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"BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" SET FOR AUGUST 11

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

On **Sunday, August 11**, students of all ages — as well as teachers and other school workers — will be invited to come to the altar to receive a "**Blessing of the Backpacks.**"

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

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

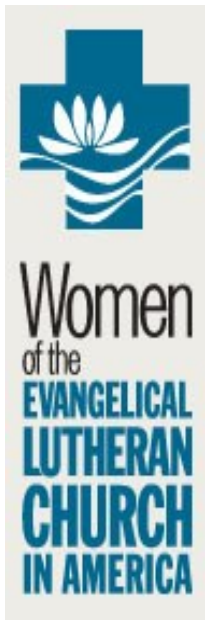
9:30 A.M. AT LIZARD'S THICKET ON BELTLINE BOULEVARD

Please join us for the annual Ladies Prayer Breakfast hosted by the GSLC WELCA at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 17, at Lizard's Thicket at 402 Beltline Boulevard.

Ron Ahle from the Department of Natural Resources will speak about "Enjoying God's Feathered Creatures." All ladies of the church are welcome whether you are in a circle or not.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person (includes breakfast buffet, drink, tax and gratuity). Please prepay with cash or check made out to GSLC WELCA and place in a pink envelope and drop in the donation plate. Deadline to signup is August 11.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event as we gather for food, fellowship and prayer. If you have any questions, please call Terri Tokaz at 783-6365 or Katie Bostic at 394-4908.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way To...” If you’re really, really not young, you’ll remember this line as an entry to jokes once told in Vaudeville. In that instance, the words “The Theater” followed the “to.” In 1962, under the leadership of Stephen Sondheim the “to” was followed by “The Forum,” a very successful Broadway play. So in deference to these two antecedents, I want to say: “A funny thing happened on the way home.”

The day was one afternoon last week. I was on my way home, and stopped at Wal-Mart – not necessarily a funny thing in and of itself. However, as I walked into the store, where only the week previous there had been a glorious, fifteen-foot long display of sunscreen lotions, there was now a display of pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, and other such paraphernalia.

So, this is the funny thing I found last week: summer was over and back-to-school had begun. No longer having a school age child in my life, I’m pretty much unaware of the rhythms of the school year – also, in my life memory, the first day of full day school was always the Tuesday after Labor Day. Imagine my shock, then, that in the second week of July, I was confronted with a Back-to-School display.

How many school-aged children, I wondered, would be harmed irretrievably by an encounter with Back-to-School so early in the summer? Then, again, I had to remember that the school year of my childhood is not the school year of today. When I was young, schools, by and large, were not air conditioned, and there would be no way for us to have gone to school in the heat of August. Nor were there, as is often true today, 2-3 days of being out of school each month. Nor was there Spring Break – though we did get Good Friday.

Truthfully, though we may wish it otherwise, the one, true constant in our lives is change. That, however, doesn’t mean we have to like it. In fact, much of the discontent we have in life stems from our reluctance to change with the times. We want things to be as they have always been – except when we learn the truth we often find things haven’t always been the way we thought they were. Over time things change. Our happiness in life often comes from our ability to adapt to the changes which confront us.

Well, then, is there no constant on which we may rely? There is: God’s love. The church, human institution that it is, may change; our apprehension of God’s love may change; but that God’s love is ever there for us does not.

So, a funny thing may (does) happen in life: no matter the changes in our lives God’s love is still there for us – yesterday, today, tomorrow. When you think about it, there’s nothing really funny about that – it’s just always a good thing.

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are having a blast this summer here at the day school. This month, we had our annual St. Jude Trike-a-thon to raise money for cancer research. We have been beating the heat with our weekly ice cream truck visits and water days every Friday. Since we missed the ice cream truck on the 4th, we decided to make ice cream sundaes on the 5th which was a hit. During our bug unit, we had a great time playing with worms. We also enjoyed one of our student’s grandmother who came to tell us a story.



In August, we are winding down our summer fun and getting in gear for our academic portion of the year in September. We will be losing two of our babies as they head to kindergarten which is a sad time for us as teachers. We will also be closed for two days to do some deep cleaning of the day school as we prepare ourselves for September.

Jessica Burton/Director

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

AUGUST – here we are in the dog days of summer. I'm sure you've heard that term referring to our hot and humid summer days here in Columbia, South Carolina. Some folks say that phrase refers to the fact that dogs tend to be lazier during the hottest days of summer, which perhaps supports our rationale for lying around on hot, humid days.

Well, we may be in the midst of these “dog days,” but I do not see us getting lazy and lying around. I've heard good comments from those who enjoyed Vacation Bible School (both students and workers) and from those who participated in GraceWorks. I am grateful for those who stepped up and volunteered to teach Sunday School this summer and look forward to Deacon Jim Johnson's return the end of this month to direct our traditional service choir and children's music program. The Food Pantry has continued to be busier than ever distributing many bags to those who came, and the Ramp Ministry Team has completed three more ramps during July. I hear and see committees planning and working to implement their various activities and programs when things get going with the full schedule in the fall.

