

# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ANDREW WELLS ISENHOWER



On Sunday, December 1, the Rev. Andrew Wells Isenhower will be installed as the sixth senior pastor in the history of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We will have a special service at 3:00 p.m. that day as we come together to worship and to celebrate the rite of installation for Good Shepherd's new pastor. Please join us for a reception in the FAB following Pastor Andrew's Installation. This reception will honor Pastor Andrew, his wife Michelle, and their children James and Amelia. A nursery will be provided for these events.

All members and friends of Good Shepherd are cordially invited to this special event, where Assistant to the Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be the guest preacher and will preside over the rite of installation.



## A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called congregational meeting held on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the end of both worship services in the Sanctuary for the purposes of voting on a 2020 budget recommendation from our Congregational Council and two Board positions from the Good Shepherd Foundation. Plan to attend this important event in the life of our congregation. If you did not receive the recent mailing providing budget information, please contact the Church Office (803-787-4413).

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The season of Advent is an invitation to do things that do not come naturally or easily to most of us in today's busy and hectic world. Through our scripture readings and worship, Christ invites us to wait patiently and to watch vigilantly. Furthermore, we are urged to be alert and to stay awake. In a world in which many of us don't get enough sleep or rest to start with, it can make us weary to hear one of the familiar refrains of Advent: "Wake, awake!" In our New Testament lesson on the First Sunday in Advent from the book of Romans, Paul gives just this exhortation to the Christians at Rome and to us: "it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep." For those of us who like to hit the snooze button, this may not seem like good news.

God rouses us from slumber during this season for a reason. We are to watch and wait expectantly for the coming of Christ—as the babe in Bethlehem, as the righteous judge of the living and the dead at his second coming, and as the Lord of our lives who comes among us as we gather for worship. This is a season to reflect on his holy birth, watch and prepare for his glorious return, and most of all to order our lives so that we experience our Lord's presence and become an embodiment of that presence in the world.

We put a lot of work into preparing for the first coming of Jesus this time of year—we send Christmas cards and decorate the house. We buy presents and prepare for time with family and friends. We go to parties and eat and drink and celebrate.

I suspect we put a lot less effort and time into preparing for his second coming. I suspect that "get ready for Christ's triumphal return" is pretty low on your holiday to-do list. But we are called to live with an awareness that Christ will come again. This assertion helps us keep our priorities straight. Since Christ will come again, how we live and treat others matters because we believe we will be judged by a merciful God. Since Christ will come again, the riches and pleasures of this life are not our primary goal, nor are the treasures of this life permanent in any sense. As Lutherans, we don't spend as much time or energy as some other denominations thinking about the "end times." But this time of year we do turn our focus toward this aspect of our faith. This is not meant to frighten us or give us special knowledge of how and when Christ will return. This preparation for Jesus' second coming is, however, a part of our walk of discipleship. Jesus warns us repeatedly in scripture to not be caught sleeping or caught off guard when the day and the hour of his coming arrives. If we knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow, I imagine we'd all live a bit more intentionally. That is precisely the call on our lives during Advent and always: to live as if Christ's coming is imminent.

The third coming of Christ that we are called to prepare for is his daily coming among us in worship, through scripture, and through the Sacraments. We are called to return each day to the baptismal waters, confessing where we have fallen short and receiving God's forgiveness and renewal. We are called to share in the Lord's Supper and to become the very body of Christ given for the life of the world. We are called to hear Jesus' words and to live out the Word of God in our daily lives. Christ comes among us, his church, each time we gather. And as we go forth from our worship together, Christ walks with us and through us to extend mercy far and wide.

So the question for us this Advent season is this: Will we heed the call to wake up and pay attention to the coming of Christ? Each day of Advent is an opportunity to increase our awareness of God's love and to increase our alertness to the difference Christ makes in our lives and in our world. I urge you not to hit the snooze button on this divine wake-up call. Walk with me this Advent season as we prepare for Christ's presence among us.

Pastor Andrew

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICES

As we move prayerfully through the month of December toward the birth of Jesus, you can join your fellow worshippers on **Wednesday evening, December 4, 11, and 18**, for a short **Advent Evening Service at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. A meal will not be served.



