



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Thanks to the generosity of the congregation through Lenten Self-Denial offerings, three community groups that provide a variety of services to homeless persons will share \$3,060.

Checks for \$1,020 each will go to The Family Shelter, Providence Home for Men, and The Women's Shelter. More information on the services provided and how volunteers might help are available at each group's website.

Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Committee appreciates the ongoing support of the congregation for a wide variety of community outreach activities.

## PROJECT H.O.P.E. IS MAY SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS

The May Social Ministry emphasis at Good Shepherd is Project H.O.P.E., a program of the Richland County Sheriff's office.

Project H.O.P.E. (Protect Our Precious Elderly) provides a variety of support activities for elderly persons in Richland County, especially those who live alone.

Good Shepherd's special offerings during the month will go to buy fans for needy elderly persons to help them deal with the summer heat.

You may make a contribution for this program any time during the month, either at a worship service or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for "Project H.O.P.E."



### 2021 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES

May 30 - Cook on Saturday 29
August 29 - Cook on Saturday 28
October 31 - Cook on Saturday 30
Contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



When I was growing up, I remember each Pentecost Sunday hearing that Pentecost was “the birthday of the church.” One year during a children’s sermon, we were even given party hats to wear to celebrate that event.

The festival we call Pentecost commemorates a story from Acts 2: The day that the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem and felt the rush of a mighty wind compelling them to proclaim the gospel to the crowds. Each person in the crowd heard the Apostolic proclamation of the gospel in his or her own language.

That event certainly marked the church’s shift toward a public witness about Jesus, but is it accurate to call it the church’s “birthday?” While not incorrect, this image of the Spirit’s coming upon the church as a singular historical event doesn’t give us the full picture. If there is anything we see about the Holy Spirit in scripture, it is that the Spirit delights in surprising God’s people with unexpected and multifaceted activity. For example:

- On the Second Sunday of Easter, we heard Jesus’ words to his disciples a full 49 days before that first Pentecost: He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
- We know that the Spirit was present and active in the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. At that time, when the earth was formless and void, the Spirit of God brooded over the murky chaos out of which God made all that exists.
- We confess in the Nicene Creed that the Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets. Likewise, the Spirit was active in the Incarnation of Jesus.
- Throughout the book of Acts, we see the Spirit constantly showing up in ways that shock and rattle God’s people. The Spirit upsets their plans and moves them to do new and bold things (such as baptizing a eunuch from Africa, dining with Gentiles and including them in the fellowship of an exclusively Jewish church, and changing course to visit foreign lands and unfamiliar people.)

This manifold and tireless activity of the Spirit makes me wonder: Should we wear party hats to commemorate the “birthday of the church” on Pentecost? Perhaps it would be more fitting to put on hard hats and then, to hold onto those hats!

The Spirit’s coming at Pentecost was not the Spirit’s first appearance and, thanks be to God, was not the Spirit’s last appearance. The Holy Spirit is still active in our midst. That should make us thankful, but it should also fill us with anticipation. My prayer for us this Pentecost and beyond is that the Spirit would come again and rouse us to new and exciting possibilities. May we be as open to the Spirit’s momentum as those first disciples were.

Yours in this Spirit-led life,  
Pastor Andrew

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To save expenses, we will not be running 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contribution statements ending March 31, 2021. Therefore, when you receive your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter contribution statement it will include January – June 30 contributions. If anyone is interested in receiving one prior to that time, please feel free to contact me so that I can print and mail one to you. You can reach me in the church office on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or email [financialsecretary@gslc.com](mailto:financialsecretary@gslc.com) or [debretired675@att.net](mailto:debretired675@att.net).

Deb Embrey  
Financial Secretary



## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

For most of us the festivities of the Easter Holiday are behind us. Many have returned to work. Students have returned to school or to their computers at home. All the eggs have been colored, hidden and hopefully found by now. We have resumed whatever we denied ourselves during Lent. As the pretty clothes go back in the closet, and the Easter baskets go back on the shelf, I pray that the hope and joy of Easter are not "stored" away with them. Many tend to forget that the liturgical season of Easter continues for a period of 50 days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday (May 23, 2021.) Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter.

How can we continue to live in the hope and joy of Easter? Fellowship with Christ with and through the community of believers at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is the answer. Spending time in worship praising God and giving thanks for our many blessings, praying for all in need, studying the scriptures and serving others, is how we can grasp the full joy and beauty of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. If we are not able to spend unhurried, quality time with our Savior, we also might be unable to enjoy Him and His unmatched glory while He walks alongside us on life's journey.

As believers, Jesus walks with us daily. As Paul tells us in Romans chapter 8, (nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.) Let us slow down and take time during this Easter season to concentrate on Jesus as we journey wherever He might lead.

God's Peace,  
Marcia Woodward  
Council President

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



GSLC Food Pantry Volunteers packed and distributed 27 bags of groceries serving 103 individuals in March.

