

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter May 2019

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GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Good Shepherd Foundation was created to assist the Church in carrying out its religious, charitable, educational and other tax exempt missions. The Foundation accomplishes its purpose by collecting contributions, donations and bequests, investing Foundation assets and then making distributions in the form of grants to appropriate persons and organizations as defined by Foundation policies. In accordance with the operating policies of the Foundation, grants may be awarded in the following four areas:

- Grants for outreach to the community, including institutions and agencies that have common goals as Good Shepherd Church.
 Programs should target those in our community that have spiritual and/or economic need.
- Grants to agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA for missions at home and abroad.
- Grants to members of Good Shepherd Church for Christian education and training.
- Grants for non budgeted projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. Deadline for applications are June 1 and November 1. Awards are made shortly after deadline dates.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE.

2019 LMM FISH FRY

The annual Good Shepherd Fish Fry hosted by the Lutheran Men in Mission will be in the FAB on Monday, May 6, 2019, beginning at 5:30 pm. This event is open to all members of the congregation, friends and neighbors.



Tickets will be sold for the event. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$10 for to go plates and no charge for children under 6 years of age. They can be purchased in the Narthex after services on April 28 and May 5, from the office during business hours, or from Ed Beaman, Lauren Chandler, Marion Eargle or Peter Zornow.

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. Chicken fingers will be available for kids or older landlubbers. Musical entertainment will be provided by **Good and Proper**, featuring Bubba and Teresa Willis and Robin Huber.

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SUNDAY COMING

On Friday, April 19, at the conclusion of the Tenebrae Service, darkness enveloped the sanctuary of Good Shepherd. There was just one light, the Paschal Candle, shining in the darkness. This candle was literally the light "that shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it." (the Gospel of John 1:5)

On Friday, Good Friday, Jesus dies. The darkness, on Friday, seems to have won – but that was on Friday, and Sunday was coming.

Sunday was coming. Light was coming. Life was coming. The women on Sunday morning were coming to the tomb, bringing the burial spices which they had prepared the previous Friday to anoint Jesus' body, so that he could receive a fully proper burial. They knew a stone had been rolled across the tomb's opening and surely wondered who they could find to roll the stone away. Their minds were fixed on Friday's events. They had no real understanding that ever since Friday, Sunday was coming.

Near dawn on Sunday morning they arrived at the tomb. There must have been some wonder in their minds when they saw that the tomb was opened, that the stone had been rolled away. Still, though, they did not apprehend the importance of the coming of Sunday.

These women did not understand the full implication of that open tomb. They expected to find a body. They did not, however, find one. Perplexed, they looked at each other trying to make sense of their discovery. They couldn't, until two men in dazzling clothes asked this fateful question, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

They raced back to their community with the news, though most of them reacted to the news as if it were an idle tale. Peter alone went for a look. Sunday had come, but the disciples were unprepared. They didn't know what to think or how to act. Only later, when two disciples arrive from Emmaus giving their account of meeting Jesus on the road, when they hear of an unrecorded meeting of Jesus by Peter, and, then, when Jesus appears in their midst do they begin to understand the full implications of Friday, with Sunday coming.

Today, we still are forced to come to grips with the knowledge of Friday's seeming triumph, with Sunday coming. For it is with Sunday that we can understand that the one shining candle on Friday evening is the light that is not overcome by darkness, but is, instead, the light that overcomes, once and for all, the darkness. Sunday has come. Jesus is resurrected. Life has come to us all. Amen.



The Call Committee has completed 2nd interviews with 2 of 3 strong candidates.

We want to ensure our next senior pastor is able to meet the needs of GSLC, and this includes preaching/teaching from the Gospel, ability to interact with all ages for development of spiritual education, and fostering growth in the ministries of our church.

One of the other key factors we are working to ensure is that our next pastor lives in the Forest Acres proximity to allow for engagement in our local community and interaction with other religious/civic groups, Fort Jackson and local schools.

We feel your prayers!