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

You should be receiving this newsletter and reading it the week of Thanksgiving. I am overwhelmed with how our culture and commercialism continue to try to skip over this wonderful time of year and rush us to "Christmas." Yes, this is the December newsletter, but does this mean our thoughts automatically go to "Christmas," skipping over Thanksgiving and Advent?

As I think about sharing my thoughts with you, I want to share "thankfulness." This year has been one of challenges and accomplishments. I give thanks for our Call Committee's patience and perseverance in following the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the calling of Pastor Andrew to be our new pastor. Be sure to be here Sunday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m., as we worship and celebrate his installation as our sixth senior pastor.

I give thanks for the dedicated commitment of our Council who have led us during a challenging transition period. And, I give thanks for each of you who have continued to serve and support the ministries of Good Shepherd congregation this year and over the 69 years of its existence.

If you have not noticed, there are two new hangings in the chapel area of the old sanctuary building. One contains different views of the old sanctuary and the other is a shadow box holding three 60 penny nails. At the time of the building of the new sanctuary in the life of our congregation, I had the privilege of working on GS's staff as Administrative Assistant. And, one of the construction workers came to me one day with these nails when they were renovating the old sanctuary into the offices and chapel area we now have. He instructed me to "Save these nails! They don't make them like this anymore."

One can still get 60 penny nails, but how often have you seen a nail of that size? I believe what he was saying was – "They don't construct buildings like this anymore." Perhaps, he had not seen or used a nail that size in his construction experiences. So, it was decided recently that they should be preserved and displayed as a symbol and reminder of our strong history. The family of one of our charter members, Julius Hair, dedicated his memorial gifts to have this done. I give thanks for those charter members who were inspired and dedicated to plant a Lutheran congregation in this area of our community. Take an opportunity to view these hangings.



I give thanks to God for the many blessings Good Shepherd congregation has and for being God's Work – Our Hands to each other, to the community and to the world.

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS! And, onward to again celebrating together the advent and birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you,

Nancy Hyatt

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

To celebrate the joyous birth of Christ, Christmas Eve services have been scheduled for **5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.** this year. Each service will begin with special prelude music at 4:45 p.m. and again at 10:45 p.m.

The first service will include a Children's Sermon. A nursery will be provided only at this service. Both services will include Holy Communion.

We pray that you will take the time during the busyness of the holiday season to come join your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Good Shepherd in offering thanks and praise to God as we celebrate the Advent and birth of our Lord.



### ONE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS WORSHIP DECEMBER 29 – 9:30 A.M.

On the Sunday after Christmas – December 29 – we will hold our traditional Service of Lessons and Carols. Worshippers from both the early and late services will come together for this joint opportunity of worshipping together at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School will not be held that day. Please join us for fellowship starting at 9:00 a.m. before the combined service. Coffee and very light refreshments will be provided.



**EPIPHANY CELEBRATION  
CHILI AND CORNBREAD  
COOK-OFF  
SET FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

The Chili/Cornbread Cook-off will be January 5 at 6:00 PM in the FAB. Come celebrate with a warm meal and short Epiphany devotional.

A sheet will be posted in the Narthex in December to sign-up for the chili and cornbread cook-off or to bring a dessert to share.

We will be collecting warm clothing (men and women) for the shelters in our area. Drop it off in the FAB when you come to the Cook-off.

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**PREPARING FOR 2020**

The **Flower Calendar for 2020** is available to sign up for the dates to offer either altar flowers, narthex flowers, or the altar rose for 2020. Altar flowers are \$60, narthex flowers are \$50, and the altar rose is \$10.

**Please sign the 2020 Flower Chart posted in the narthex if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year. Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**




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**FUN FRIDAYS**

We'll have a Christmas party for our Fun Fridays guests on **Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.** in the FAB, We'll have crafts, singing, games, and food.



Please come and be a helper for the night as we host our guests who have developmental disabilities.

The Fun Fridays program gives parents and guardians a break from the care of their family members for the evening while our guests have a great time with our members. If you can be a helper or would like more information, contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

The Worship Life Committee asks you to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please use the **"Seasonal Flower Offering"** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia(s).



The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$13 each**. Make your check payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and place it in the **"Seasonal Flower Offering" envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

**Place your check and the order form** in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 15**. The first 75 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.



