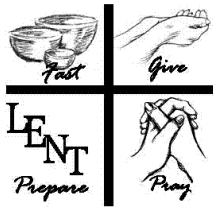




# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter March 2020

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### SEASON OF LENT - TIME FOR REFLECTING, RECONNECTING AND RECOMMITTING

From February 26 (Ash Wednesday), continuing to April 11 (Holy Saturday), we will celebrate the 40 days of Lent. When we look at the calendar, however, we realize there are actually 45 days in that time period. Those extra days are the Sundays not included in the Lenten observance. During these "free" days, it is traditional to celebrate the resurrection of Christ - "little Easters." For we are indeed "Easter people."

What is your tradition for the season? Rooted in Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness, do you fast? Do you give up something? Or do you add something? Usually if one does something for that length of time - 40 days - it becomes a habit. During this time, we are able to reflect, examine and learn. Lent is about spiritual results.

With this Lenten season, let's commit to continuing or adding a habit of coming together for all the opportunities offered to us during this holy season. Share in the time of fellowship and food on the five Wednesday evenings, March 4-April 1, in the FAB (reservations requested) followed by a 6:30 p.m. worship opportunity in the Sanctuary. A 12:00 noon worship opportunity will also be available in the Sanctuary on these Wednesdays. Join in the reflective services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 9 and 10. And, recommit to attending Sunday School and worship each Sunday.

### LENTEN OFFERINGS

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God's spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor.

You should have received a special offering envelope in the mail so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering envelope during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Family Shelter, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter.

**Family Shelter** provides emergency shelter for up to 120 days for 15 families at a time. Residents receive help in finding employment and affordable housing so they can become independent. The Family Shelter also provides counseling and parent education classes.

**Providence Home for Men** is to help stabilize the living conditions of dislocated men and to encourage progress in realizing their full personal potential in self-sufficient living through the power of Jesus Christ.

**The Women's Shelter** provides a variety of support services for "women in crisis." It provides temporary shelter for up to 90 days and transitional housing for up to two years, serving about 90 residents a year.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



During our recent council retreat we focused on the theme of God's abundance. In that retreat, we talked about the fact that we are constantly being pulled toward thinking about scarcity. Advertisements play heavily on this theme. We hear and see reminders of what we don't have. We are made to worry that we won't have enough for tomorrow or for a rainy day or for retirement. We are made to believe that if we only buy the right item or acquire the next great thing we will be fulfilled. We are fed this message that if we don't get more for ourselves, we may miss out and others will get the better of us. But God's words are words of abundance and life.

In our retreat we dealt with two of Jesus' miracles from Mark's gospel: The feeding of the 5,000 (Chapter 6) and the feeding of the 4,000 (Chapter 8). Mark tells us Jesus performed not one but two feeding miracles. After each one, the disciples got into a boat and immediately ran into trouble. The first time, they faced an adverse wind and were afraid they would drown. Jesus walked toward them on the water and got into the boat and calmed the weather. Mark tells us the disciples were astounded "because they did not understand about the loaves." That is, they failed to recognize the abundant presence of Jesus in their midst. They focused on the storm at hand, not on Jesus. Surely the one who could feed a crowd of 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish would provide for them just as abundantly during the storm at sea, but they failed to recognize this.

After the second feeding miracle, the disciples once again got into a boat and set off. This time, they began to worry that they only had one loaf of bread for the 13 of them. Never mind the fact that Jesus had just fed 4,000 people with only 7 loaves of bread! Jesus asked them if they did not yet understand. Jesus himself was there with them in abundance and they focused instead on their scarcity of bread.

Despite the stubbornness and faithlessness of the disciples, Jesus offered them his abundance over and over again. In fact, he even laid down his life for them. Likewise, Jesus blesses us, his disciples, with great abundance.

