crafts for the children to enjoy, and a photo backdrop available for pictures.

CHANGE CLASSROOM ON APRIL 7

Due to the congregational retreat, on Sunday, April 7, Youth and Children will consolidate to one class in the K-2 Classroom. This room is located on the corner, next to the conference room, in the education building.



NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church Council has approved a new Sunday morning schedule beginning on April 28, 2019, the Sunday after Easter, and it is to continue through the summer. This schedule allows us to continue an emphasis on time for the children's music program and fellowship.

8:30 – 9:30 AM	Contemporary Service			
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Children's Music			
(allowing 5 minutes for travel time to				
Sunday School)				
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Fellowship			
9:45 – 10:35 AM Adult and Older Youth				
	Sunday School			

10:00 - 10:35 AM 10:45 AM

Children's Sunday School **Traditional Service**



Order Easter Lilies by April 14

Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the sanctuary. Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes can be found in the

back of the pews. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$15 each. Make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church," designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order. All orders must be in by April 14 and accompanied by payment. Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 10:45 a.m. Easter service on April 21.

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements (CI-1) 9:25 AM Children's Music (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)

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Sun

6:30 pm Council Meeting (CI-2)

Mon







NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30—9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30—10:00 AM Children's Music (Children's Music Room) 9:30—9:45 AM Fellowship

9:45-10:35 AM ADULT AND OLDER YOUTH Sunday School

10:00—10:35 AM Children's Sunday School

10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6
 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal 	10:30 am Mary Group (FAB) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge	Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge
10 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00 pm Fun Fridays Setup (FAB) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	12 6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	13 6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet (FAB)
17	18	19	20
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:30 pm Service of Corporate Confession (Sanctuary)	2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)	DAY SCHOOL CLOSED 5:00 pm YOGS Good Friday Walk to Zesto's (Youth Room) 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service / Good Friday (Sanctuary)	10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Flowering of the Cross
24 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	25 2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors 5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (Cl-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	26 SCLCY Middle School "Winter" Retreat at Camp Kinard 12:00 pm Live Wire (FAB)	27 SCLCY Middle School "Winter" Retreat at Camp Kinard

Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at http://www.gslc.com/.

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NOTE:

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:30 pm Friday 9:00 am—2:00 pm In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL

Dате	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19 10:45 AM Easter	4/28/19	5/5/19
GREETERS	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox
Ushers	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Wayne Hammond	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Daniel Wingard	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Wayne Hammond	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Wayne Hammond	Usher Team # 6 Inabinet
ACOLYTE	Noah Adams	Matthew Herrmann	Madison Tankersley	Noah Adams	Madison Tankersley
CRUCIFER	Eric Whitlow	William Foster	Jake Lalumondier	William Foster	Forrest Havird
Torch/Banner Bearers			Grayce Boozer & Eden Rowell (T) Eric Whitlow (B)		
Worship Assistants	Kerry Stubbs (L) Don Caughman (C)	Stacey Gross (L) Barbara Rowell (C)	Alice Buckner (L) Steve Steck & Diane Smith (C)	Cathy Quinton (L & C)	Barbara Rowell (L & C)
NURSERY	TBD, Mitch Uehling	Kimi Dail, Anna Ross	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, Laura Smith	Kimi Dail, Stacey Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Neal Inman	Neal Inman	Neal Inman	Neal Inman	Mary Stallings
TABULATORS	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler	Becky Shealy Wilbur Smith	Karen Lucas Mitch Uehling	Leigh Ford Mary Margaret Hoy	Terri Tokaz Mary Stallings

COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH:

Rod Kent & Marcia Woodward

OPENING BUILDINGS:

Mike Brown

FOOD PANTRY: Millie and Lennae Sox

EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL

Dате	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19 7:00 AM Easter	4/28/19	5/5/19
GRUSHERS	Marilyn Hogan Mo Denny	Russell Slice Marilyn Hogan	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Daniel Wingard	Russell Slice David Lucas	Connie & Jim Donovan
Acolyte/ Crucifer			Lennae Sox (A) Millie Sox (C)		
Torch/Banner Bearers			Eden Rowell & Isabella Fettig (T) Brock Tollison (B)		
WORSHIP Assistants	Bev Weymouth (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Alice Buckner (L) Charlene Fink (C)	Kerry Stubbs (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Barbara Nagy (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)
NURSERY	Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, TBD	No Nursery	Kimi Dail, Katie Bostic	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum
ALTAR CARE	Betti Stroud	Mike Weaver		Susan Weaver	Connie Donovan



Join us for the Spring WELCA Luncheon and Unit Meeting May 18, 2019 at noon in the FAB. A potluck salad assortment will be served. We will be collecting items for Freedom Bags that will be donated to Lighthouse for Life. All women of the church are welcome to attend and

encouraged to bring a friend or family member. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Wednesday, April 17 7:30 P.M. Greeter: Mary Anne Rush Usher: Rebecca Richardson

Maundy Thursday, April 18 7:30 P.M. Greeter: Jean Cockrell Ushers: Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn Lector: Millie Sox Communion Assistant: Don Caughman Acolyte: Grayce Boozer Crucifer: Forrest Havird Tabulators: Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck Good Friday, April 19 7:30 P.M. Greeters: Jerry and Donna Vaughn Usher: Jerry Vaughn Lector: Don Caughman. Tabulators: Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck

LIVE WIRE NEWS

LIVE WIRE SOCIETY, for those 55 years and older, will hold their April covered dish lunch at 12 noon on Friday, **April 26** due to the regular date falling on Good Friday. So, be sure to mark your calendar for this change. Bring your favorite dishes to share and be prepared to laugh as Betty Cox shares humorous stories. Also, be sure to check your May newsletter for information about an overnight trip planned for mid-September to visit

"Mayberry" in Mt. Airy, NC. For more information about this trip, you can contact Debi Powell at 803-787-9717.





