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Recognize God's Abundance

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our stewardship campaign is beginning. This year's theme is "Recognize God's Abundance." You should receive a letter containing a **Financial Commitment Card and a Time & Talent form** during the week of September 8. Please contact the church office if you do not receive these. We ask that you think and pray about how you plan to support GSLC and its ministries this year. There will be an opportunity to drop off your **Financial Commitment Card and Time & Talent form** during the worship service on Commitment Sunday, October 11, 2020. Thank you for your continued support for God's work.

The Gifts Committee

RECOGNIZE GOD'S ABUNDANCE
2021: STATEMENT OF INTENT

In faithful response to God's everlasting grace, and in appreciation of Good Shepherd's ministry, I/we intend to give this offering during 2021 in support of the congregation's ongoing ministry. I/we understand that this amount may be changed if necessary by notifying the church office.

\$ _____ (please list total ANNUAL commitment)


I/we intend to share my/our offerings (circle one): weekly monthly other

I/we are interested in using the secure online giving program or an automated bankdraft. Please contact me.

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Name _____


Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

**RECOGNIZE GOD'S
ABUNDANCE**

2021

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.
James 1:17a*

In our house Michelle and I have a picture frame which contains a picture of us with our son James when he was just a few months old. The scripture verse above is inscribed on the frame and it is one of my favorite passages in scripture. Indeed, the book of James is one of my favorite books of the Bible. In his preface to the New Testament, Martin Luther famously derided the book of James as “an Epistle of straw compared with [the letters of Paul and John], for it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it.” Luther said this, most likely, because his opponents used James’ insistence that “faith without works is dead” to support the notion that it is our works that save us. Luther, with his singular focus on God’s saving grace, did not want to give his challengers any leeway to distract from the good news of our salvation by God’s grace alone. But in spite of Luther’s criticism of the Epistle of James, I encourage you to read this letter because it has so much to say to us even in this day and age.

There is the passage I mentioned at the start of this article—James 1:17—which seems an especially timely reminder of our manifold blessings. In our first year together as pastor and people I have spoken and written to you often about noticing and celebrating and trusting in God’s great abundance in our midst. Not even the ongoing pandemic can obscure God’s bountiful provision for us. In fact, for me this time of difficulty and struggle has driven me to trust in God more fully than I might be inclined to do when everything is going well. I hope you have continued to be aware of God’s abundance during this time.

James’ wealth of sage and practical advice continues: Elsewhere in chapter 1, James warns us about the impermanence of wealth and encourages us that suffering and trials are pathways to endurance and greater faith. James also counsels us to not just hear God’s word, but also to act on it in faith, as well as to care for orphans and widows in their distress. These are indeed timely reminders.

In James 2, we hear warnings about showing partiality and treating others differently based on their class or status. In a time where there is an increasing focus on race and equality in our nation, James speaks words that remind us to treat others well no matter what and to show mercy abundantly. It is also in chapter 2 that we hear the famous words I mentioned above: “faith without works is dead.” James has a powerful and pointed way of calling out hypocrisy and idleness.

In chapter 3, we get timely reminders to always keep a close reign on our tongues—indeed, the power of words spoken carelessly or maliciously can cause a world of trouble for us and for others. In addition, James warns us against being wise by the world’s standards, contrasting this with true wisdom that is from above. We would all do well to govern ourselves accordingly.

Among other highlights in James chapter 4, we hear a reminder that should resonate with us mightily at this time: We are but a mist—here one minute and gone the next. Whatever we plan to do in the future may or may not happen. I can really relate to this passage in our current day and age when it seems our plans and practices change on a daily basis. In the midst of such change and challenge, we are to trust God to provide for us and guide us always.

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In chapter 5, James urges us to be patient in times of suffering and persistent in prayer. Finally, he counsels us to confess wrongdoing to one another, and catch one another whenever we may slip and fall.

