

# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter  
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## REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCT. 29

### "FREED & RENEWED IN CHRIST"

"FREED & RENEWED IN CHRIST" is the theme used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in its churchwide observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther made public on October 31, 1517.

In Luther's writing "*The Freedom of a Christian*" (1520), he wrote "A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant completely attentive to the needs of all."



The ELCA's theme expresses this message of **the Christian faith's freedom and a renewed life of service to others** in Jesus Christ.



On Sunday, October 29, we will observe this 500th Reformation anniversary in our regular worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. **The Capital City Brass group will provide special music at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.** Come and be a part of this special celebration day as we join our voices in proclaiming "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Please **join us on Sunday, Oct. 29, for either our 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service** celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Greetings from Church Council,

Your Congregational Council has been hard at work the last couple of months with all that has been happening at Good Shepherd.

As we continue to enter our transition at Good Shepherd, I am happy to report that council voted to call **Pastor Karen Hawkins as Interim Pastor**. Pastor Hawkins has accepted the call. Pastor Hawkins will be a full-time interim during this transition. Her first day in the office will be October 9 and her first service will be conducted on Sunday, October 15.

Pastor Hawkins has **20 years of life experience as an ordained minister**. She graduated from LTSS and was called to serve at Christ The King Lutheran Church between 1997 and 2012. Since then Pastor Hawkins has faithfully served in Interim roles at Ebenezer Lutheran, St. Johannes Lutheran, and, most recently, at All Saints Lutheran. Prior to seminary, Pastor Hawkins graduated from College of Charleston. She then worked as an educator in special education in Summerville for nine years.

Pastor Hawkins is excited to come to Good Shepherd and stands ready to move our ministry forward. Council had an excellent personal meeting with her on September 7.

**Let's all turn out at our worship services on October 15 to meet Pastor Hawkins** and welcome her in the way that only Good Shepherd can.

In the meantime, Council has contracted with **retired GSLC Pastor Kathy Chartier to serve in a supply role for the two weeks** between Pastor Kris and Pastor Hawkins.

We would also like to say a very special **"thank you" to Pastor Kris** for his service to Good Shepherd. Not only was Pastor Kris ordained here but it also was his first call. It has been a pleasure to have Pastor Kris at Good Shepherd and an enjoyment to watch him grow in ministry. Now God has called Pastor Kris and Pastor Ginger to begin a new chapter in their ministry together. Godspeed to Pastor Kris and his family as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

**Ed Beaman, Council President**

## JOIN US FOR A CONGREGATIONAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

### ON SUNDAY, OCT. 1, 4:30 P.M., FAB

You are invited to the FAB on Oct. 1 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. for an ice cream social and to hear about next year's exciting ministries. Come learn how our generous giving helped expand our ministries in 2017. You will also hear from the different ministry areas as to how they would use funds in 2018.

- ◆ *MEET our new interim staff*
- ◆ *ENJOY music by "Good and Proper"*
- ◆ *MAKE yourself a Baskin-Robbins ice cream sundae*
- ◆ *ENJOY original recipe cookies by Anita Easter (Anita has won numerous State Fair Blue Ribbons for her cookies. You will get a sample of her entry into this year's State Fair!)*
- ◆ *HEAR about our ministry goals for 2018*



## INSPIRING GENEROSITY FOR 2018

As we begin our Fall Stewardship Appeal, the Gifts Committee and Congregational Council are truly excited about sharing our goals for 2018 with each of you. You will receive the new, hot-off-the-press brochure that will give you a glimpse into Good Shepherd's aims and wishes for 2018.

So that everyone can be an integral part of this process, we are offering an afternoon of fun and fellowship where you will hear about the extra achievements accomplished by last year's generosity. The Congregational Council committee chairs will also share our goals for 2018 which can only be accomplished through your participation and support.

In order for us to fulfill God's mission at Good Shepherd, we sincerely hope that each of you can come to our congregational ice cream social on Sunday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the FAB.

Here is the stewardship timeline we have developed for the next few months:

- † **Informative Temple Talks** in early October by members sharing inspiring stories of generosity
- † **Statement of Intent** cards and letters sent out the week of Oct. 9
- † **Commitment Sunday** for the return of Statement of Intent cards on Oct. 22
- † **Caring follow-up** in early November to allow every member the chance for generosity
- † In early November, an opportunity to volunteer your **time and talents** in service and join in a celebration of thanks for all you do!



## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR KRIS, GINGER, AND VIRGINIA AND STELLA HELD IN FAB AFTER GODSPEED SERVICE



## GENERATION CELEBRATION 8 SPOTLIGHTS GERMANY ON OCT. 26



Join us on Thursday, Oct. 26, as we bring the sights, stories, and food of Germany to Good Shepherd!

Feel free to wear your lederhosen and be ready to tap your toes to a polka as we visit the motherland through the photos of our

Germany travelers. We may even hear a tale or two of their various adventures.

Be sure to bring an appetite for German food! The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the FAB.

## “BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS” SET FOR OCT. 4

What pets do you have? Rabbits, hamsters, snakes, birds, turtles, iguanas, fish, guinea pigs, ferrets, geckos, gerbils, cats, and/or dogs?

Good Shepherd invites “all creatures, great and small” to receive an individual blessing from **Deacons Jim Johnson and Barbara Rowell** on **Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m.**

Bring the creature companions that you love to Good Shepherd’s courtyard that day for a short service of thanksgiving and blessing.

All “bless-ees” must be on a leash or in carriers and fully controlled and monitored by their human escorts.

There will be a brief liturgy, and each animal will be blessed for a long life, good health, and a happy home.



## LET’S BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

Among my favorite prayers in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is, “**O God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**” This prayer has been especially meaningful to me as I entered or left a call to the ministries I have served as a church musician. I am certain this prayer is with our former staff as they transition into new ministries.

This prayer can **give strong support to who we are as the people of God at Good Shepherd** as we make our way through this time of musical and pastoral transition. The unknowns of the future, and the uncertainty as to how all of our ministries will be sustained during the interim period, can be cause for anxiety and distress. We can know that Christ is the head of the church and he will walk with us every minute of the days, weeks, and months ahead. His hand is leading us and his love is supporting us.

**Now is the time for us to come together as a congregation** and sustain the ministries that make up the core strength of who we are as a Christian community. Now is the time to commit to weekly worship. Word and Sacrament worship provide the spiritual strength that enables everything else we do as God’s people. Now is the time to make sure that we are all involved with the pastoral care of each other. Give support to fellow members with a call, a card, or other greeting to let them know they are being prayed for and they are cared for. Now is the time to follow through on all the volunteer commitments we make and to even say “yes” to one more thing.

The hymns and songs of the church speak with great strength to my spiritual formation. I am reminded of the children’s song, “**I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we’re the church together.**” As we move into this pastoral and musical transition, let us do so with the confidence that being God’s people in this time and place is a gift to us and to our community and that we can fulfill our ministry commitments as we move forward through the leading of the Holy Spirit. **Let’s be the church together. Now is the time!**

*Jim Johnson, Interim Music Director and Chair of Evangelism Committee*

## DONATING STOCK TO GOOD SHEPHERD HAS MANY BENEFITS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gladly accepts donations of stock shares. There are many benefits to donating stock, especially stock which has appreciated or risen in value since obtained.

The main benefit of donating stock is the capability to share your blessings for our ministries!

Another benefit relates to tax deductions. Typically the donor may deduct the value of the stock on the day donated versus the price when obtained. Please consult with your tax advisor to understand deduction rules and potential restrictions. Please note that this benefit is available only when itemizing deductions and not when taking a standard deduction.



GSLC has a protocol in place to transact stock donations smoothly and confidentially.

First, contact our Council President

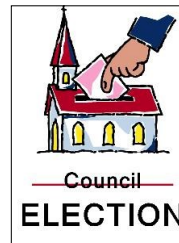
who will provide the Charles Schwab account number for you to share with your brokerage firm. Notify the President with the transaction date. You will receive confirmation of your transfer from your brokerage firm.

It is the policy of our church to liquidate all non-cash asset contributions as soon as possible. This protects the church in the event the asset suddenly loses value. Only our Council President has the authority to transact the liquidation trade. Proceeds from the sale are transferred from the Schwab account into the church's bank account for additional processing.

Your donation is credited to your quarterly donation statement from Good Shepherd. If you donate stocks and do not see the pertinent information on the next quarterly statement, please contact our Council President as soon as possible. It isn't often we manage stock transactions and we need the donor to help us ensure complete processing.