At our retreat I asked our council members to generate a list of our "loaves and fish" here at Good Shepherd. We listed our members, our facilities, the love we have for one another, our music program, our Bible study, our children, our staff, our volunteers and leaders, and more. I invite you to ponder your own list of our blessings and abundance. How has God gifted us? This exercise of listing our assets; our "loaves and fish" helps us to concentrate on what God is giving us here and now to carry out our mission of worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

During the season of Lent, I will be focusing our Sunday sermons on the gifts of God's abundance. These gospel readings are stories of divine blessing meeting human lack and human loss head on. Here is a little preview of what we will study together as we continue living into and living out of God's abundance:

### **March 1—Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness**

*During a 40-day trial in the desert you and I probably would have focused on our lack of food, water, and shelter. Jesus kept his focus on God and on his mission.*

### **March 8—Nicodemus visits Jesus at night**

*In this passage we hear that most treasured of Bible verses, John 3:16—God's love for our world was so abundant, God sent his only son to and for us. This is indeed a gift of abundance!*

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### **March 15—Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well**

*Here the Samaritan woman focuses on literal water and Jesus' disciples focus on literal food, but Jesus focuses on the gifts and the will of God.*

### **March 22—Jesus heals a man born blind**

*Jesus, the Light of the World, makes his light and life literally manifest in the life of this man who lived in darkness up to the time he met Jesus. While the disciples wonder about whether this man or his parents were sinners to have "deserved" his blindness, Jesus redirects their focus toward the glory and light of God through his healing work.*

### **March 29—Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead**

*In a jarring display of compassion and power, Jesus shows what it means for God's life to be present in and through him by restoring Lazarus' life. Human loss, grief, and pain will, in God's time, give way to Jesus' abundant life.*

I pray you will join me on Sundays during Lent as we explore this theme of abundance together. God is indeed richly blessing this congregation and its members and God is calling us to a greater awareness of this abundance and of the wonderful ways in which we can share in God's mission of reconciliation. Let's work together identifying our "loaves and fish" and let's offer these blessings up to God as we worship, learn, love and serve all.

*Pastor Andrew*



## **2020 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| March 29  | Cook on Saturday 28 |
| May 31  | Cook on Saturday 30 |
| August 30   | Cook on Saturday 29 |
| For more information, contact<br>Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936 |                     |

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31. You may have designated earlier this year, but it is always good to check in March. You can send your dollars to GSLC or any other non-profit organization. You also have 2 Action Teams a year. Each Action Team requested is \$250 for T-shirts, thank you notes, labels etc. You can have service projects and fund raisers for your church or any other organization or person in need. Here at GSLC we have used them for Fall Festival, Epiphany/HUGS event, Tanzania fundraisers, GraceWorks, Ramp ministry, Transitions, Shrove Tuesday, Men's Fish Fry and many more. If you have questions on how to use your choice dollars or Action Teams call Thrivent 800-847-4836 or Susan Uehling 803-238-7353

# Save the Date

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION ENOREE RIVER VINEYARD & WINERY

Join the Lutheran Men in Mission at Enoree River Vineyard & Winery on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a wine tasting, sharing a bottle of Enoree River Vineyard's wine, or partaking in Boar Head's meats and cheese, hummus, pretzels or snacks. No outside food or alcohol will be permitted. Wine tastings will be \$12.00. Sign-up will be in the Narthex. The church bus and a carpool will leave the church at 1:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.enoreeriverwinery.com](http://www.enoreeriverwinery.com) or contact: Peter Zornow email: [zornowpd@juno.com](mailto:zornowpd@juno.com) or telephone: 803-542-7071.



### Mother/Daughter/Friend Event May 9 at 12 noon in the FAB Will include a short Spring Unit meeting.

SC WELCA 2020 Convention is June 12 and 13 at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Newberry. Registration forms are in the Ripple. See Karen Lucas if you would like to be a delegate. This year's domestic project is to share our love with children in our state who are victims of abuse, and their caregivers, through partnership with the SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. We will collect items and gifts to share at Convention at the Mother/Daughter/Friend Event on May 9.

### WELCA Prayer Breakfast August 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Lizard's Thicket 402 Beltline Blvd

### WELCA Retreat October 2-4, 2020 at Coastal Retreat Center Isle of Palms

The cost is \$170.00 payable in installments, see Laura Leigh Smith. All money due by August 30.



| <b>DATE</b>        | <b>LOCATION</b>                      | <b>TIME</b>      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>29 MAR 2020</b> | <b>ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> | <b>3:00-5:00</b> |

ELEMENTARY LUTHERAN FRIENDS  
FOR 1ST - 5TH GRADERS

JOIN US FOR A FREE AFTERNOON OF LEARNING HOW TO  
GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND HOPE IN GOD.