**2020 TRANSITIONS  
SERVICE DATES**

January 26	Cook on Saturday 25
March 29	Cook on Saturday 28
May 31	Cook on Saturday 30
August 30	Cook on Saturday 29
For more information, contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936	



## CALLING ALL TALENTED GOOD SHEPHERD MEMBERS!!

Do you sing, dance, or play an instrument? Perhaps you are a storyteller or know how to deliver a great punchline. Maybe you have a special skill or talent you can share like knitting, or painting, or magic. Your youth need you! On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, the YOGS will host their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and we need everyone to share their talent with us and the congregation! This is always a fun night and we hope to have as much congregational participation as possible. Please contact Jennifer Ross at [ketojenn71@gmail.com](mailto:ketojenn71@gmail.com) or 803-237-6551 for more information. Let's make this the best talent show yet!



*A huge thank you to all  
of our YOGS and  
volunteers for cooking  
and serving all of our  
service men and women  
and their families for  
Veterans Day!*



### YOUTH & CHILDREN

#### **Sunday, December 8**

All YOGS community event at Trinity Episcopal. Meet at youth room at 4:30 and return at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8. Contact Jennifer Ross and Mitch Uehling for more details.

**Monday, December 9** Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Room

#### **Food Pantry volunteers:**

**December 15** Noah Adams and Brock Tollison

**January 19, 2020** Jake Lalumondier and Eden Rowell

#### **Sunday, December 22**

Christmas Caroling and YOGS Christmas Party. Saturday 4:00 p.m. Caroling, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner and Party. Contact Leigh Ann Tollison for more details.

#### **Shrove Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

All members of GSLC are encouraged to attend. Talented youth and adults are needed to share their gifts during the talent show portion of the program. Contact Jennifer Ross if you are interested in performing.

#### **GYF/YFM**

##### **Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m.**

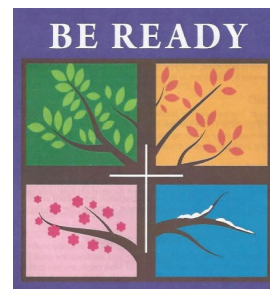
All young families and youth are invited to help decorate the Chrismon Tree. Pastor Andrew will lead a short program followed by snacks and fun for all!

##### **Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. in the FAB**

The entire congregation is invited to attend a covered dish dinner and Children's Christmas Play presented by our youth and children.

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

An intriguing title, “Unavoidable Personal Evangelism” (by T.R. Halvorson) recently caught my attention. He asserts, “Lay Lutherans and personal evangelism have a strained relationship.” I tend to agree realizing that many Lutherans rely heavily and solely on pastors to witness for Christ, but 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, the priesthood of all believers, to be ready. Putting aside fear and maybe even feeling intimidated, “personal evangelism is basically having the core of the faith in mind and ready when events, conversations, or questions invite or prompt us to share applicable pieces of it.” This article illustrates how evangelism may come naturally and personally through ordinary conversations in our daily lives. One might “prepare” in many ways—studying the Bible and the Small Catechism, routine prayer, etc. Whereas, we Lutherans sometimes regard evangelism as a touchy subject to be avoided, it’s really just about the willingness to share your faith. Share as naturally as you can even if your words don’t sound right to you. Luke 6:45 states “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks;” in other words, do it anyway! Intentionally recognize opportunities for personal evangelism, but I would caution not to “argue people into conversion.” Scattering seeds of His word in a relaxed, personal manner will draw people to Christ outside our church walls. Want to know how to fill our pews? TALK with people and offer a simple invitation that leads to love, forgiveness, and the everlasting joy that is our God.



Penry Gustafson, Evangelism Chair

## GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY PROVIDES REGULAR AID



The Good Shepherd food pantry continues to provide regular assistance to those in our community who need help with their food needs each month.

In October, Good Shepherd’s Food Pantry volunteers packed and distributed 53 bags of groceries serving 205 individuals.

In November food pantry volunteers packed and distributed 47 bags of groceries serving 194 individuals. In addition, volunteers packed 47 special Thanksgiving meal boxes as an extra for those clients who came in November.

Plans are being made to provide some Christmas meal “extras” to clients who come in December.

The food pantry distributes food each Wednesday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Recipients must call beforehand to let us know they are coming, and volunteers have their bags of food ready for them when they arrive. Recipients may come once a month to receive food.