Peace, Amanda Snodgrass, Chair PAGE 3 XLIII, ISSUE V

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

WOW!! What a busy time of year. Somehow the season of Lent, which should slow us down to take time to stop, reflect, and meditate, is a time that is busier than ever. I guess it is the extra Lenten services, Holy Week and Easter services. This year we at Good Shepherd celebrated Confirmation with seven young people on Palm Sunday. And, we even threw in a Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge in the midst of all of that. Fifty-four persons (from less than a year old to those in their seventies) had a great time sharing, praying, singing, playing and eating! We've already scheduled a date for next year's retreat, so mark your calendar – April 24-26, 2020 – Good Shepherd Retreat at Lutheridge for EVERYONE!

So, I'd say Good Shepherd has been busy. Look in this issue of our newsletter for pictures of some of these activities. And, you can also go to the GSLC website and/or Facebook page and see more pictures.

The month of May may not seem quite as busy but there still will be a lot going on. Be sure to attend the Lutheran Men Fish Fry on May 6. There is always lots of good food and fellowship. We will also be remembering and recognizing our Mothers and all the graduations, recitals and end of the school-year activities throughout the month.

The last weekend of this month our synod will hold its 32nd Assembly as the SC Synod-ELCA and the 194th meeting of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina. This year it is being held at the Spartanburg (SC) Marriott and the theme is "Joining God in the Neighborhood." Attending as our representatives will be Pastor John Stoudemayer, Don & Nancy Hyatt, David & Karen Lucas and Emily Whitlow. Remember in your prayers the work of our Synod and this Assembly meeting.

In closing, again I say – I look forward to seeing you in worship and continuing to share ministry with you here in God's place called Good Shepherd.

Peace be with you,

Nancy Hyatt

SOCIAL MINISTRY FOCUS

Project H.O.P.E. program services more than 600 elderly residents in Richland County. All of the Senior Coordinators are retired law enforcement.

Under Project H.O.P.E., these dedicated workers call and visit senior citizens and disabled citizens each month. Other Volunteers make weekly calls to everyone.

This is another way of staying in touch, and to find out if there is anything that can be done for them. These retired law enforcement officers also visit many senior centers and numerous church and community groups.



During their visits to the home, the officers perform a variety of functions. They conduct safety checks of the home, such as putting in smoke detectors or replacing smoke detector batteries. They also put street numbers on their homes so emergency personnel and other programs, like Meals on Wheels, can easily find them. Project Hope also helps our senior citizens identify services to assist them, whether by finding rides, supplying them with fans, or getting them specialized counseling. This program works very closely with the Council on Aging, area nursing homes, churches, community groups, and the South Carolina Department of Social Services.

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Dear Ones.

Thank you for your visit and for the beautiful orchid. I have it on my table in the foyer so all can enjoy it.

Love to All, Joanna Carpenter



EGG HUNT WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who participated, helped out with the Egg Hunt Event, prepared for Easter Sunday breakfast, decorated cross, Good Friday YOGS dinner and the Easter weekend's events.

(See more pictures on pages 6-7.)

YOGS SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 5—ALL YOGS Carowinds Event - Attend Early Service and leave immediately following 8:30 a.m. service.

Monday, May 13 @ 6:30 p.m.—Youth and Children Committee Meeting in youth room.

May 17-19—LCY Convention - Newberry College—Please email mitchuehling@gmail.com if your youth is interested in attending.

Sunday, June 2 @ 10:45 a.m. Graduate
Recognition Graduates will be encouraged to
wear their gown for a brief recognition during the
service and a light reception provided by Parish Life,
immediately following the service.

July 14-19—GraceWorks - Ebenezer Lutheran Church - More Details to Follow - Contact Jennifer Ross ketojenn71@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 25 @ 12:00 Noon—YFMs Summer Splash Event.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

William Foster

William will be graduating from A. C. Flora High School where he was on the JV and Varsity Football teams. While out with a back injury he filmed the football games for the team's use. William is a member of the National Honor Society, in the AP Program and a Richland School District One Academic All Star. William has earned his own money for many years doing lawn maintenance and also works for Hilton Power Equipment. He is looking forward to going to Wofford College in the fall as a pre-engineering major.

Elizabeth Whitlow

Elizabeth is graduating from Spring Valley High School where she has been an active member of the Spring Valley Players, Viking Singers, Teacher Cadets, and the National Thespian Honor Society. She will be attending Columbia College this fall studying Speech Language Pathology. Go Koalas!

Eric Whitlow

Eric is graduating from Spring Valley High School where he has been active in the Spring Valley Viking Marching Band (Brass Captain), Symphonic Band, AutoTech classes as well as being a member of SkillsUSA. He will be attending Midlands Technical College and will be studying Automotive Technology and Machine Tool Technology.