One committee that I know has been busy is our Call Committee. Please note the Call Committee's article in this newsletter where they report the progress they are making in the call process and outline future steps. Let's continue to pray for their work and for our future pastor.

As our summer vacation time ends and we prepare for the school and fall schedules to begin, let's give thanks and praise to God for the blessings we have, the memories we are making, and look forward to continuing our service together in God's place called Good Shepherd!

Peace be with you,
Nancy Hyatt

P.S. By the way – what does “dog days” mean? I “googled” it and read that the ancient Romans called the hottest days of summer “dies caniculares” or “dog days” because they associated those hottest days with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star” because it was the brightest star in the constellation and the brightest star in the night sky. Well, if you remember your astronomy and science lessons, you know that these hottest days have nothing to do with dogs or stars, but the tilt of the Earth.



News
from
the
Call
Committee

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The GSLC Call Committee has selected a primary candidate for the call of our next senior pastor!

These are exciting times for our church, but we continue to ask for your prayers and patience as we move through the process.

Call Process, next steps:

1. Call Committee meets with Church Council for presentation of recommended candidate and compensation package.
2. Call Committee presents the primary candidate to Church Council.
3. Council will vote on both the candidate and the compensation package.
4. Once the vote is made, the congregation will receive information on the candidate per our constitution and Synod guidelines.
5. Church congregation will vote to accept/decline the recommendations of both Church Council and the Call Committee.
6. Call is presented to the candidate.

Peace,
Amanda Snodgrass

GOOD SHEPHERD RAMP MINISTRY

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ramp Ministry evolved from a project that was one of the early Inasmuch events about 11 years ago. In the early years, the team leader would visit the work site and create a list of materials to complete the project, and the volunteers measured, cut, and nailed to the best of our abilities. They weren't perfect, but they were functional and the families that were helped, were happy. Hardly any of us had much knowledge about building codes, and how a ramp should be constructed. With each ramp came a bit more knowledge, better ideas in problem solving, and more efficient ways to get the job done.

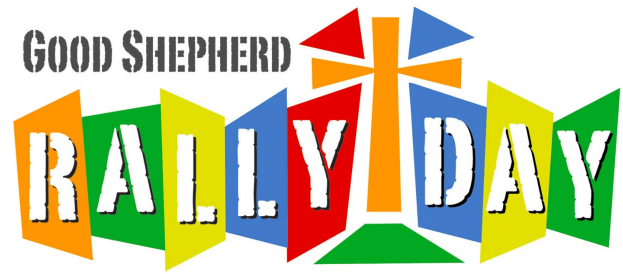
Now, 11 years and 100 ramps later, we have a pretty good system going. There is a line item in the GSLC budget for materials, Thrivent funds, and a testamentary gift helped jumpstart funding. Scraps are almost nonexistent, and 7-8 volunteers can complete a 25-foot ramp in about 5 hours. That is a lot better than the early projects.

One of the most memorable ramps was in a neighborhood near Columbia Mall. The house was small (2 bedrooms, one bath) and the woman who lived there had an 18-year-old son who was quadriplegic. He looked to be about 6 feet tall and gangly, but the mom was petite and unable to lift that size child. The mother told us the boy had not been outside in 2 years, and the only medical attention the boy received was if a doctor came to the house.

While we were building the ramp for this family, the woman made us sandwiches for lunch, and provided water and cups. (That is a very rare treat!) When we were finished, the woman raced out of the house with huge tears of joy, shouting "Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Jesus" while pushing the wheelchair with her son down the new ramp. The boy in the wheelchair had a huge smile on his face. It was a bit emotional for all of us. The mom hugged all of us and was the most grateful of the recipients of any ramp we've made.

Our volunteers range in age from age 14 to just under 80, and both men and women participate. There is a lot of heckling between volunteers which makes the work easier, and we are like a close knit family. I am most impressed with the skill and eagerness of our younger volunteers. One teen earned his Eagle Scout badge by being in charge of one of the ramp projects.

Mike Weaver



Join us in the FAB on Sunday, August 25, at 9:45 a.m. for our annual Rally Day celebration. All ages will rally together as we announce our new year of Sunday School classes and enjoy doughnuts, juice, and coffee.

On this special day, we will promote all our children and youth to their next grade, welcome our 3-year-old children as they begin Sunday school, and present Bibles to children beginning their next faith journey. We also will be recognizing our Sunday Church School teachers, VBS volunteers from this past year, and giving out Sunday school attendance awards.