2019 LMM Fish Fry

Mark you calendars for the annual Good Shepherd Fish Fry hosted by the Lutheran Men in Mission. We have reserved the FAB for Monday, May 6, 2019.

This event is open to all members of the congregation, friends and neighbors.

Tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices and more details will be provided in early April. Plan to be there, as this has always been a great way for the congregation to get together and enjoy an old fashioned fish fry.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)



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

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2019

APRIL 7 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus. **PSALM – Psalm 126**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

GOSPEL – John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

<u> APRIL 14 – PALM SUNDAY</u>

The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus' passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

PSALM – Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5) **SECOND READING – Philippians 2:5-11**

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

GOSPEL - Luke 22:14-23:56

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

APRIL 21 – EASTER SUNDAY

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

APRIL 28 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

FIRST READING – Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

PSALM – Psalm 118:14-29

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28) SECOND READING – Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen Rev. Russ Anderson Loujean Baker Gwen Barnes Trisha Benson Grace Boozer Rosemarie Brown Rose Butterfield Joanna Carpenter Ginna Caughman Cheryl Christian

Betty Cox Mary Dent Helen Derrick Sylvia Anne Derrick Marianne De Werdt Curtis Easter Wilhelmina Edwards Larry Evans Doug Fleming Dot Gibert The Gilbert Family

Martha Haigler Louise Hayes Kitty Howard Judy Hoy Jeannine Jameson Sara Loyd Claire Mayer Carol Mayfield Doris McCaughey Gigi Middlebrooks Vic & Cathy Milejczak Jean Sundlie

Margaret Moody Irene Poole Alice Riley Mary Robertson Allen Shealy Rebecca Silvia Virginia Stephens **Tommie Spence** Dot Sterling Penny Sox



Barbara Sutton Nancy Taylor Ashleigh Taylor Gaye Tucker Darlene Whipple Melvin Wicker

Relatives and Friends

Agnes Smith—mother of Neal Inman Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison Gary Thomas—employee of Wes Snodgrass Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker Schuyler Carter-grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Hammond DEPLOYED Andrew Fettig Paul Ford—father-in-law of Leigh Ford Mike Hammond—grandfather of William Pope WITH SYMPATHY Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes The family of Sarah Bess Herlong, mother of Mary Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family Stallings. Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker The family of Luvelle Terrio. Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass The family of Frances Steck, mother of Steve Steck. Harold Roach—father of Ashleigh Taylor

Adam Silvernail—friend of Rosemary Nance



GSLC Family, words can not express our gratitude for numerous small and large caring actions to Barbara during her long mental illness. Your prayers and kind words made what appeared impossible understanding. Rod Kent and Family

Dear Friends.



We can't begin to thank you enough for the kindness you showed to us at the time of Nana's death. Luvelle would be pleased with Rev. Stoudemayer's sermon. Thanks also to Susan Sturkie for music. We all prayed that the service would glorify the Lord and we truely believe it did. Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement too!

Love, the Terrio Family

Office Information

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Interim Pastor Reverend John M. Stoudemayer **Parish Administrator** Deborah Mitchell **Director of Christian Education** Kimi Dail **Financial Secretary Deb Embrey Interim Music Staff** Jim Johnson **Interim Contemporary Music** Director **Michael Simmons Organist/Worship Associate** Susan Sturkie Sexton Joey Allison

Council President Nancy Hyatt Council Vice-President Lauren Chandler Secretary Anna-Marie Plyler Treasurer Rebecca Richardson

Council Members/Committee Katie Bostic/Learning Robert Ellington/Learning Donna Foster/Worship Life Penry Gustafson/Evangelism Rod Kent/Property Karen Lucas/Parish Life Jennifer Ross/Parish Life Jamie Sanders/Finance Steve Steck/Social Ministry Mitch Uehling/Youth & Children Wade Wingard/Communication Marcia Woodward/Gifts Council Youth Representative Brock Tollison Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 3909 Forest Drive Columbia, SC 29204

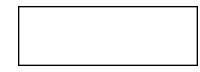
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March 28, 2019

DATED INFORMATION ENCLOSED





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



- May 5 May 6 May 18 May 19 May 27 May 30-31
- YOGS to Carowinds LMM Fish Fry WELCA Event Food Pantry Sunday Church Office Closed SC Synod Assembly
- June 1SC Synod AssemblyJune 2Graduation Recognition Service and
Reception for ALL GraduatesJune 14Fun FridaysJune 17Newsletter DeadlineJune 17-20Vacation Bible SchoolJune 29-30Transitions Service Project



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