Your regular food and monetary contributions make possible the work of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. The third Sunday of each month is “Food Pantry Sunday” when food donations are encouraged. However, donations may be made at any time and left in the designated bin outside the church office. And monetary contributions are always appreciated.

Dedicated volunteers handle food pantry activities each week. Special thanks go to Anne Rush (coordinator), Carolyn Adams, Patty Fowler, Verna Sawyer, Nancy Hubert and Libby Slice for their commitment to the work of the food pantry.

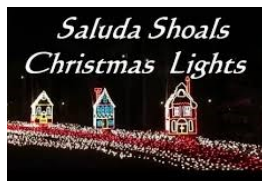
Social Ministry Committee



## LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will meet on December 20. Please bring a covered dish for the luncheon at 12 noon in the FAB. Our entertainment will be a sing along with Susan Sturkie playing our favorites. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship, and really get in the Christmas spirit.

We have a planned trip to see the lights at Saluda Shoals Park, Monday December 9. First we will enjoy a meal at Cracker Barrel on Bush River Rd. Then off to see the lights. We will meet at the church at 4:30. The charge is \$6.00 per person. This covers the gas and entrance fee for the lights. The bus will hold 14 and then we will car pool. Please call church office to get on the list so we will have an accurate count.



We are in desperate need of a new leader for Live Wire. As of December I am retiring. It has been my pleasure serving as leader over 10 years, but I feel it's time for me to pass this on to someone else.

Merry Christmas to all and many blessings in the New Year.

Betty Cox

## CONTACT OUR SERVICEMEN

The Christmas season is upon us and as we send greetings to family members and friends, let us not forget the men and women deployed to various parts of the world who cannot be home. Take the time to send a Christmas card to wish them all the joys and blessing of Christmas and to thank them for their service to our country.



Call or email the full mailing address to Deborah Mitchell our Parish Administrator. This information can then be placed in our church bulletins. We have one address at this time:

Cpl. Preston Haigh  
SPMAGTF 2/7 D1  
Unit 89041  
FPO AP 96610



Pastor Andrew Isenhower leads a Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 2.

**We will be meeting December 3, 10, and 17.**

## GIFTS OF HOPE: FOR CHRISTMAS -- AND FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

This Advent, the SC Synod is again offering the gift-giving program called Gifts of Hope, which enables us to buy gifts which show God's love for His children and help fill needs in South Carolina and around the world.



From December 1-22, Social Ministry committee members will sell Gifts of Hope in the Narthex after each Sunday morning service. The gift catalog offers 32 unique gifts priced from \$10 to \$100 and includes such choices as school uniforms and supplies for children in Tanzania, assistance for young adults aging out of foster care, and hospice care for low-income patients. The common element is generosity demonstrated by purchases of Gifts of Hope.

Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and write "Gifts of Hope" on the memo line. Cash is also accepted. With your gift selection, you will receive an insert to describe your gift which you can enclose in your own Christmas card. You may also choose to make your purchases online and download/print your own gift inserts through the Synod's Web site at <https://scsynod.com/gifts-of-hope/>.

**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 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT 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.*



Return by December 8.



**December 2019**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<p><b>1</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 3:00 pm Installation Service (Sanctuary) followed by Reception (FAB)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:00 pm LMM Christmas Party (Spring Valley Country Club—tickets required) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>Called Congregational Meeting at the End of 8:30 am &amp; 10:45 am Services</b> 9:30 am Children’s Christmas Play Rehearsal (FAB) 12:00 pm Children’s Christmas Play Rehearsal lunch provided (FAB) 4:00 Parish Life Comm Mtg (Parlor) 4:30 pm All YOGS event (bus reserved)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 4:30 pm Live Wire Saluda Shoals Park (bus reserved) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2) 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB) 2:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am Children’s Christmas Play Rehearsal (FAB) 10:45 am Council Installation 12:00 pm Council Meeting (Conference Room) 4:30 pm Children’s Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (FAB) 5:30 pm Children’s Christmas Play &amp; Covered Dish Dinner (FAB)</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 11:30 pm Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm Day School Christmas Program (FAB) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>22</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Day School Closed 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>24</b> Day School Closed <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm OA (Conference Room) 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p><b>29</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> <b>NOISY OFFERING (HUGS)</b> 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am ONE SERVICE of Lessons &amp; Carols</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)</p>