## 2022 Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge February 11-13, 2022



**WELCA Retreat  
October 1-3, 2021  
at the Coastal Retreat Center  
Isle of Palms**

## NEW CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The office is working on publishing an updated membership directory. Please contact the church office by May 3. Let us know if you have any changes to the following:

1. home address,
2. email address,
3. telephone number,
4. work contact information (if applicable)

Directories will be available to pick up starting May 9 at the 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service and the 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship Service. There will also be directories placed on the tables in the Narthex and Chapel area. Please pick up **one** per family. Look through this new directory. If you did not get your information updated before publication, please notify Deborah Mitchell in the Church Office; and if you see a name of someone you have missed seeing recently, give them a call or send a note to let them know we've missed them.



Deadline to submit articles for  
June Newsletter  
is MAY 17.

### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study. **Masks and social distancing required.**

### WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.





*Thank you to the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving \$40,443.91 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

*Synod Bishop Virginia Aebischer and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*

*Dear Good Shepherd Members,*

*Carol Mayfield loved her church family and spoke about you all often. Thank you for everything you all have done for Carol.*



*Love in Christ,  
Raymond & Diana Smith*

**Thank you to everyone that helped Flowering the Cross.**



**MAY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)**

2	Logan Struthers	14	Steve Hanayik	23	Keith Lindler	26	Don Hyatt
4	Martha Haigler	15	Susan Burch	24	Nancy Hyatt	27	Mary Clare McAbee
5	Heather Gilbert	16	Albert Alton		Rod Kent	28	Jim Donovan
	Gabby Shelton	18	Mike Gilbert		Mark Lovern		Andrew Isenhower
	Wes Snodgrass	19	Scooter Edwards	24	Johanna Moore		Steve McFarland
	Christi Wuori	19	Peter Zornow	25	Grady Smith	30	Celeste Heisel
8	Loren Alton	20	Matthew Beaman		Fiona Taylor		Lisa Sanchez
9	Jack Wuori		Penry Gustafson		Deborah Whitlow		
11	Daniel Wingard	22	Susan Rodriguez	26	Brad Aller		

## LECTIONARY FOR MAY 2021

### MAY 2 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 8:26-40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 22:25-31**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 John 4:7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

### MAY 9 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 98**

*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

### MAY 16 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 1**

*The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)*

#### **SECOND READING – 1 John 5:9-13**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 17:6-19**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

### MAY 23 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

#### **FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

### MAY 30 – THE HOLY TRINITY

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 6:1-8**

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 29**

*Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)*

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 8:12-17**

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

#### **GOSPEL – John 3:1-17**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

## WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Dot Correll	Judy Hoy	Mary Sox
Rev. Russ Anderson	Helen Derrick	Jeannine Jameson	Virginia Stephens
Gwen Barnes	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Lisa Lehman	Barbara Sutton
Trisha Benson	Marianne De Werdt	Sara Loyd	Ashleigh Taylor
Grace Boozer	Larry Evans	Doris McCaughey	Bev Weymouth
Michael Brown	Doug Fleming	Margaret Moody	Melvin Wicker
Rosemarie Brown	Dot Gibert	Johanna Moore	Bubba Willis
Susan Burch	Martha Haigler	Joann Nagy	Emily Wright
Rose Butterfield	Bonnie Hammond	Irene Poole	Peter Zornow
Lula Camp	Trisha Holman	Cathy Quinton	
Joanna Carpenter	Kitty Howard	Becky Silvia	

**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

Ron & Paula Akey—friends of Deb Embrey  
 Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend  
 Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush  
 David Bostic—father-in-law of Katie Bostic  
 Howard Brotherton—friend of Don Caughman  
 Luna Brown—2-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass  
 John Cantey—husband of Nadine Cantey  
 Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond  
 Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox  
 Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips  
 Tommy Davis—brother-in-law of Don Caughman  
 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass  
 John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford  
 Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford  
 Jamie Fountain—step-brother of Laura Leigh Smith  
 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  
 Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman  
 Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman  
 Jimmy Munn—cousin of Betty Cox

Stella Parrish, friend of Rosemary Nance  
 Angela Powers—friend of Kappy Steck  
 Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Mobley  
 Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass  
 Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee  
 Marise Shumpert, friend of Rosemary Nance  
 David Steck—father of Steve Steck  
 Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer  
 Family of Faye Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips  
 Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross  
 Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison  
 Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation  
 Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford  
 Bill Weaver—father of Mike Weaver  
 Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver  
 Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter  
 Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

### EXPECTING OR BIRTH

#### WITH SYMPATHY

The family of James Winbourne – father of Deborah Whitlow.

The family of Nancy Taylor.

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# CALENDAR



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

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|--------|---|--|
| May 2  | 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service (FAB Parking Lot)    |  |
|        | 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship Service |  |
| May 9  | 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service (FAB Parking Lot)    |  |
|        | 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship Service |  |
| May 11 | Executive Committee Meeting                             |  |
| May 16 | Food Pantry Sunday                                      |  |
|        | 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service (FAB Parking Lot)    |  |
|        | 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship Service |  |
|        | Council Meeting   |  |
| May 17 | June Newsletter Deadline                                |  |
| May 23 | 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service (FAB Parking Lot)    |  |
|        | 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship Service |  |
| May 29 | Cooking for Transitions (FAB)                           |  |
| May 30 | 9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service (FAB Parking Lot)    |  |
|        | 11:00 a.m. In-Sanctuary and Live-Stream Worship Service |  |
|        | Serve at Transitions                                    |  |