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MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday school classes meet downstairs.
Come at 9:30 am for fellowship, coffee, and brief I announcements in Classroom 1 before all I classes begin. Join any class you like — our I 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.

Many Thanks to the GSLC Foundation

The Learning Committee would like to thank the foundation for awarding us a grant which was used to facilitate a dinner for the confirmands and their families, as well as a gift for each confirmand. The gift was a mahogany cross that was engraved with their name and confirmation date.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 17-20, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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. The program is for children age 3-5th grade (completed). Look for registration forms in the Sunday Bulletin. Place your registration in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. In order to be able to prepare accordingly, the registration deadline will be June 9.

There is a volunteer sign up sheet for adults & youth located in the narthex.

Please contact Katie Bostic (katiebrettbostic@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Beginning in June we will be having one adult Sunday school class, meeting in Classroom 1, and a class for the youth and children, meeting in the FAB. The adults will be learning all about the Bible in historical and present context. The children will be in the FAB singing songs, doing crafts, games, and learning a short biblical lesson. This is a great opportunity for our older youth to mentor the young children by helping lead crafts, games and teaching. We are looking for volunteers to teach and lead both of these classes. We request all volunteers to commit to at least 2 Sundays over the summer. You are welcome to sign up for more if you wish. Please contact Kimi if you are interested (khd1987@gmail.com).



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2019 Confirmands





Flowering the Cross









Congregational Retreat Fun













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Easter Egg Hunt













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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)

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

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the bottom of the page.



5 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE

Sun

Third Sunday of Easter

YOGS Trip to Carowinds following 8:30 am service 1:00 VBS Planning Meeting (CI-2)

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5:30 om LMM Fish Fry (FAB)
(Tickets required.)
6:00 pm Learning Committee Meeting
(Cl-2)
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)

Mon

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NO BIBLE STUDY 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (CI-2) 7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)

Tue

12 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Happy Acther's Day

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6:00 pm Keta Sigma Phi Council Meeting (FAB) 6:00 pm Worship Life Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)

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11:30 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Staff Lunch Meeting (FAB)
2:00 pm Executive Comm Mtg (CI-2)
5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference
Room)
6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)
6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer
Group (Parlor)

19 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

12:00 pm WELCA Spring Luncheon (FAB)

1:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:30 pm Council Meeting (CI-2)

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)

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11:30 am Bible Study (Cl-2)

5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)

26 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

27

DAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)

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11:30 am Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)

May

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NOTE:

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.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4
	10:00 am Mary Group (Cl-2)		
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2)		
7.00 pm Traditional Choil NetlealSal	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)		
8	9	10	11
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Church Safety Training (CI-1)		
15	16	17	18
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors 5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group	SCLCY Convention @ Newberry College 12:00 pm Live Wire Cookout (FAB)	SCLCY Convention @ Newberry College 8:00 am—12:00 Noon Small Projects Day
22	23	24	25
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)		
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	SC Synod Assembly	SC Synod Assembly	
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)		

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LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY

DATE	5/5/19	5/5/19 5/12/19		5/26/19	6/2/19	
GREETERS	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam, Marcia Woodward	Mitch & Delaney Uehling	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Jean Cockrell, Deb Embrey	
USHERS	HERS Jim Lalumondier, Lauren Chandler, Jim L		Perry Shuping, Jim Lalumondier, Greg Sox, Jerry Rogers	Richard Inman, Jeff Inabinet, Lauren Chandler, Perry Shuping	Team #2 Herrmann	
ACOLYTE	Madison Tankersley	Matthew Herrmann	Lennae Sox	Eden Rowell	Grayce Boozer	
CRUCIFER	Forrest Havird Millie Sox		Brock Tollison	Jake Lalumondier	Eric Whitlow	
Worship Assistants	Barbara Rowell (L & C)	Diane Smith (L & C)	Eden Rowell (L) Joey Allison (C)	Becky Shealy (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Don Caughman (L) Emily Whitlow (C)	
Nursery	Kimi Dail, Stacy Gross	Kimi Dail, Leigh Ford	Kimi Dail, Grayce Boozer	Kimi Dail, Mitch Uehling	Kimi Dail, TBD	
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Janet Lockhart	
TABULATORSTerri Tokaz Mary StallingsMary Margaret Hoy David Lucas		Mary Margaret Hoy, David Lucas	TBD, Steve Steck	Mitch Uehling, Jerry Vaughn	Lavina Chandler, Karen Lucas	