For 2017, please contact Council President Ed Beaman at 803-261-0188 for questions or transactions. You may also contact Rebecca Richardson, Finance Committee Chair, at 803-463-8376, for general questions or concerns.

## CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Will BE FORTHCOMING FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS



A called congregational meeting of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be forthcoming to elect members to the 2018 Congregational Council. The ballot will include those nominated by the Council plus nominations from the floor made on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Biographical information on nominees will be provided to all voting members of the congregation. Elections will be for members to serve three-year terms plus to fill a vacant two-year term. One Youth Deacon also will be elected to a one-year term.

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## NEW STAGE CURTAIN INSTALLED IN FAB

The Property Committee wants to let the congregation know that we have a new stage curtain in the FAB. The beautiful new red curtain was installed on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Our new FAB curtain was funded with memorial funds offered for **Frank Frierson and Harvey Robinson** and dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 10. Please let **Paige Frierson** and her family and **Stan and Larry Robinson** and their families know how much we appreciate the gift.

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## YOUTH SUNDAY SET FOR NOV. 12

Good Shepherd has a long tradition of having a Youth Sunday each year. Continuing that tradition, the Youth of Good Shepherd will hold their Youth Sunday this year on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Also on that day, the youth plan to collect a love offering for National Youth Gathering. **The youth thank everyone who has helped with the fundraising to enable them to participate in the 2018 National Youth Gathering next summer in Houston.**

These donations of time, talent, Silent Auction items, and money have been greatly appreciated!

Many of the funds to go to the Gathering have been raised, but not all of the budget has been met. If you would like to help, please make your donation in a pink Special Offerings envelope and mark it, along with the check's memo line, for "Youth Summer Mission Fund."

## YOGS TO COMPETE FOR MARTY PARTY TROPHY



For over a decade, Midlands-area Lutheran youth groups have annually competed in the Marty Party for Reformation in an attempt to earn the coveted Martin Luther

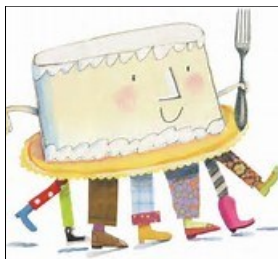
trophy. It's like a "field day" experience, yet each event has a Lutheran component to it.

The Marty Party began at Good Shepherd, and our YOGS have won the trophy before. However, none of our current YOGS have experienced the elation of winning this trophy. We intend for this year to be different.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, the YOGS will meet at GSLC at 2:15 p.m., then proceed to the Marty Party at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington. They should return to Good Shepherd (with smiles and perhaps a trophy in hand) around 6:30 p.m. Please bring \$5 with you for admission.

## YOGS CAKE WALK AND BAKE SALE

Many of us have fond memories of church that include wonderful covered dish meals with delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and other treats!



The YOGS are putting on a Fall Festival for the younger members of the congregation and the community and **we need your help with the Fall Festival Cake Walk and Bake Sale!**

We know there are talented bakers in our congregation and we'd love to have your homemade cakes, pies, cookies, or other treats as prizes in our Cake Walk and Bake Sale. Each year the competition heats up as folks take their turns on the Cake Walk Wheel and hope to win one of these yummy items.

**Please sign up on the volunteer/donation form in the narthex beginning Oct. 1** if you can provide your homemade treat. If you have questions, please call Jennifer Ross at 803-735-9710.

## GYF TO JOIN IN FALL FESTIVAL

We had a great time at the GYF Kickoff in September. For the October event, God's Young Followers will



participate in the annual GSLC Fall Festival on Oct. 29 from 4–6 p.m. See you there!

If you have a child in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and are not receiving e-mails about events, please call 803-736-2070 or e-mail [mikelisasanchez@gmail.com](mailto:mikelisasanchez@gmail.com)

## FALL FESTIVAL SET FOR OCT. 29

Children of all ages are invited to the annual GSLC Fall Festival set for Sunday, **October 29**, from 4 to 6 p.m. in



the upper parking lot by the FAB.

There will be LOTS of wonderful things

there for children to do, including **bobbing for apples**, **Trunk or Treat** (sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to our sweet trunk or treaters!), **and a little Pumpkin Patch for everyone to pick a pumpkin and decorate**. Plus we'll have all of our usual fun things to do. Be sure to come in costume for our annual Halloween fun.