SMORES - GAMES - CRAFTS - MUSIC - DEVOTION - FOOD



PLEASE RSVP YOUR CHILD BY **MARCH 23RD**  
TO YOUR YOUTH LEADER

## God's Young Followers (GYF)

Please join us on March 29 at 2:30 p.m. for our next ELF (Elementary Lutheran Friends) event held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church. Come have fun with other 3rd, 4th and 5th graders by playing games, eating snacks and Learning how to Grow in Faith, Love and More in God. Contact Lisa Sanchez or Mitch Uehling for more information.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our volunteers and our entire congregation for supporting our Youth and Children at Youth Sunday. The "Souper Bowl of Caring" Luncheon raised over \$740 which was donated to our GSLC Food Pantry to help fight hunger in our community.

## YOUTH OF GOOD SHEPHERD (YOGS)

GSLC's Annual EASTER EGG HUNT has been set for Saturday, April 11 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the FAB. Please bring friends and family to this community wide event to make some crafts, hear about the Easter story and then hunt for eggs. (YOGS will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the FAB to help set up and hide eggs.) Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up and fill eggs. A volunteer sign-up board will be posted in the Narthex in March.



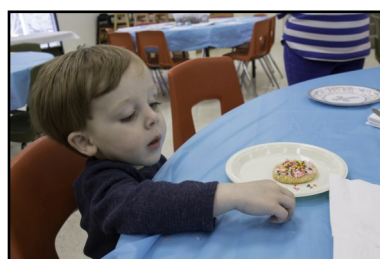
### YOGS Calendar

**Sunday, March 8** - Dinner and Learning program about credit card debt, saving and financial planning for teenagers and young adults. Outside guest speaker from Thrivent Financial will join us at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and program. Leader: Susan Uehling and Dinner: Deborah Whitlow

**Sunday, March 22** – 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Spring Yard Clean-up for shut-ins or elderly members of our congregation. Mitch Uehling and Chris Herrmann will help lead this workday. Lunch: Leigh Ann Tollison. YOGS will meet in Youth Room after 2<sup>nd</sup> service and need to bring a change of clothes for yard work.

**Friday, April 10** – Good Friday dinner – All YOGS meet at Youth Room at 5:00 p.m. and walk to Zesto's for dinner then worship. Led by Jennifer Ross and Mary Aitchison.

**Saturday, April 11** – YOGS set up and hide eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. Leigh Ann Tollison will help lead these YOGS in hiding eggs Saturday morning.



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

Council has gotten off to a great start this year. Recently we met in the FAB for two half day sessions with Pastor Andrew for our annual council retreat. It was a very fulfilling time with lots of open discussion getting to know each other better and getting to know Pastor Andrew better and his approach to our future.

Rather than sit around and speculate on 10 year goals, Pastor Andrew began by an open discussion of our duties as a Congregational Council. We discussed our role within the church to care for our ministries and to carry the mission of Good Shepherd forward both in the congregation and the community. He stated that "clarity of purpose and a missional focus begins with us."

Pastor Andrew focused on abundance and scarcity and how those two things played out in our lives as well as in Good Shepherd. He used the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes illustrating that with a little we can make things go along way just as Jesus did. He asked, "just what are our loaves and fishes"? We all wrote down examples. No surprise most of the answers were in the abundance category particularly here at Good Shepherd. While we were all thankful for great facilities, and the likes, council all agreed that most importantly we have a very loving family here and a generous congregation. Treating each other like family and helping in times of need were very important to all of us.

Our second session was a discussion of our Mission statement which now reads "We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving, and service to all." While looking closely and tying everything together we need to ask ourselves is what we are doing moving us deeper into our mission? Every decision from committees up should be discussed in context of our mission statement. Pastor Andrew believes "that if a decision does not move us deeper in our mission, we should hold off so we will not be distracted from our mission. If a decision does move us forward, then we should work together to make it happen."

Of course, one of the key parts to all of this is clear communication between the congregation, the committees and council. Pastor Andrew said, "If we are changing for the sake of changing, we are spinning our wheels." And that when we make changes "we should be in the habit of explaining not just what we are doing, but why we are doing it." We should also, "take into account our mutual ministry and the overlapping nature of our committee structure. Who else will this affect? Who else needs to know?"

Pastor Andrew left us with 3 take away questions:

1. "How are we gifted and equipped for each new issue." (our loaves and fishes)
2. "Are we working towards God's mission?" (growing in our mission)
3. "Are we clearly communicating our plan?"

So, you see we have our work cut out for us this year. Our goal is to strive to keep in mind these points while making decisions on behalf of the congregation in 2020 while staying to the mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Thanks to Pastor Andrew for an informative and meaningful council retreat.