**NEW CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE**  
**December 24, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**  
**See page 3 for more information.**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p><b>4</b>  5:30 pm Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal dinner provided (FAB)  <b>6:30 pm Advent Service (Sanctuary)</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)  7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b>  11:00 am Mary Group (offsite)  5:00 pm Annual Meeting for Laureate Association (FAB)  6:00 pm Finance Comm Mtg (CI-2)  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  9:00 am Decorate Christmas Tree  YFM / GYF</p>
<p><b>11</b>  5:30 Mission Priorities Task Force Meeting (CI-2)  6:00 pm Property Comm Mtg (CI-4)  <b>6:30 pm Advent Service (Sanctuary)</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)  7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b>  10:00 am Bell Ringing at Walmart  12:00 pm Fun Fridays Setup (FAB)  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p><b>13</b>  6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p><b>14</b>  10:00 am Tanzania Team Mtg (FAB)  10:00 am Bell Ringing at Walmart</p> 
<p><b>18</b>  <b>6:30 pm Advent Service (Sanctuary)</b>  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)  7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b>  2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room)  6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)  6:30 pm Dorcas Group (offsite)  6:30 pm Tamar Group (offsite)</p>	<p><b>20</b>  12:00 pm Live Wire (FAB)</p>	<p><b>21</b>  4:00 pm YOGS Christmas Party &amp; Caroling (bus reserved)</p>
<p><b>25</b>  Day School Closed  Church Office Closed  6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>26</b>  Day School Closed  Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>27</b>  Day School Closed</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>January 1</b>  Day School Closed  Church Office Closed</p>			

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

DATE	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19	12/29/19	1/5/20
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	Mike Weaver, Susan Weaver	Michael Brown, Steve Hanayik	Frances Plyler, Rebecca Richardson	Connie & Jim Donovan	One Service at 9:30 a.m.	<b>TBD</b>
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Alice Buckner (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Barbara Nagy (L & C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Connie Donovan (L) Lisa Lehman (C)	One Service at 9:30 a.m.	<b>TBD</b>
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Pat Quattlebaum	Mitch Uehling, Katie Bostic	Alexis Boyles, Donna Foster	Alexis Boyles, Donna Foster	One Service at 9:30 a.m.	Alexis Boyles, Katie Bostic
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Mike Weaver	Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler	Bettie Stroud	One Service at 9:30 a.m.	<b>TBD</b>

**COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH: Wade Wingard & Rebecca Richardson**

**OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison**

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: Noah Adams & Brock Tollison**

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

DATE	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/19	12/22/19	12/29/19 at 9:30 a.m.	1/5/20
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam, Marcia Woodward	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Bonnie Hammond
<b>USHERS</b>	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent, Mary Aitchison	Team #2 Herrmann
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Kelly Grace Lalumondier	Evelyn Ortiz	Sienna Fettig	Chloe Porter	Evelyn Ortiz	Savannah Gross
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Jake Lalumondier	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig	Matthew Herrmann	Noah Adams	Matthew Herrmann
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Karin Culp (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Gaye Tucker (L & C)	Stacy Gross (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Penry Gustafson (L) Becky Shealy (C)	Alice Buckner & Kerry Stubbs (L) Don Caughman (C)	Millie Sox (L) Jennifer Ross (C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Anna Ross	Mitch Uehling, Melanie & Kelly Grace Lalumondier	Alexis Boyles, Deborah Whitlow	Alexis Boyles, Laura Leigh Smith	Alexis Boyles, Pat Quattlebaum	Alexis Boyles, Susan Uehling
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy, Joey Allison	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy, Joey Allison	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy, Joey Allison	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy, Joey Allison	Neal Inman, Becky Shealy, Joey Allison	<b>TBD</b>
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Lavina Chandler, Mitch Uehling	Karen Lucas, Mary Margaret Hoy	Jerry Vaughn, Leigh Ford	David Lucas, Penry Gustafson	Mary Stallings, Steve Steck	Terri Tokaz, Mary Margaret Hoy

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES DEC. 24

5:00 p.m.