In addition, the YOGS will have a hot-dog-with-chili-and-all-the-fixings dinner for sale, a Cake Walk, and a Bake Sale (*please see the article at left for information*).



To help with set up or clean up, assist with the event, volunteer your trunk for trunk or treat, or offer treats of various kinds, **please sign up on the volunteer/donation sign-up sheet** in the narthex beginning Oct. 1.

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes meet below the sanctuary. Come for fellowship, hot coffee, and brief announcements before class. Join any class you like. Our classes are always open for new folks!

### “COME & SEE” CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

Dr. Charles Sigel will conclude his class on Oct. 1, after which the Come & See class topic/teacher will be announced.

### AROUND THE CORNER CLASS—CLASSROOM 2

Peter Zornow will teach the Around the Corner Class beginning Oct. 8.

### PARLOR CLASS —CLASSROOM 3

Mitch Mackinem will teach the Parlor Class beginning Oct. 8.

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

The Fellowship Class is invited to join another adult class in October.

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASS—CLASSROOM 4

Don Caughman & Jeff Inabinet will co-teach the high school class.

**Pastor Hawkins:** 803-252-1327 (as of 10/9/17)

**NOTE:** The church office is closed on Sunday mornings. In case of emergency, call 787-4413 and leave a message for the pastor on call.

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you cannot be here, get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment. If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

<u>SERVICE AREA</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Worship Life	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
8:30 a.m.	Susan Weaver 600-1936
10:30 a.m.	Jeff Inabinet October Usher Chair 603-3729
Worship Assistants	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers	Neal Inman 600-5637
Nursery	Sarah Evans 803-315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Donna Vaughn	10	Mary Allen	16	Trae Dent	23	Thomas Elliott
2	Andrew Fettig		Abel Ferry		Steve Steck		Mark Whitlow
	Kayla Fettig	12	Virginia Aull	17	Sylvia Anne Derrick	25	Jordan Herrmann
	Melissa Shukla		Valerie Evans		Wayne Hammond	27	Savannah Gross
3	Susan Faith Ellington		Hilde Jakiela		Evelyn McQuage	29	Gwen Barnes
5	Marie Currie		Alicia McFarland		Pat Roche		Ryan Fink
	Jennifer Ross	13	Loujean Baker	18	Alex Gibert		Margie Slice
	Dot Sterling		Lib Quattlebaum	19	Doris McCaughey	30	Lark Adams
6	Abigail Rutz		Elizabeth Whitlow	20	Curtis Easter	31	Debbie Dyches
	Lauren Chandler		Eric Whitlow		Trisha Holman		Madison Devers
7	Dale Richardson	14	Elizabeth McKenna		Amy Kemp		
8	Jonathan Sanchez		Mary Sox	21	Carolyn Adams		
9	Cindy Taylor	15	Nancy Koons		Kerry Stubbs		

**WORSHIP SERVICES\*:** 8:30 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship (Downstairs)  
 9:25 am Sunday Church School  
 10:30 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion



# October 2017

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>
<p><b>1</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><i>WELCA Annual Retreat ends</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Congregational Ice Cream Social (FAB)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Weston Mgt. Madison HOA (FAB)                      6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm Gardening Small Group (Parlor)                      5:30 pm Evangelism Comm. (CI-2)                      5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>8</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>4 pm Confirmation Session (CI-2)</p> <p>5 pm All YOGS Activity Planning &amp; Meal (Youth Room)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:45 am Sarah Group (FAB)                      11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)                      4:30 pm Executive Comm. Mtg.                      5:30 pm Williamsburg HOA (FAB)                      5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)                      6 pm New Testament Small Group (CI-2)                      6:30 pm Called Council Mtg. (FAB)</p>
<p><b>15</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><i>Food Pantry Sunday</i></p> <p>Noon WELCA Unit Meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 pm Congregational Council Mtg. (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>22</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><i>Commitment Sunday</i></p> <p>Parlor Class Transitions Project</p> <p>2:15 pm YOGS leave for Marty Party</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>29</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p><i>Reformation Sunday</i>                      (2 regular services)                      Noisy Offering</p> <p>4 pm  (FAB)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p></p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>



Every Wednesday\*:

Day School Chapel 10 a.m.  
 Children's Choir 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.  
 Adult Choir 7 p.m.