I hope you will take the time sometime this month to read and reflect on the Epistle of James. Though it is a short book, it contains a rich array of admonishment and advice. James' first readers were likely living during uncertain and oppressive times. God is still at work through these scriptures today, guarding and guiding us always. Do not just read this Epistle; take it to heart and live it out. As James himself urges, do not just be hearers, but also doers of the Word.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Andrew

RAMP MINISTRY GEARING UP AGAIN

The ramp ministry team is looking at possibly building two ramps soon. Be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer with this important ministry.



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we approach September we continue to be defined by COVID-19. Who would have thought this would go on this long? Hopefully all South Carolinians will wear those masks and help these numbers decline. Please do your part and wear the masks. For the foreseeable future we will continue to have Drive-In Services in the FAB parking lot.

At Sunday's council meeting, the Finance Committee submitted a motion to transfer \$50,000 from excess checking account funds to major capital. Those funds give us a great start on rebuilding of that account. We continue to need donations to bring this account back to the \$100,000 level.

The work on the HVAC in the Education Building should begin around October. The Narthex roof work continues to be in progress. We are waiting on another insurance settlement between VM Zinc and the contractor.

Ed Beaman
Council President



The Big Red Barn Retreat

Providing a place for peace

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY EMPHASIS

Good Shepherd's social ministry emphasis for September is the Big Red Barn Retreat in Blythewood. The Big Red Barn provides a variety of therapeutic services for military veterans, active duty personnel and first responders at little or no cost to them.

Donations will be accepted all during the month of September. You may drop them off or mail them to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for Big Red Barn Retreat.

To learn more about the organization and services offered, you may go to the Big Red Barn Retreat website or call Don Caughman at 803-318-0236.

LEARNING COMMITTEE

Virtual Adult Bible Study

Pastor Andrew will continue to have the Wednesday Zoom Bible Study at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The topic will be the Gospel lesson for the following Sunday. A Zoom ID and password will be sent in a weekly email. Pastor Andrew also will be sending out the weekly Bible Study packet. This is a great resource for members that do not prefer or do not have Zoom capabilities.

Young Families and Youth Sunday School

We hope you all have had a chance to start the Faith5 routine with your families. Pastor Andrew will continue to send a scripture via Email that you can use to start off your week.

These are the 5 Steps:

1. **Share** your highs and lows of the day/week.
2. **Read** a bible verse or story together.
3. **Talk** about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows.
4. **Pray** for one another's highs and lows.
5. **Bless** one another before saying goodnight.

Middle and High School Students

The Faith Lens blog starts up again on **September 8**. The Faith Lens Blog is a weekly Bible study that engages youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life. This is the same resource we used for the middle and high school class this past school year. You can find it at blogs.elca.org under the Faith lens Tab.

K-5th Grade Craft Bags

We have put together Sunday School Craft Bags for Kindergarten through 5th grade age children. They will be located for pick up on table in front of Chapel starting Sunday, August 30. If you would feel more comfortable having a "porch drop-off," please e-mail Katie Bostic: katiebrettbostic@gmail.com.

SUPPORT FOR VA HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, Good Shepherd has donated \$1,000 to the Dorn VA Center to support the Homeless Veterans Program.

The money was collected during June and July in connection with Good Shepherd's social ministry emphasis for those months.

The money will be used to provide a variety of personal items for veterans as well as "move-in kits" for when those veterans move into housing.

The social ministry committee thanks congregation members for their support of this and other social ministry emphases throughout the year.

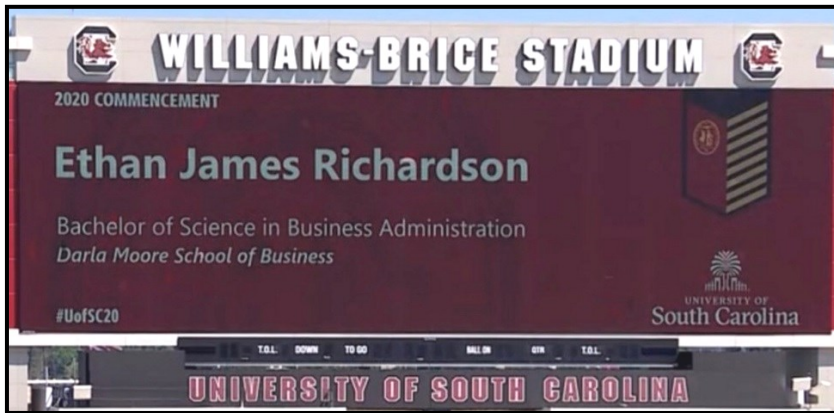
GETTING READY FOR TANZANIA



Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd and Ascension Lutheran Church for all their help storing and packing items for shipment to Tanzania.