Thanks to Rebecca Richardson for serving as our treasurer over the last two years. Effective January 1 of this year Rebecca has handed the reins of treasurer over to Jamie Sanders. Thanks Rebecca for being a faithful servant of Good Shepherd.

Now to close, I have some exciting news for those who have not already heard through that old proverbial grapevine. Beginning March 2, Cody Jones will assume the position of part time music director. His job duties will be working with the late service choir and children. Michael Simmons will continue to lead the contemporary service. While we welcome Cody back, we give thanks to Jim Johnson for his longer than expected position of interim music director. Thanks, Jim, for serving and a great job. Maybe now Jim will be able to enjoy his retirement. Jim has agreed to help within the program in any way he can.

Grace and peace to you,  
Ed



*Cody Jones*

## LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will meet March 20 in the FAB at 12:00 noon. We will have a covered dish luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Bengie Leverett, Public Fire Education Officer of the Columbia Fire Department. He will be speaking to us about Fire Safety Awareness. I feel this will be a very informative session, so fix your favorite dish or two, and join us for the fellowship and fun. Mark your calendar for March 20. Hope to see you there.

Betty Cox



### Order Easter Lilies by April 5

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 5 and accompanied by payment. Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 10:45 A.M. Easter service on April 12.



## FOOD PANTRY

In January, food pantry volunteers packed and distributed 62 bags of groceries serving 235 individuals.

### NOISY OFFERING MARCH 29

The next noisy offering at Good Shepherd will be March 29, and the beneficiary will be voluntary services at the Columbia Veterans Administration Health Care System. Money collected will be used to help buy personal hygiene items and clothing for needy veterans as well as "Move-In Kits" for veterans who are transferring into homes.

So start saving your coins and plan to bring them March 29 for the noisy offering. Of course, folding money and checks will be just as welcomed. Make checks to Good Shepherd and designate for noisy offering.

Good Shepherd has a noisy offering four times a year on each fifth Sunday of a month. Children of the church collect the offerings in buckets. Money is used to support various social ministry needs in our community.

For more information about the upcoming noisy offering or any social ministry activity at Good Shepherd, contact committee chair Don Caughman or any committee member.

## CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT 2020 – APRIL 24-26

Retreat Theme: **Renewal**

...He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit – Titus 3:5

Adults \$137.00

Child 4 – 9 \$35.00

Youth 10 – 17 \$70.00

Includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals, t-shirt and meeting space

Friday evening campfire – s'mores, songs and stories

**Saturday morning special guest presenter - Dr. Amy Montanez**

Saturday afternoon your choice:

⇒ Group hike onsite

⇒ Games

⇒ Do your own thing

Saturday evening cookout

Sunday morning Worship with Pastor Andrew

Register using blue insert in the Sunday Bulletin or in Narthex March 1, 8 and 22. Registration forms also available on the GSLC website for download.



**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

8:30—9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)  
 9:30—10:00 AM CHILDREN’S MUSIC (CHILDREN’S MUSIC ROOM)  
 Following early worship FELLOWSHIP  
 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 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.*



**March 2020**

| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>Mon</b>   | <b>Tue</b>  |
|---|--|---|
| <p><b>1</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br/> <b>1st SUNDAY IN LENT</b><br/>                     12:00 pm Benefit Luncheon for 2020 Tanzania Trip (FAB)</p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>                     6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/>                     11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)<br/>                     5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)<br/>                     6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>   |
| <p><b>8</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br/> <b>2nd SUNDAY IN LENT</b><br/>                     3:00 pm Confirmation Class (CI-2)<br/>                     5:00 pm All YOGS Event</p>   | <p><b>9</b><br/>                     6:00 pm Non GSLC Event (FAB)<br/>                     6:30 pm Youth &amp; Children Committee Meeting (Youth Room)<br/>                     6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p> | <p><b>10</b><br/>                     11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)<br/>                     4:30 pm Executive Committee Mtg (Pastor’s Office)<br/>                     5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)<br/>                     6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)<br/>                     6:00 pm Non GSLC Event (FAB)</p> |
| <p><b>15</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br/> <b>3rd SUNDAY IN LENT</b><br/> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b><br/>                     6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conference Room)</p>   | <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b><br/>                     6:00 pm Non GSLC Event (FAB)<br/>                     6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>   | <p><b>17</b><br/>                     11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)<br/>                     5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)<br/>                     6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)<br/>                     7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)</p>  |
| <p><b>22</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br/> <b>4th SUNDAY IN LENT</b><br/>                     12:00 pm Spring Ahead with Spring Cleaning (lunch in Youth Room then offsite)</p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>                     6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/>                     11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)<br/>                     5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)<br/>                     6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>  |
| <p><b>29</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE<br/>                     Transitions Service Project (FAB)<br/> <b>5th SUNDAY IN LENT</b><br/> <b>NOISY OFFERING</b><br/>                     1:00 pm LMM Event (offsite)<br/>                     3:00 pm GYF Event (offsite)</p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>                     6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/>                     11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2)<br/>                     5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room)<br/>                     6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</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 Andrew at 803-409-8270.**

| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>Thu</b>   | <b>Fri</b>                          | <b>Sat</b>  |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>4</b><br>12:00 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br><br>5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB)<br>6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal  | <b>5</b><br>10:00 am Mary Group (FAB)<br><br>6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting<br>(CI-2)<br>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth<br>Room)  | <b>6</b>                            | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>11</b><br>12:00 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br><br>5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB)<br>6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal | <b>12</b><br><br>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth<br>Room)<br>6:00 pm Non GSLC Event (FAB)   | <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b>   |
| <b>18</b><br>12:00 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br><br>5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB)<br>6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal | <b>19</b><br>2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors<br>(Conference Room)<br><br>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth<br>Room)<br>6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)<br>6:30 pm Tamar Group (offsite)          | <b>20</b><br><br>12:00 pm Live Wire | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>25</b><br>12:00 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br><br>5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB)<br>6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>(Sanctuary)<br>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)<br>7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal | <b>26</b><br><br>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth<br>Room)   | <b>27</b>                           | <b>28</b><br><br>Transitions Service Project<br>(FAB) |
|  <p>COME JOIN OUR<br/><b>BIBLE</b><br/>Study</p>  | <b>Bible Study meets on<br/>Tuesday mornings at<br/>11:30 a.m. in<br/>Classroom 2. The Bible<br/>Study is being led by<br/>Pastor Andrew<br/>Isenhower.<br/>Coffee will be served.</b> |                                     |   |

## 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

| DATE                      | 3/1/20                                    | 3/8/20                                     | 3/15/20                         | 3/22/20                                     | 3/29/20                               | 4/5/20                                     |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>GRUSHERS</b>           | Michael Brown,<br>Susan Burch             | Frances Plyler,<br>Libby Slice             | Mike & Susan<br>Weaver          | Steve Hanayik,<br>Chris Herrmann            | Jim Donovan,<br>Steve Fink            | Usher Team #1                              |
| <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b> | Suzanne Sanders (L)<br>Joann Nagy (C)     | Amanda<br>Snodgrass (L)<br>Mike Weaver (C) | Millie Sox (L & C)              | Katie Bostic (L)<br>Cheryl Christian<br>(C) | Charlene Fink (L)<br>Barbara Nagy (C) | Libby Slice (L)<br>Joann Nagy (C)          |
| <b>NURSERY</b>            | Anna-Marie Plyler,<br>Carole & Lennae Sox | Alexis Boyles,<br>Anna-Marie Plyler        | Alexis Boyles,<br>Mitch Uehling | Alexis Boyles,<br>Donna Foster              | Alexis Boyles,<br>Pat Quattlebaum     | Carole &<br>Lennae Sox,<br>Pat Quattlebaum |
| <b>ALTAR CARE</b>         | Susan Weaver                              | Frances Plyler                             | Mike Weaver                     | Steve Hanayik                               | Connie Donovan                        | Susan Weaver                               |

**COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH: Marcia Woodward    OPENING BUILDINGS: Ty Boheler**  
**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 15: Matthew Herrmann, Noah Adams**