Come for the unveiling of our adult Sunday School class curriculum for the fall. Help us welcome Flat Jesus into our community, along with other fun activities. We will not have Sunday School this day so that we can all come celebrate the new school year. We look forward to seeing you there! Any questions please email Kimi at education@gslc.com.



YOGS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18 - YOGS Trip to Isle of Palms

Sunday, August 25 - YFM and GYF Summer Splash Party 12-2 p.m. Picnic luncheon and Water Slide so bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen and a friend!

SAVE THE DATE

2021 National Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN
There will be a mandatory meeting **Sunday, September 8 at 12 p.m.** for ALL Youth Participants and Parents who are eligible to attend. (ALL Rising 9th graders in 2021 thru graduating 12th graders in 2021 are eligible to attend.)

TRIP TO CAROWINDS

Parish Life Committee is considering a group trip to Carowinds. Tickets for a group of 15 or more are \$37.69 per person, plus taxes and fees. That includes a day at the Park. Meals would be an additional cost. We would like to get an idea of who is interested and what dates will work.

Possible dates are Saturday, September 7, September 14, September 21 or Sunday, September 1, September 8, September 15. Last day for water park is September 8.

If you are interested, please call or text Karen Lucas, 803-730-7651 or email at klucas4@aol.com.

TRANSITIONS



On Saturday, June 29, a group of Good Shepherd volunteers cooked chili, corn bread, and cookies to serve at Transitions Homeless Center on Sunday.

Another group of over 16 volunteers ranging in age from 16 to 60+ served the meal to over 200 people. The next opportunity to participate is September 29. Contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936 if you are interested in learning more about this service project.



VBS RECAP

I would like to thank everyone who participated and volunteered for VBS in July. It would not have been a success without all of you there. It was a joy watching the children have so much fun learning about our neighbors in Christ throughout the world. Seeing the kids learning and growing in their own faith was very rewarding. We really had a great group. I look forward to growing this program so we can have more children join us in the coming years. Special thanks go out to Deborah Whitlow and her kitchen team. They planned a delicious dinner menu for the week, and made sure we all were well fed each night.

Katie Bostic, Learning Chair



FUN FRIDAYS - AUGUST 9



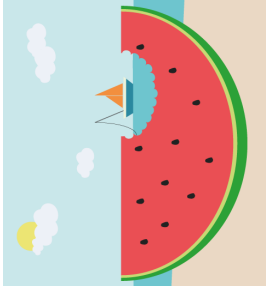
Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, August 9 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com or just come to the FAB on August 9 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:30—9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30—9:45 AM Fellowship
- 9:45—10:35 AM PRESCHOOL—MIDDLE SCHOOL Sunday School (Conference Room)
- 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT AND OLDER YOUTH 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.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p><i>Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the FAB</i></p> <p>Celebration of God's Work, Our Hands and the GSLC Ministries</p>		
<p>4 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>8th Sunday After Pentecost</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00 pm Audit Committee Meeting (office)</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</p> <p>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p> <p>6:30 pm FANA & FAPD National Night Out (FAB Parking Lot)</p>
<p>11 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>9th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p><i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Committee Mtg (Youth Room)</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB)</p> <p>2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</p> <p>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship Life Committee Meeting (CI-1)</p> <p>6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>
<p>18 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>10th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>YOGS Trip to Isle of Palms</p> <p>6:30 PM Council Meeting (CI-2)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</p> <p>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>25 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>11th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p><i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Rally Day (FAB)</p> <p>12:00 PM YFM and GYF Summer Splash Party</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)</p> <p>6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p> <p>6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>

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 <i>6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2)</i> <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	2	3
7 <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	8 <i>12:00 pm Fun Fridays setup (FAB)</i> <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	9 <i>6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</i>	10
14 <i>6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (CI-4)</i> <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	15 <i>2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room)</i> <i>4:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2)</i> <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i> <i>6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)</i>	16 <i>5:30 pm set up for private event (FAB)</i>	17 <i>8:00 am private event (FAB)</i> <i>9:30 am Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Lizard's Thicket</i>
21 <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	22 <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	23	24
28 <i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i>	29 <i>Day School Closed (Teacher Cleaning/In-Service)</i> <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	30 <i>Day School Closed (Teacher Cleaning/In-Service)</i>	31

LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

DATE	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19	9/1/19
GREETERS	Deb Embrey, Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam, Marcia Woodward
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Daniel Wingard	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Daniel Wingard	Team #6 Inabinet
ACOLYTE	Noah Adams	Matthew Herrmann	Lennae Sox	Grayce Boozer	Eden Rowell
CRUCIFER	Forrest Havird	Eric Whitlow	Millie Sox	Brock Tollison	Forrest Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Don Caughman (L & C)	Cathy Quinton (L & C)	Perry Shuping (L) Marcia Woodward (C)	Stacy Gross (L) Diane Smith (C)	Eden Rowell (L) Barbara Rowell (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, Katie Bostic	Kimi Dail, Leigh Ford	Kimi Dail, Eden Rowell	Laura Smith, Barbara Rowell	TBD
ALTAR GUILD	Becky Shealy / Neal Inman	Becky Shealy / Neal Inman	Becky Shealy / Neal Inman	Becky Shealy / Neal Inman	Mary Stallings
TABULATORS	Terri Tokaz, Mitch Uehling	Mary Margaret Hoy, Jerry Vaughn	Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck	Mary Stallings, Becky Shealy	David Lucas, Mitch Uehling

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up on the Nursery Volunteer Sheet posted in the Narthex for any Sunday Services that you can help in the Nursery.