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Katie Bostic OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

FOOD PANTRY: Eric Whitlow, William Foster

EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MAY

DATE	Connie & Iim Steve Fink		5/19/19	5/26/19	6/2/19	
GRUSHERS			Karen & David Lucas	Jay Jenny, Frances Plyler	Mike Brown, Rebecca Richardson	
Worship Assistants	Mike Weaver (L & C)			Penry Gustafson (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Ethan Richardson (L) Mike Weaver (C)	
Nursery	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail, Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, TBD	
ALTAR CARE	Connie Donovan	Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler	Betti Stroud	

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The Woman of WELCA invite you to join us for the WELCA Spring Luncheon Sunday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the FAB.

All Women of the Church are invited!

Join us for an assorted salad lunch and dessert.

We will be assembling Freedom Bags and also have Guest Speaker Kelli Townsend from the Freedom bag ministry at Lighthouse for Life.



If you have any questions, please contact Terri Tokaz (ttokaz@sc.rr.com) or Katie Bostic (katiebrettbostic@gmail.com).

Deadline to RSVP is May 12.



NEW ADDRESS

Patty Branham 537 Botany Loop Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 843-651-0752 home 803-587-9613 cell 52sunflowergold@gmail.com







Fireflies Baseball Game

Come watch the Columbia Fireflies play the Lexington Legends at Segra Park, Saturday, June 15, at 6:05 p.m. (60's night and fireworks). Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members

and friends are invited to watch the game in Section 107, behind home plate. Reserve your tickets after each service in the narthex.

Payment deadline is Sunday, May 26. For more information, contact Peter Zornow at zornowpd@juno.com or telephone (H) 803-542 -7071 or (C) 803-730-7570.

MAY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Logan Struthers	9	Jack Wuori	19	Peter Zornow		Johanna Moore	28	Jim Donovan
4	Martha Haigler	11	Daniel Wingard	20	Matthew Beaman	25	Grady Smith		Steve McFarland
	Hayden Henderson	14	Steve Hanayik		Penry Gustafson		Fiona Taylor	30	Lisa Sanchez
5	Heather Gilbert	17	Jon Richardson	23	Keith Lindler		Deborah Whitlow		~ >> 1
	Gabby Shelton	18	Mike Gilbert	24	Nancy Hyatt	26	Brad Aller	1	hay
	Wes Snodgrass		Mary Robertson		Rod Kent	26	Don Hyatt	1	happ
	Christi Wuori	19	Scooter Edwards		Mark Lovern	27	Mary Clare McAbee		

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EVANGELISM NEWS

The evangelism committee has been busy reviewing attendance records and following up with those not signing the green Friendship Register found at the end of each pew. This is our only way to know if you are with us or not during worship, so please do not forget to sign it!

Evangelism volunteers are working to identify our guests and will follow up with a personal visit. New hospitality packets have been developed. Research shows that the #1 reason people go back to a church or have a favorable first impression is HOW WELCOME they feel. Greeters are an integral part of that welcome, and each member is encouraged to intentionally reach out to those not recognized. You can also help by *donating plain note cards*, since we are writing our members and guests weekly.

The DARE.CARE.SHARE. adult Sunday school class will continue through the end of May. Upcoming themes include, "No hesitation needed," "Who needs me today?" and "Leading joyfully." Each class ends with a personal faith story, and all are invited!

Who needs a ride? Some have expressed interest in using OUR CHURCH BUS to bring people to worship, and drivers are needed (CDL not required)! For more information please contact Penry Gustafson at 803-669-6364.

You can joyfully share our mission and church activities by "liking/sharing" the GSLC Facebook page, website, and posts. Social media is fast becoming the primary source of information for many. God has put His fearless, caring Spirit into our hearts, so let's live the Gospel with spiritual courage. We are being led into a new season and as always, Gods makes a way for us through any wilderness we face.



MINUTES ARE NOW ON GSLC WEBSITE

The approved council minutes and committee minutes are now posted on the Good Shepherd Website. Each month, the approved council minutes and all submitted committee minutes will be posted within a week after the last council meeting. You can view the minutes on the Website by clicking on "Resources," then clicking "Documents." Council Minutes will be listed there.