## 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

| DATE                      | 3/1/20  | 3/8/20  | 3/15/20   | 3/22/20  | 3/29/20  | 4/5/20                       |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>GREETERS</b>           | Rod Kent  | Justine Parker  | Pat Quattlebaum   | Pat & Ronnie<br>Roche  | Jerry & Judy<br>Rogers   | Anne Rush                    |
| <b>USHERS</b>             | Alice Buckner,<br>Lula Camp,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Pat Quattlebaum | Lula Camp,<br>Pat Quattlebaum,<br>Pat Roche,<br>Marcia Woodward | Mary Stallings,<br>Lula Camp,<br>Marion Eargle,<br>Dick Sturkie | Lula Camp,<br>Pat Roche,<br>Dick Sturkie,<br>Marcia Woodward | Alice Buckner,<br>Lula Camp,<br>Mary Stallings,<br>Pat Quattlebaum | Jeff Inabinet<br>Team #6     |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b>            | Sienna Fettig   | Savannah Gross  | Kelly Grace<br>Lalumondier                                      | Sienna Fettig  | Tommy Vale   | Matthew Herrmann             |
| <b>CRUCIFER</b>           | Isabella Fettig   | Forrest Havird  | Jake Lalumondier  | Isabella Fettig  | Eden Rowell  | Noah Adams                   |
| <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b> | Pat Roche (L)<br>Bruce Shealy (C)                                 | Karin Culp (L)<br>Diane Smith (C)                               | Bruce Shealy (L)<br>Steve Steck (C)                             | Perry Shuping (L)<br>Kerry Stubbs (C)                        | Diane Smith (L)<br>Gaye Tucker (C)                                 | Marcia Woodward<br>(L & C)   |
| <b>NURSERY</b>            | Susan Uehling,<br>Leigh Ford                                      | Alexis Boyles,<br>Deborah Whitlow                               | Alexis Boyles,<br>Melanie<br>Lalumondier                        | Alexis Boyles,<br>Stacy Gross                                | Alexis Boyles,<br>Laura Leigh Smith                                | Susan Uehling,<br><b>TBD</b> |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>        | Nancy Hyatt,<br>Bobbie Storey                                     | Nancy Hyatt,<br>Bobbie Storey                                   | Nancy Hyatt,<br>Bobbie Storey                                   | Nancy Hyatt,<br>Bobbie Storey                                | Nancy Hyatt,<br>Bobbie Storey                                      | Gaye Tucker                  |
| <b>TABULATORS</b>         | Mary Margaret Hoy,<br>Mary Stallings                              | Terri Tokaz,<br>David Lucas                                     | Becky Shealy,<br>Lavina Chandler                                | Penry Gustafson,<br>Mitch Uehling                            | Leigh Ford,<br>Jerry Vaughn  | Karen Lucas,<br>Steve Steck  |

## MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Join us for fellowship in the Parlor. It begins after 8:30 a.m. worship service, and announcements are at 9:40 a.m., right before Adult Sunday School begins. Grab a cup of coffee, a treat, and come share some time with your fellow parishioners. It's a great way to keep up with important church announcements, and talk to people you might not normally see during your week.



### COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

This class is continuing to study the Gospel for the succeeding Sunday. This study allows participants the opportunity to discuss and to study the upcoming Gospel lesson with a focus on what the Gospel says relative to one's daily living and with regard to our life within this congregation. The intent is that this study will help prepare participants to hear and to receive the Gospel message in a new light and perhaps with new revelation.

### AROUND THE CORNER CLASS—CLASSROOM 2

We will discuss Faith and Music: How music leads to God.

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

This class is studying the Augsburg Adult Bible Study. This series provides great insight into scripture through questions, prayer, and daily readings. The theme is "Sustaining Hope".

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

|   |                      |    |                   |    |                |    |                |    |                 |
|---|----------------------|----|-------------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Becky Anne Struthers | 4  | Madelyn Snodgrass | 14 | Callen Gilbert | 16 | Emily Whitlow  | 24 | Raymond Hendrix |
| 2 | Miles Kemp           |    | Jay Jenny         |    | Julie Hendrix  | 18 | Sarah Peake    |    | Keri Hogue      |
| 3 | Don Caughman         | 6  | Jason Jakiela     |    | Janet Lockhart | 22 | Bonnie Hammond | 29 | Helen Hanayik   |
|   | Libby Anne Inabinet  |    | Frances Plyler    |    | Anna Ross      |    | Sara Hydrick   | 31 | Ed Beaman       |
|   | Joanne Wuori         | 8  | Jeannine Jameson  |    | Perry Shuping  | 23 | Michelle Ortiz |    |                 |
| 4 | Eric Kemp            | 10 | Nancy Taylor      | 15 | Sid Havird     |    | Dot Correll    |    |                 |
|   | Emma Peake           | 12 | Milford Hunter    | 16 | Stan Wilson    |    | Tory Shelton   |    |                 |



## OUR CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT A NOTE FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A number of years ago, when the Sanctuary/Narthex mortgage was paid off early by a member of the congregation, the church established a Capital Funds account. This account was funded the first few years by the monies that would have gone to making the mortgage payments. The desire was to have a minimum of \$100,000 in this account so that large, unbudgeted expenses could be met without having to borrow the money. Over the years this account has fluctuated around the \$100,000 minimum, balancing out from contributions and expenses.