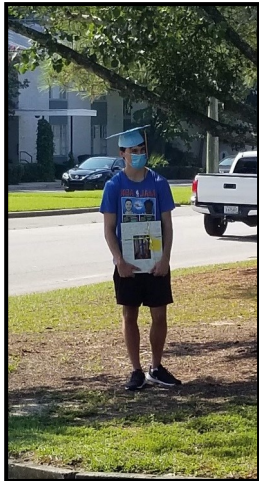
COLLEGE GRADUATION



Ethan Richardson, son of Rebecca and Wayne Richardson, graduated virtually from the University of South Carolina Saturday, August 8, 2020. Ethan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, majoring in finance with a minor in integrated technology and a business analytics concentration. For many years, Ethan has been an active GSLC volunteer at Transitions, Fun Fridays, and the wheel

chair ramp building ministry. His Eagle Scout project was leading one of Good Shepherd's wheelchair ramp projects. Ethan plans to continue volunteering as he seeks a career in insurance, banking, or other financial services.

(Additional college graduates: Lakyn Haigh and Emily Whitlow.)



GSLC 2020 High School Graduates

Forrest Havird, Brock Tollison, Jake Lalumondier, Millie Sox

(not pictured: Christian Houghton, Sam Seay)



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Millie Sox would like to thank Good Shepherd Congregation for the recognition ceremony and for all the love and support throughout her life as a member of the church. She will miss seeing you while at school.

To the great congregation of Good Shepherd,

Thank you for being there for me when times were getting tough. Even though I didn't speak to everyone, I know that everyone means well, and that's what got me through those times.

I'm sorry I can't physically be there to celebrate my transition into college, but I wanted to write this to let everyone know that I will be okay and honestly to say thanks!! Y'all were there for me every time!! I love my Good Shepherd family and I always will!!

Christian Houghton



Graduates' Addresses Needed

Please let the church office know your graduate's new address so that the congregation can continue to support them with cards.



The family of William Dean Lucas would like to thank the members of Good Shepherd for the thoughts, prayers, kind words and generous donations for the passing of Dean Lucas. We love you!

*Thanks,
David and Karen*

Thank you to the Good Shepherd church family for all your prayers during the death of my mother, Jean Sundlie. Thank you to the church staff for your help planning and officiating the service in the memorial garden.



Karen Sundlie



Thank you to our church family for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, etc. during the death of my step-mother, Mollie Smith. Our family truly appreciates all the kind gestures during this time. We miss seeing everyone in person and pray that will change soon!

*Love and prayers,
Laura Leigh Smith and family*

SOLD OUT!! I would like to thank everyone for buying fig preserves. The sale made \$323.00 which I am dedicating to the fund for cleaning up the basement and replacing the carpet. I also want to thank those who brought jars and bought jars. I did not have to buy any this year—just all the ingredients which I cover. So, thank you, thank you, and enjoy!



Lula Camp



On behalf of the Forest Lake School community, I would like to sincerely thank Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for your generous contributions of supplies. We are very fortunate to have you support our wonderful students. Everyone is looking forward to physically being back together again. Your consideration for our community is very much appreciated, now more than ever!

*Together for children,
Dr. Kappy Steck
Principal
Forest Lake Elementary School*



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the church office if you or someone you know has moved. We want to make sure the church database is kept up-to-date especially during this time.