PROPERTY UP-DATE

Our Property Committee is always busy with maintaining the upkeep of our property. You may have noticed some changes recently.

- A railing has been added by the sidewalk from the lower parking lot to the entrance cover at the Office/Chapel entrance door. This item will certainly be of benefit for the safety of everyone on this sloping walkway. It was funded by a generous gift from an anonymous donor.
- A canopy has been installed to help protect and provide designated parking for our church bus.
 This project was also funded by a generous gift from an anonymous donor.
- A new six-foot fence is being installed around the playground area by the FAB. This will certainly provide a more secure and safer play area for the Day School and anyone enjoying the playground.
- Study and consultation is still taking place in regard to repairing the old sanctuary entrance area. Hopefully we will be able to proceed with this project before too long.

Give a word of appreciation to the Property
Committee members when you see them. Their job
is never finished. Maintaining the buildings and
grounds is a never-ending commitment. They are:
Rod Kent, chair; Jean Cockrell, Carol Mayfield, Wes
Snodgrass, Wilbur Smith, Wayne Hammond, and
Joey Allison.

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LIVE WIRE NEWS

Live Wire will meet on May 17 in the FAB at 12 noon. We will be having our annual cook out of Hamburgers and Hot dogs. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING A COVERED DISH. DESSERTS WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. If you are 55 and older you are a member of the Live Wire.



Live Wire is planning an overnight visit to Mt. Airy, North Carolina, September 16-17. Total cost, based on double occupancy, is \$100 (price includes transportation, room, breakfast, and museum admission.) If you missed the April luncheon, you can get additional information and reservation form in the church office. Reservation and a \$50 deposit is due by May 31. If you have questions, please contact Debi Powell 787-9717.









Small Projects Day May 18 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

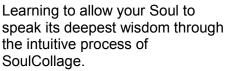
All are welcome to help beautify our church! We will be cleaning the bus, painting doors on the FAB, repairing eaves troughs, replace a shelf in Daycare, trimming bushes, and more.

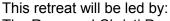
For more information on tools to bring, call Rod Kent, Property Chair, 803-261-2905.

CHURCH SAFETY TRAINING

Sid Havird, chair of our Safety & Security Task
Force, has arranged with the Richland County
Sheriff's Department to lead a safety training
program for our church leaders, staff, ushers, Day
School staff, and ANYONE who desires to attend.
This session will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 6:30**p.m. in Classroom 1. The Task Force is
continuing to work on an Emergency Plan which
could be implemented in the case of any need.

Listening to the Holy Whisper
A Spiritual Retreat
SoulCollage





The Reverend Christi Pursey and Josanne Wilson.



Retreat Information:

Camp Kinard, Caughman Center 6053 Two Notch Road Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070 May 25, 2019 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Lunch and all materials provided Fee: \$75

Scholarships available Register with Elliott Cox (803) 532-3183/

> elliott@sclrc.com Or

Pastor Christi Pursey (803) 297-5879 / pastorcpursey@gmail.com

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LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2019

MAY 5 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

FIRST READING - Acts 9:1-6

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11) **SECOND READING – Revelation 5:11-14**

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

GOSPEL – John 21:1-19

PSALM - Psalm 30

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

MAY 12 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

FIRST READING - Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

PSALM - Psalm 23

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

SECOND READING - Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

GOSPEL - John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

MAY 19 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

FIRST READING - Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

PSALM - Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

SECOND READING - Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

GOSPEL – John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

MAY 26 – SIX SUNDAY OF EASTER

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

FIRST READING - Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

PSALM - Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4) **SECOND READING – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5** John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

GOSPEL - John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

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Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

Dear Good Shepherd Family.

Thank you for all of your kindness during this difficult time of the loss of my mother Frances. Your support has meant more than words could express.

Most Sincerely, Steve Steck and Family



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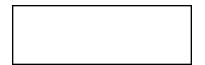
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May 27 Memorial Day / Church Office

Closed

May 30-31 **SC Synod Assembly**



Graduation Recognition Service June 2 and Reception for ALL Graduates

June 14 **Fun Fridays** June 15 **Fireflies Game** June 17-20 Vacation Bible School

June 29-30 Transitions Service Project



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