The current balance in this account is approximately \$124,000. This looks like we're in great shape, but unfortunately, looks can be deceiving. The \$49,000 Narthex Roof repair settlement money is in this account. This will be spent next month when the roof is repaired, leaving an actual balance of \$75,000.

Additionally, the Christmas day, 2019 flooding in the lower Sanctuary was not covered by our insurance policy. The claim was denied since the water penetration came from outside of the building, a standard exclusion in most insurance policies. The cost of the plumbing repairs, attempted water remediation, damaged carpet replacement and wall repairs was \$28,000. Pending Congregational Council approval, these bills will have to be paid from Capital Funds, leaving a balance of \$47,000.

The HVAC system in the Education Building was patched up last summer and again this fall. Parts are not available and the next failure would be the last. Prudence dictates that we move to replace this system this spring. For energy efficiency and the reduced impact of a HVAC failure, we plan to abandon the one system design for the entire building and replace it with four separate units, each servicing a designated zone. Estimates are being obtained and are most likely in the \$45,000 to \$50,000 range. If the congregation approves this expenditure, it would wipe out the remainder of the Capital Funds.

These are the facts. This article is not intended to create a sense of panic or impending doom. It is to provide each member of the congregation with the information needed to make sound financial decisions this year. We're a generous congregation and have never failed to meet financial challenges in the past.

## LEARNING COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Children's Sunday School teachers needed.** Summer time is just around the corner, and we need teachers for the combined children's class. Children will watch a 30-minute Bible story video, then complete a craft based on the story.

**We are also looking for Preschool Sunday School teachers for fall 2020.** If you would be interested in teaching a couple weeks during the summer, or leading our 3 and 4 year olds, contact Katie Bostic at [katiebrettbostic@gmail.com](mailto:katiebrettbostic@gmail.com) or 803-394-4908.

## SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Vacation Bible School will be July 6-July 9 this year.
- ◆ Rally Day will be Sunday, September 13, in the Sanctuary during Sunday School hour.



# FINANCIAL NEWS

1. Please use the **new email treasurer@gslc.com** to reach Jamie Sanders, GSLC's 2020 Treasurer.
2. To reduce paper waste and save the congregation over \$100, the Finance Committee eliminated the five special offering pink envelopes from your 2020 box of envelopes. Thank you to Financial Secretary Deb Embrey who suggested this cost savings idea and made it happen. The special offering pink envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please include your name, the purpose of the gift, and if you recall it, your contributor number. This information makes it easier for the Tabulator Team and Financial Secretary and ensures accurate recording of your gift.
3. As a reminder, during Lent, please use the special flower envelopes to order **Lilies for the Easter Services**. These envelopes will be placed in the pews after Ash Wednesday. During the Advent Season, please use special flower envelopes to order your **Christmas Poinsettias**. They also will be located in the pew racks for your convenience.

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## EVANGELISM

Searching for those who are passionate about evangelism, I recently discovered Tyler Edwards, and today's message is CONVERTS V. DISCIPLES. His words are very relevant to our Good Shepherd community!

"Out of our desire to win converts we've often tried to make Jesus more convenient. That's what our culture is all about. Watering down the Gospel to reflect the culture can be an easy trap to fall into. It shouldn't be surprising living in a consumer-based culture, that many times people bring the same attitudes into church: It's my way, my preferences, my desires that are important. If I don't get my way, I'll take my business elsewhere. In watering down the Gospel we have taken what is all about Jesus and made it all about us.

He is seeking those who will follow Him whatever the cost and looking for radical devotion, unreasonable commitment, and undivided dedication. Jesus isn't looking for converts. He's looking for disciples, but what is the difference?