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FOOD PANTRY

During the month of July, the food pantry served 17 families serving 64 individuals.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION

Pawmetto Lifeline still has a need for certain bottles. Must be wide mouth (that a quarter can fit through!) and prescription pill bottles with child proof caps. NO vitamin or supplement bottles, please.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Barbara Sutton	14	Grace Boozer	20	Noah Adams	25	Trey Limehouse	29	Rebecca Richardson
2	Elaine Zornow		Candy Clow		Billy Robertson	26	Susan Sturkie	30	Lennae Sox
3	Richard Inman	16	Linda Thomas		Dick Sturkie	28	Elaine Dionne		
4	Lyn Denny		Rick Storey	21	Bailey Bostic		Margaret Moody		
7	Tim Ross	18	John Ferry		Joanna Carpenter		Barbara Nagy		
9	Jeffrey Beaman		Karlin Hogue		Marcus Hogue		James Shukla		
11	Mitch Uehling		Mallorie Hogue	22	Ethan Richardson	29	Jean Cockrell		
12	Isabella Fettig		Bill Quattlebaum		Susan Stewart		Pam Fusco		



LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 6 – 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

PSALM – Psalm 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

SECOND READING – Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

SEPTEMBER 13 – 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

FIRST READING – Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

PSALM – Psalm 103:1-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

SECOND READING – Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

SEPTEMBER 20 – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

FIRST READING – Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

PSALM – Psalm 145:1-8

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

SECOND READING – Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

SEPTEMBER 27 – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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 reverse their own previous behavior. 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 16:13-20

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.

WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Helen Derrick	Bonnie Hammond	Gigi Middlebrooks	Nancy Taylor
Rev. Russ Anderson	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Louise Hayes	Cathy Milejczak	Melvin Wicker
Loujean Baker	Marianne De Werdt	Trisha Holman	Margaret Moody	Bubba Willis
Gwen Barnes	Curtis Easter	Kitty Howard	Johanna Moore	Elaine Zornow
Trisha Benson	Wilhelmina Edwards	Judy Hoy	Irene Poole	Peter Zornow
Grace Boozer	Larry Evans	Jeannine Jameson	Rebecca Silvia	
Rosemarie Brown	Doug Fleming	Lisa Lehman	Penny Sox	
Rose Butterfield	Dot Gibert	Sara Loyd	Virginia Stephens	
Joanna Carpenter	The Gilbert Family	Carol Mayfield	Barbara Sutton	
Betty Cox	Martha Haigler	Doris McCaughey	Ashleigh 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	Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker	Tom Nolan—brother of Pat Roche
Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker	Angela Powers—friend of Kappy Steck
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush	Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
David Bostic—father-in-law of Katie Bostic	Harold Roach—father of Ashleigh Taylor
Howard Brotherton—friend of Don Caughman	David Steck—father of Steve Steck
Luna Brown—2-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass	Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond	Family of Faye Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox	Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips	Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass	Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter
Jamie Fountain—step-brother of Laura Leigh Smith	Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow
Beverly Fulmer—friend of Judy Rogers	
Lucy Fusco—mother of Frank Fusco	
Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes	
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow	
Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family	
Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan	
Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker	
Matthew Kyzer—friend of Ed and Cheryl Beaman	
Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman	

EXPECTING OR BIRTH

Son Thomas Henry Cohl to Brian and Stacey Cohl
 Daughter Bella Nabors to John Nabors and Anna Lawson

WITH SYMPATHY

The family of Faye Hinebaugh, mother of Elaine Zornow.

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CALENDAR



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 2 8 AM or 7 PM Zoom Bible Study

September 6 Drive-In Worship Service

September 9 8 AM or 7 PM Zoom Bible Study

September 13 Drive-In Worship Service

September 15 Executive Committee Meeting

September 16 8 AM or 7 PM Zoom Bible Study

September 20 Food Pantry Sunday
Drive-In Worship Service
Council Meeting

September 21 September Newsletter Deadline

September 23 8 AM or 7 PM Zoom Bible Study

September 27 Drive-In Worship Service

September 30 8 AM or 7 PM Zoom Bible Study



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