\*Unless otherwise noted

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>6 pm Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)</b>                      6 pm Staff Support Mtg. (CI-2)                      6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10 am Mary Group (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm Finance Comm. Mtg. (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)                      7 pm Freed-Up Financial Living (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>12 Columbus Day</b></p>  <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      FAB Reserved for Fun Fridays</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10 am SC Native Plant Swap (FAB parking lot)</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)                      7 pm Freed-Up Financial Living (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>2 pm Visitation Ministry (Conference Room)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6:30 pm Tamar Group                      6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Noon Live Wire Lunch &amp; Mtg. (FAB)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>FAB Reserved for Parlor Class Transitions Project</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Live Wire Trip to Boykin</p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)                      7 pm Freed-Up Financial Living (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm WELCA Board (Parlor)  <b>6 pm Generation Celebration 8 (FAB)</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

DATE	10/01/17	10/08/17	10/15/17	10/22/17	10/29/17	11/05/17
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Deb Embrey Sandy Gundlach	Wayne & Bonnie Hammond	Melanie Lalumondier Nancy Hyatt	Justine Parker Debi Powell	Jerry & Judy Rogers
<b>USHERS</b>	Richard Inman Lauren Chandler Zak Taylor Perry Shuping	Perry Shuping Greg Sox Jim Lalumondier Jerry Rogers	Richard Inman Lauren Chandler Zak Taylor Jeff Inabinet	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Jim Lalumondier Jerry Rogers	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Richard Inman Lauren Chandler	Team 2 Chris Herrmann, Chair
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Noah Adams	Gracye Boozer	Lennae Sox	Jack Burrows	Madison Tankersley	Isabella F.
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Addie Cannon	Maddie Boozer	Millie Sox	Harrison Seay	Brock Tollison	Sam Seay
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>					Anna Ross Eden Rowell	
<b>BANNER</b>					Eric Whitlow	
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Robert Ellington (L); Lisa Lehman (C)	Tim Mueller (L) Cathy Quinton (C)	Stacy Gross (L); Jennifer Ross (C)	Eden Rowell (L); Barbara Rowell (C)	Becky Shealy (L&C)	Diane Smith (L&C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Kimi Dail Ashleigh Taylor	Kimi Dail Brock Tollison	Kimi Dail Stephany Uehling	Becky Ann Struthers Anna Ross	Kimi Dail Stacy Gross	TBD
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Gaye Collins Debi Powell	Gaye Collins Debi Powell	Gaye Collins Debi Powell	Gaye Collins Debi Powell	Gaye Collins Debi Powell	Nancy Hyatt
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Mary Stallings Rebecca Richardson	Lavina Chandler David Lucas	Mitch Uehling Jerry Vaughn	Betty Cox Lisa Boozer	Karen Lucas Terri Tokaz	Cheryl C. M.M. Hoy

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH:** Becky Anne Struthers

**OPENING BUILDINGS:** Ty Boheler & Kerry Stubbs

**FOOD PANTRY:** Brock Tollison, Lennae & Millie Sox

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

DATE	10/01/17	10/08/17	10/15/17	10/22/17	10/29/17	11/05/17
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	Ken Jirel Frances Plyler	David Lucas Karen Lucas	Mike Weaver Susan Weaver	Mike Weaver Susan Weaver	Mike Brown Rebecca Richardson	Jim Donovan Ursula Weeks
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Beth Jirel (L&C)	Barbara Nagy (L&C)	Joann Nagy (L&C)	Patty Branham (L&C)	Connie Donovan (L&C)	Steve Steck (L&C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	TBD Kimi Dail (also SS)	TBD Kimi Dail (also SS)	Bev Weymouth Kimi Dail (also SS)	Mary Stallings Katie Bostic	Susan Weaver Kimi Dail (SS)	TBD Kimi Dail (also SS)
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Frances Plyler	Karen Lucas	Susan Weaver	Cathy Milejczak	Betti Stroud	Connie Donovan

## LIVE WIRE TO MEET OCT. 20, PLANS CHRISTMAS TRIPS

Live Wire will meet on Friday, **Oct. 20 at noon**. Our guest speaker is Cathy Milejczak showing slides of Tanzania. Bring your favorite covered dish to share.

The day trip to Boykin, SC, will be Wednesday, **Oct. 25**. The cost is \$10.