1. Converts are believers who live like the world. Disciples are believers who live like Jesus.
2. Converts are focused on their values, interests, worries, fears, priorities, and lifestyles. Disciples are focused on Jesus.
3. Converts go to church. Disciples are the church.
4. Converts are involved in the mission of Jesus. Disciples are committed to it.
5. Converts cheer from the sidelines. Disciples are in the game.
6. Converts hear the word of God. Disciples live it.
7. Converts follow the rules. Disciples follow Jesus.
8. Converts are all about believing. Disciples are all about being.
9. Converts are comfortable. Disciples make sacrifices.
10. Converts talk. Disciples make more disciples.

Christianity isn't just a system of belief. It isn't a lifestyle. **It's a life transformed by Jesus.**"

Submitted by Penry Gustafson, Evangelism Chair

## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2020

### MARCH 1 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 32**

*Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

### MARCH 8 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 12:1-49a**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 3:1-17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

### MARCH 15 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

#### **FIRST READING – Exodus 17:1-7**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 95**

*Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-11**

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 4:5-42**

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

### MARCH 22 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

#### **FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 23**

*You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 9:1-41**

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

### MARCH 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."*

#### **FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14**

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#### **PSALM – Psalm 130**

*I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 8:6-11**

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 11:1-45**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

## WITH PRAYER

|                    |                     |                       |                   |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mary Allen         | Marie Currie        | Bonnie Hammond        | Margaret Moody    | Ashleigh Taylor |
| Rev. Russ Anderson | Helen Derrick       | Louise Hayes          | Johanna Moore     | Melvin Wicker   |
| Loujean Baker      | Sylvia Anne Derrick | Trisha Holman         | Irene Poole       | Bubba Willis    |
| Gwen Barnes        | Marianne De Werdt   | Kitty Howard          | Walter Robertson  |                 |
| Trisha Benson      | Curtis Easter       | Judy Hoy              | Rebecca Silvia    |                 |
| Grace Boozer       | Wilhelmina Edwards  | Jeannine Jameson      | Wilbur Smith      |                 |
| Rosemarie Brown    | Larry Evans         | Sara Loyd             | Virginia Stephens |                 |
| Rose Butterfield   | Doug Fleming        | Carol Mayfield        | Tommie Spence     |                 |
| Joanna Carpenter   | Dot Gibert          | Doris McCaughey       | Dot Sterling      |                 |
| Ginna Caughman     | The Gilbert Family  | Gigi Middlebrooks     | Barbara Sutton    |                 |
| Betty Cox          | Martha Haigler      | Vic & Cathy Milejczak | Nancy Taylor      |                 |



**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.**

## RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Alan Austin—friend of Lula Camp                   | Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass |
| Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker               | Harold Roach—father of Ashleigh Taylor      |
| Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker       | Mary Ashley Rodriguez—friend of Gaye Tucker |
| David Bostic—father-in-law of Katie Bostic        | Gary Thomas—employee of Wes Snodgrass       |
| Luna Brown—2-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass  | Robin Trauffer—friend of the congregation   |
| Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond        | Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter         |
| Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox                   | Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman |
| Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass         |   |
| Beverly Fulmer—friend of Judy Rogers              |   |
| Mike Hammond—grandfather of William Pope          |   |
| Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes               |   |
| Faye & Forrest Hinebaugh—parents of Elaine Zornow |   |
| Helen Inabinet—mother of Jeff Inabinet            |   |
| Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family   |   |
| Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan          |   |
| Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker            |   |
| Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman         |   |
| Sue Mills—mother of Susan Weaver                  |   |
| Tom Nolan—brother of Pat Roche                    |   |

### DEPLOYED

Preston Haigh

### BIRTH

Daughter Sara Adler to Chandler and Walker Inabinet

### WITH SYMPATHY

Family of Mary Robertson

Family of Jean Sundlie

Family of Terri Hoy, daughter-in-law of Judy Hoy and sister-in-law of Mary Margaret Hoy and Barbara Rowell

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March 4, 11, 18, 25

Lenten Services (12 & 6:30 p.m.)

March 15

Food Pantry Sunday

Council Meeting

March 20

Live Wire Luncheon

March 28 & 29 Transitions Service Project

April 1

Lenten Services (12 noon & 6:30 p.m.)

April 3

Fun Fridays

April 9

Maundy Thursday Service

April 10

Good Friday Service

Day School Closed

April 11

Easter Egg Hunt

April 12

Easter Services (7:00 & 10:45)

EASTER Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)

April 13

Church Office Closed &

Day School Closed

April 17

Live Wire Luncheon

April 19

Food Pantry Sunday

Council Meeting

April 24-26

Congregational Retreat @ Lutheridge



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