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Jamie Sanders

OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman


FOOD PANTRY: TBD

EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST

DATE	8/4/19	8/11/19	8/18/19	8/25/19	9/1/19
GRUSHERS	Michael Brown, Rebecca Richardson	Mike & Susan Weaver	Connie & Jim Donovan	Steve Fink, Steve Hanayik	David & Karen Lucas
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Ethan Richardson (L) Lisa Lehman (C)	Bev Weymouth (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Charlene Fink (L & C)	Alice Buckner (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Penry Gustafson (L) Mike Weaver (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, Marilyn Hogan	TBD	TBD
ALTAR CARE	Betti Stroud	Susan Weaver	Connie Donovan	Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas

NOTE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

If you can, please contribute to help offset the cost of our offering envelopes. Each year we purchase envelopes so that you can easily make your weekly or special contributions.



UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please take time to stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning to check your personal information in the directory notebook with the red cover located on the Narthex table. Please make corrections in the work copy of the directory.

If your information is correct, indicate with a check mark and initials by your name.



Preschool through 8th grade will continue to meet in the Conference Room watching Davey and Goliath along with a craft. Adults and High School Students, for the next two Sundays, join Pastor John in Classroom 1 with an Old Testament study on the 18th Chapter of Genesis or join Lula Camp in Classroom 5 where they are continuing a bible study on Living in Covenant.

We are starting to look for Sunday School teachers for the fall. Please contact Kimi Dail education@gslc.com.



Social Ministry Monthly Focus

Social Ministry focus for August is Lutheran Services Carolinas. LSC provides foster care and adoption services, group homes for adults with special needs, and refugee and immigrant settlement services in NC and SC.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In June, Good Shepherd's Food Pantry volunteers packed and distributed 47 bags of groceries serving 194 individuals.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

Happy Birthday!



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

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2019

AUGUST 4 – 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

PSALM – Psalm 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

AUGUST 11 – 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

FIRST READING – Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

PSALM – Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

AUGUST 18 – 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

PSALM – Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

AUGUST 25 – 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:9b-14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

PSALM – Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST – Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

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

WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Betty Cox	Bonnie Hammond	Vic & Cathy Milejczak	Nancy Taylor
Rev. Russ Anderson	Helen Derrick	Wayne Hammond	Margaret Moody	Ashleigh Taylor
Loujean Baker	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Louise Hayes	Irene Poole	Melvin Wicker
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Trisha Benson	Curtis Easter	Judy Hoy	Mary Robertson	
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Rose Butterfield	Dot Gibert	Carol Mayfield	Dot Sterling	
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GINNA CAUGHMAN	Martha Haigler	Gigi Middlebrooks	Barbara Sutton	



PLEASE continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers.



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison
 Alan Austin—friend of Lula Camp
 Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker
 Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker
 David Bostic—father-in-law of Katie Bostic
 Schuyler Carter—grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Hammond
 Janet Drienka—relative of Barbara Nagy
 Paul Ford—father-in-law of Leigh Ford
 Mike Hammond—grandfather of William Pope
 Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes
 Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family
 Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker
 Sue Mills—mother of Susan Weaver

Tom Nolan—brother of Pat Roche
 Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
 Harold Roach—father of Ashleigh Taylor
 Mary Ashley Rodriguez—friend of Gaye Tucker
 Gary Thomas—employee of Wes Snodgrass
 Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman

DEPLOYED

Andrew Fettig

BIRTH

Son Emerson Atlas to Amy and Eric Kemp

DEATH

Family of Mary Dent

Family of Ruth Quattlebaum, mother of Bill Quattlebaum

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Aug 4
Aug 9
Aug 11
Aug 18
Aug 25

School Supply Drive
Fun Fridays
Blessing of the Backpacks
YOGS Trip to Isle of Palms
Rally Day
YFM & GYF Splash Party



Sept 2
Sept 8

Sept 16-17
Sept 20
Sept 28-29

Church Office Closed
Celebration of God's Work,
Our Hands and the GSLC
Ministries
Live Wire Trip to Mt. Airy
Live Wire Meeting in FAB
Transitions Service Project

April 24-26, 2020

Good Shepherd Retreat at Lutheridge for EVERYONE!

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