The Christmas trip to Myrtle Beach will be **Nov. 15–16**. We will have dinner at Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Restaurant and then go to the



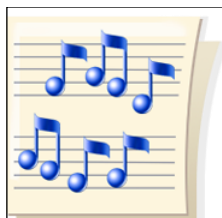
Alabama Theatre for "The South's Grandest Christmas Show." We will be staying at the Beach Cove Resort. The cost for single occupancy is \$148 and double is \$112 and includes breakfast on Thursday morning. Please make full payment to Live Wire and give the check or cash to Betty Cox by Sunday, Oct. 8.



### STAFF CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

During October we are observing **Susan Sturkie's** 29th anniversary with Good Shepherd.

Susan has been our Organist and Worship Associate since 1988.



As a congregation, we give thanks for her talents, her dedication, and her commitment to serving with us here at Good Shepherd.

Please take some time to personally express your gratitude and appreciation to her for her service.

## WELCA FALL UNIT MEETING SCHEDULED

All women of Good Shepherd are invited to the Women of the ELCA Fall Unit Meeting in the FAB on **Oct. 15 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**.

We will have lunch consisting of assorted salads, drinks and dessert. Please plan to attend. Contact Sandy Gundlach or Karen Lucas with any questions.



### PARLOR CLASS PLANS CHILI PROJECT

The Parlor Class will serve chili at Transitions on Sunday, Oct. 22, with prep work and cooking set for Saturday, Oct. 21. Everyone is invited to participate in this project, either directly or with financial contributions. Contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936 for information.

### ROD KENT TO MANAGE BUS RESERVATIONS, MAINTENANCE

The Property Committee appointed Rod Kent as the GSLC Bus Liaison. Rod is in charge of scheduling, finding drivers, and, along with **Mike Brown**, making sure the bus is in good working condition.

Please contact Rod at 803-261-2905 for information on reserving or questions about use of the GSLC bus.

### COMMUNICATION CORNER

The church office sends out **weekly emails** about Good Shepherd events. If you aren't receiving these updates, please make sure we have your **current email address**. **Announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon each Wednesday**. Articles for the **November newsletter** are due **Monday, October 23**. Email your newsletter information to [barbara@gslc.com](mailto:barbara@gslc.com).

### THERE'S A NEED FOR...

- Personal-sized toiletries for various shelters
- Wide-mouthed pill bottles
- Plastic grocery bags
- Food donations

Collection bins are in the hallway across from the office. **Please note:** If no bin is available for an item, that item is not needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

## HARVEST HOPE IS OCTOBER SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS

The October social ministry emphasis at Good Shepherd is Harvest Hope Food Bank. Harvest Hope was begun in 1981 by business leaders and faith community members who wanted to help provide for hungry persons in Columbia.

Over the years, **Harvest Hope has increased its mission to serving hungry persons in 20 S.C. counties in the Midlands, Pee Dee, and Greenville areas.** Last year, Harvest Hope distributed some 28 million pounds of food to needy individuals and to various local community organizations which provide for the hungry. On average, Harvest Hope feeds some 38,000 needy persons per week through the overall program.

You may place your donations to Harvest Hope in the offering plate each Sunday in October or give them to the church office. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate them for Harvest Hope.

**Good Shepherd's own food pantry provides basic food items to persons from our community** who have difficulty stretching their food budget through the month. Recipients may come once a month on a Wednesday afternoon to receive a bag of food.

We could use more volunteers on Wednesdays for an hour or two to help prepare bags of food and to distribute them when recipients come to the office. If you're interested, contact the church office or Don Coughman, Social Ministry Committee chair.

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## RAMP MINISTRY IS VERY ACTIVE

Many persons in our area who are confined to wheelchairs now have access to their homes via ramps built by Good Shepherd's wheelchair ramp ministry

volunteer team under the **leadership of Mike Weaver and Rod Kent. So far this year the team has built eight ramps** and another has been approved by the social ministry committee.



To make sure volunteer time and efforts and available resources are used effectively, anyone requesting a ramp must **submit a ramp application form to Susan Weaver of the Social Ministry Committee.** The committee then approves construction of the ramp if the appropriate criteria are met. Application forms are available from Susan or the church office.

## FUN FRIDAYS SET FOR OCTOBER 13

Participants in Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on **Friday, Oct. 13, from 6–9 p.m.** in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month.