**Greeters**

Jean Cockrell, Justine Parker

**Ushers**

Team #4 (Wingard, captain)

**Lector/Communion Assistants**

Elaine Zornow (L)  
 Steve Steck (C), Joey Allison (C)  
 Lennae Sox – Acolyte; Millie Sox – Crucifer  
 Sienna & Isabella Fettig – Torch bearers  
 Brock Tollison – Banner bearer

**Nursery** Alexis Boyles, Jennifer & Anna Ross

11:00 p.m.

**Greeters**

Nancy Hyatt

**Ushers**

Bruce Shealy, Jeff Inabinet, Richard Inman

**Lector/Communion Assistant**

Don Caughman (L), Barbara Rowell (C)  
 Kelly Grace Lalumondier – Acolyte  
 Jake Lalumondier – Crucifer  
 Chloe Porter – Torch bearers  
 Forrest Havird – Banner bearer

**Tabulators**

Becky Shealy, Jamie Sanders

**NEW CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORIES** are available on the tables in the Narthex. Please pick up **one** per family. Look through this new directory. You may notice that some members' listings in the new directory include alternate addresses. If there is no need for these listings or if they are incorrect, notify Deborah Mitchell in the church office of any corrections at [parishadmin@gslc.com](mailto:parishadmin@gslc.com) or call the office at 803-787-4413. If you did not get your information updated before publication, please notify the Church Office.

2019 Membership Directory



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OUR MISSION  
 We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace in faith for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

## WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

**December 4 @ 6:30 a.m.**

Greeter—Anne Rush  
 Ushers—Greg Sox, Perry Shuping

**December 11 @ 6:30 a.m.**

Greeter—Linda Taylor  
 Ushers—Bruce Shealy, Jeff Inabinet

**December 18 @ 6:30 a.m.**

Greeter—Pat Quattlebaum  
 Ushers—Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	William Pope	11	David Hill	18	Kelly Grace Lalumondier
	Tim Nance		Ron Jones	21	Lula Camp
	Judy Rogers	12	Walker Bostic		Adelaide Cannon
3	Una Rose Van Duys		Victoria Houghton		Joey Lisowski
4	Dave Shelton	14	Linda Van Duys	24	Chuck Henderson
6	Alyia Grosh	16	Jackson Nabors		Chris Seay
7	Patty Branham		Stephane Seay	25	Jeff Inabinet
	Devon Robinson	17	Wilhelmina Edwards	27	Clarissa Ferry
	Leighton Jenny		Kelly Flora Bingham	30	Gaye Tucker
8	Cleve Hancock	18	Cheryl Christian	31	Bob Barnhill
9	Charlene Fink		Marion Eargle		Andrea Keim
10	Delaney Uehling		Michelle Isenhower		



## DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### New Fellowship Time Location

Come join us downstairs in the Parlor before Sunday School starts. There are always coffee, a sweet treat, and an opportunity to get to know one another better. There will be brief announcements at 9:40. We would love for you to stick around and check out one of the Sunday school classes. All are welcome!

### COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

This class will continue studying 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

The theme for December will be "Gratitude and the stories of Christmas." We will start the month off with lessons on gratitude, and will discuss how it relates to the Christmas season.

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

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

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ITEMS

The Learning and Worship Life Committees are providing several special items to be used during our Advent season, which begins Sunday, December 1. These advent materials are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take only what your family will use; materials are limited. We encourage you to use them to enhance your Advent season as we prepare and anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY COVERED DISH DINNER DECEMBER 15, 2019 ~ 5:30 P.M.

**Mark your calendars!** On **Sunday, December 15, at 5:30 p.m.** the children and youth of Good Shepherd will present a traditional Christmas play that celebrates the beauty and joy of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

We invite the entire congregation to be a part of this celebration. **A covered dish supper will follow the performance.** Bring your favorite dishes to share.

Rehearsals for the play will be in the FAB on:

- **Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30** (dinner provided)
- **Sunday, December 8 during Sunday School and following the late service** (lunch provided)
- **Sunday, December 15 during Sunday School**
- **Sunday, December 15 - Dress Rehearsal at 4:30**



## 2020 COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

At the November Council meeting the following were elected Council officers and Committee chairs for 2020.