**All members of Good Shepherd are welcome to be helpers** at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities while our guests have fun with their friends.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie by email at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or call 788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 13 any time from 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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## OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING TO BENEFIT VA FOOD PANTRY

The beneficiary of the October 29 noisy offering at



Good Shepherd will be the VA food pantry at the Dorn VA Center in Columbia. Money from the noisy offering will be used to buy food to donate to that food pantry.

The food pantry started as a "drawer" of food at the VA Center to provide for needy veterans who came to the VA center hungry. The drawer "grew" into a pantry and has served more than a thousand needy veterans. The pantry is open 24 hours and allows needy vets to focus on their healthcare rather than where their next meal will come from.

**The Dorn VA Center is one of only about 15 out of more than 150 centers in the nation that have a food pantry for needy vets.**

You are encouraged to bring your coins to the noisy offering October 29 and "make noise" when the children of the church come around with collection buckets during the service. Of course, folding money and checks are also accepted. Make checks to Good Shepherd and designate them for the VA Food Pantry.

## GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

In 2009, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church established a charitable foundation for the purpose of providing gifts through financial grants to organizations and individuals in need based on the interest earned from the endowment. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Foundation awarded its first grants in January 2015. Since then, grants have been awarded to Family Promise of the Midlands, Lutheran Campus Ministry, the Tanzania Diocese traveling ministry program, Harvest Hope and Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. The Foundation thanks all of those who have helped to make this possible through gifts and bequests. These grants provide a wonderful opportunity for Good Shepherd to have a real impact in our community.

The Foundation Board is looking for more great projects to support. The **next round of grant applications is due to the Foundation by November 1, 2017. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Foundation distributes grants to selected applicants who fall into one of four categories:**

- ◆ Community institutions and agencies to which Good Shepherd relates, and to the special programs designed for those who are in spiritual and/or economic need.
- ◆ Institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA and for missions of the ELCA at home and overseas.
- ◆ For GSLC members to attend an ELCA Seminary or other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people.
- ◆ For non-budgeted special projects of GSLC not normally funded by the congregation's annual budget.

The Foundation Board recognizes that the people of Good Shepherd know the needs of our community and encourages you to be part of this grant making process. Active members of Good Shepherd are invited to pick up an application on the table across from the office door and be a shepherd for the next grant cycle. Electronic copies of the application are also available from any Foundation Board member.

**Applications should be filled out and returned to the church office by November 1, 2017.** If you have any questions, please contact Teri Holmes, Foundation Board Chair, at [teriholmes1965@gmail.com](mailto:teriholmes1965@gmail.com). **Good Shepherd Foundation Board:** Lee Elliott; Janet Lockhart; Teri Holmes; Mitch Uehling; and Elizabeth McKenna

## GOOD SHEPHERD TO WORK WITH NEW MIDLANDS MINISTRY

Good Shepherd is working with *"Beloved: Christian Faith Formation for Families with Special Needs,"* a new multi-congregational ministry seeking to create a faith formation experience and supportive community for children with special needs and their families. *Beloved* is working to establish itself as a service provider and as a 401c3. Its working group meets the first and third Thursday every month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ring the doorbell) on Bull Street. Currently, the group seeks volunteers to help with the planning and implementation stages as well as volunteers with skills as teaching partners, pediatricians, therapists of all sorts, behavioral experts, financial planning experts, I-media consultants, grant writers, musicians, and more.

If you have a heart for this kind of ministry or would like to be a participant in any capacity, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Pastor Mikki Corley Gay at 803-447-7767 or John Ferry at 803-708-6205. Please spread the word and pray for this emerging faith formation ministry!

The picture is from a recent event the working group for the ministry held at the Ferry's house.

*Pictured: (left to right): Martie Neumeier (Redeemer, Camp HUGG); Kimi Dail (Good Shepherd), Caroline Yon (Bethel UMC), Elizabeth Cote (St. Paul's), Katie Yon (Bethel UMC), Andrew More (St. Paul's), Rev. Matt Yon (Bethel UMC), Rev Mikki Gay (SC Synod), Clarissa Ferry (Good Shepherd), Robert Gay (Living Springs). Paula Benson (St. Paul's) is just out of view to the left.*



## LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2017

### OCTOBER 1– 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **FIRST READING – Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32**

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot turn from their wicked ways. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 25:1–9**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 2:1–13**

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 21:23–32**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

### OCTOBER 8– 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 5:1–7**

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 80:7–15**

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b–14**

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 21:33–46**

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

### OCTOBER 15 – 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:1–9**

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 23**

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

#### **SECOND READING – Philippians 4:1–9**

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 22:1–14**

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

### OCTOBER 22 – 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 45:1–7**

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 96:1–9**

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

#### **SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10**

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

#### **GOSPEL – Matthew 22:15–22**

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

### OCTOBER 29 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31–34**

The renewed covenant will not be breakable but it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 46**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 3:19–28**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – John 8:31–36**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

## WITH PRAYER

<i>Ray Adams</i>	<i>Ginna Caughman</i>	<i>Martha Haigler</i>	<i>Gigi Middlebrooks</i>	<i>Tommie Spence</i>
<i>Mary Allen</i>	<i>Mary Dent</i>	<i>Jackie Hardy</i>	<i>Margaret Moody</i>	<i>Virginia Stephens</i>
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<i>Loujean Baker</i>	<i>Wilhelmina Edwards</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	<i>Nell Reynolds</i>	<i>Jean Sundlie</i>
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<i>Rose Butterfield</i>	<i>Betty Fowler</i>	<i>Doris McCaughey</i>	<i>Allen Shealy</i>	<i>Gloria Truluck</i>
<i>Sally Carlson</i>	<i>Dot George</i>	<i>Herman McQuage</i>	<i>Margie Slice</i>	<i>Melvin Wicker</i>

### **Relatives and Friends**

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| <p><i>Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison</i></p> <p><i>Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker</i></p> <p><i>Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker</i></p> <p><i>Adeline Ferry—mother of John Ferry</i></p> <p><i>Lucy Fusco—mother of Frank Fusco</i></p> <p><i>Thelma Stewart—mother of Jerry Rogers</i></p> <p><i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i></p> <p><i>Sarah Herlong—mother of Mary Stallings</i></p> <p><i>Elke Smelser—mother of Michael Stallings</i></p> <p><i>Harvey Smith—father of Laura Smith</i></p> <p><i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i></p> <p><i>Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker</i></p> <p><i>Becky Shutz—sister of Amy Moyes</i></p> <p><i>Schuyler Carter—grandson of Wayne &amp; Bonnie Hammond</i></p> <p><i>Pete Smolen—son-in-law of Ginna Caughman</i></p> | <p><i>Larry Hamilton—son-in-law of Jerry &amp; Judy Rogers</i></p> <p><i>Cole Reider—nephew of Penry Gustafson</i></p> <p><i>Jennifer Sharp—friend of Gaye Collins</i></p> <p><i>David Scott—friend of Betty Fellers</i></p> <p><i>Weezie Caskey—friend of Mary Clare McAbee</i></p> <p><i>Terry Collins—friend of Deborah Smith</i></p> <p><i>Beth Martin Gilfroy—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i></p> <p><i>Pam Shealy (Alice Shealy’s daughter)—congregation friend</i></p> |
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**DEATHS**

- Family of Arthur Brown Sr.*
- Family of Karie Ann Carter*
- Family of Mary York*

**DEPLOYED**

- Andrew Fettig*

## **DAY SCHOOL BACK IN FULL FALL SWING**

We are having fun starting back to school activities. Our curriculum and enrichment programs are in full swing. We have lots of fun and learning in store. We are excited to be discussing Community Helpers and to have some of our parents come in to talk with the children about their professions. We are sad to see Pastor Kris leaving! Our children will miss him doing chapel and singing, "The Butterfly Song".

Speaking of fun, our children will have their Halloween parties and parade on the morning of Oct. 31. It is always so exciting for the children to go trick or treating around the Day School, Church office and even down to Mr. Joey’s office. I don’t know who enjoys it more, the children or Mr. Joey!

**Tria Brown, Day School Director**



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**Oct. 1 — Congregational Ice Cream Social**

**Oct. 4 — Blessing of the Animals**

**Oct. 13 — Fun Fridays**

**Oct. 29 — Reformation Sunday**

**Oct. 29 — Fall Festival**



**Nov. 5 — All Saints Sunday**

**Nov. 12 — Youth Sunday**

**Nov. 12 — Veterans Day Luncheon**

**Nov. 23–24 — Church Office & Day School closed for Thanksgiving holiday**

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