President	Ed Beaman
Vice President	Marcia Woodward
Secretary	Anna-Marie Plyler
Treasurer	Jamie Sanders

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Katie Bostic	Learning	2021
Karen Lucas	Parish Life & Liaison to Communications	2021
Jamie Sanders	Treasurer & Liaison to Finance	2021
Marcia Woodward	Vice President & Gifts	2021
Ed Beaman	President & Liaison to Property	2020
Donna Foster	Worship Life	2020
Penry Gustafson	Evangelism	2020
Jennifer Ross	At-large Youth & Children	2020
Steve Steck	At-large Social Ministry	2020
Mitch Uehling	Youth & Children	2020
Noah Adams	Youth Deacon	2020

### NON-COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Don Caughman	Social Ministry
Lauren Chandler	Property
Rebecca Richardson	Finance
Wade Wingard	Communication

An installation service will be held on December 15 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service for the 2020 Council. And a special word of thanks is extended to those whose terms expire at the end of this year – Lauren Chandler, Robert Ellington, Nancy Hyatt, Rebecca Richardson, Brock Tollison and Wade Wingard.

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## 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

The 2020 offering envelopes are available for each active Good Shepherd family. The offering boxes will be available for pick up on tables placed in the Narthex on December 8.

Donations are effective only in the year in which they are offered. A check received in January 2020 can't be credited for 2019 even if it is dated "2019." Make sure checks are postmarked by December 31, 2019. Then, even if they arrive in 2020, they are still deductible for 2019.

The **best way to make sure your offerings are credited** to your account is to use the Good Shepherd numbered offering envelopes assigned to you. Using your assigned offering envelopes helps the offering tabulators and myself for record-keeping and posting to the correct accounts.

Each Sunday while you are having lunch, a devoted group of your fellow members is processing your contributions. To help them do their job and make it easier for them, please do the following;

1. **Use your offering envelopes or another envelope.**
2. **Write your name on the envelope.**
3. **Write the amount on the envelope.**

The five pink special envelopes in each individual member's offering envelope box has now been eliminated to help reduce the cost of the offering envelopes. Please use the pink special envelopes located in the church pews.

Thanks for your help and contributions.

**Deb Embrey, Financial Secretary**

## LECTIONARY FOR DECEMBER 2019

### **DECEMBER 1 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 122**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

### **DECEMBER 8 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

*May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 15:4-13**

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 3:1-12**

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

### **DECEMBER 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 35:1-10**

*The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of*

*creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 146:5-10**

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)*

#### **SECOND READING – James 5:7-10**

*In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11**

*John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.*

### **DECEMBER 22 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 7:10-16**

*An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

*Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 1:1-7**

*Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18-25**

*Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."*

### **DECEMBER 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 63:7-9**

*God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 148**

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

#### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 2:10-18**

*Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.*

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 2:13-23**

*In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.*

## WITH PRAYER

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



**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@gsllc.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	Mark Shealy—nephew of Don Caughman & Lena Duncan
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond	Gary Thomas—employee of Wes Snodgrass
Jimmy Caughman—brother of Don Caughman	Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox	Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass	Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman
Mike Hammond—grandfather of William Pope	
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes	
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	
Lucas Rachels—son of a friend of Pat Roche	

### DEPLOYED

Preston Haigh

### BIRTH

Son Emerson Atlas to Amy and Eric Kemp

### WITH SYMPATHY

Sandra Howe, mother of Kathy O'Quinn, Debbie Dyches, and Robin Traufler

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CALENDAR



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- Dec 1 Pastor Andrew’s Installation Service
- Dec 2 LMM Christmas Party (tickets required)
- Dec 4, 11, and 18 Advent Services
- Dec 9 Live Wire Dinner & Saluda Shoals
- Dec 13 Fun Fridays
- Dec 15 Food Pantry Sunday
- Dec 15 Children’s Christmas Play & Covered Dish Dinner



- Dec. 16 Deadline for January 2020 Newsletter Articles
- Dec 20 Live Wire
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services (5 & 11 p.m.)
- Dec 25-26 Church Office Closed
- Dec 23-27 Day School Closed
- Dec 29 One Service of Lessons & Carols



- Jan. 1 Church Office & Day School closed
- Jan. 5 Epiphany Celebration  
Chili & Cornbread Cook-off 6:00 p.m.

**April 24-26, 2020**  
**Good Shepherd Retreat at Lutheridge for EVERYONE!**

**October 2-4, 2020**

**WELCA Retreat, Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms**

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