

# **GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF**

#### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter March 2022

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER MARCH 1, 2022 5:30 p.m.



Please join us for a Pancake supper in the FAB to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Love offering collected and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Fund. Volunteers still needed so please contact Amy Kemp as soon as possible.



Ash Wednesday
March 2
Worship Services at
12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.
with Distribution of Ashes

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Noon service: Becky Shealy, Lector & Communion Assistant 6:30 p.m. service: Don Caughman, Lector & Communion Assistant Acolyte: Kelly Grace Lalumondier Crucifer: Becky Shealy

MAKING CHANGE 2022 LENTEN THEME WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30, AND APRIL 6 12:00 NOON AND 6:30 P.M.

March 9: Change of Season March 16: Change of Habit March 23: Change of Circumstances March 30: Change of Heart April 6: Change of Plans PAGE 2 XLVI, ISSUE III

#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Those of us who attended the Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge spent a lot of time talking and thinking about renewal. Indeed, renewal was the theme of that retreat and is part of a three year program the Gifts committee decided to undertake last year.

Next year, instead of "renew," the focus will be on "respond." The third year, we will focus on "reach out." This month I want us to focus on a fourth "r" word: Reconciliation.

Paul talks with the Corinthians about this very important term in 2 Corinthians 5. Remember that the Corinthian church was a church divided over many issues. There were Jews and gentiles. There were rich and poor members. There were members who claimed it was fine to eat meat sacrificed to idols and there were members who were scandalized by this practice. There were members who had taken to suing one another when they disagreed. There were members who claimed loyalty to Paul and other members who claimed loyalty to Apollos instead. And these are just a few of the divisions and controversies we know about through Paul's letters!

So in this passage, Paul reminded the Corinthians that their status as those who are "in Christ" was what united them. That unity mattered more than any factors that divided them. So Paul tells them, it is their being drawn into Christ that has indeed totally renewed them! They have literally been created anew by Christ and the old nature—the controversies and divisions; the rivalries and the malice—have been done away with. Further, Paul says, just as God reconciled us, God now entrusts the ministry of reconciliation to us. That is, we are to be reconciled to one another just as God has accepted us and welcomed us.

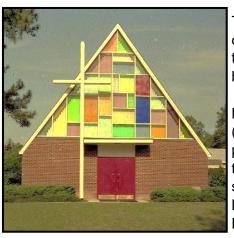
It should not be difficult to see how our own congregational life mirrors that of the Corinthians. Maybe our rivalries are based on worship time or style preferences. Maybe our divisions are based on duration of membership or different ideas about which ministries matter most. Maybe for us, it is Sunday school class loyalties or close friendship circles that reinforce our disunity. Whatever the case may be, it is paramount that we remember: God loves all of us and God has reconciled all of us to God's self through Christ. God has done this not because any of us have earned it or deserve it, but because God loves us all. And just as vital: God now entrusts this ministry of reconciliation to us. We are to be reconciled to one another and we are to go out and share this reconciliation with others. That is difficult if not impossible to share outside of our walls if we are not reconciled to one another inside of our walls.

We don't need to waste time and energy harboring bitterness or holding grudges. We don't need to fight over membership duration or worship times or styles. We don't need to focus on what divides us, but rather on Christ who makes us one and who makes us new. We need to focus on what truly matters into eternity: God's message of love and reconciliation. God is making us new. We are in a time of renewal, by God's grace and love. And God is calling us to participate in this renewal and in God's work of being reconciled and reconciling to one another and to the world. Let us be one and let us embrace the new life God is bringing about among us.

In Christ's love, Pastor Andrew

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#### GOOD SHEPHERD ANNIVERSARY



Thirty years ago, on February 9, 1992, Good Shepherd held a service of "Thanksgiving at the Disposition of a Church Building" at the end of the last service that was held in the old sanctuary building. This building now houses the chapel and offices.

Members of the congregation carried items used in worship (Processional Cross, Pulpit Bible, Flower Vases, Paraments, etc.) in a procession to the Fellowship Activities Building. Current members of the church who carried Worship Items to the FAB at the end of the service were Gwen Barnes, Rosemarie Brown, Joanna Carpenter, Leigh Chandler Ford, Richard and Neal Inman, Bruce Shealy, and Earline Suydam. Others attending that day carried the Worship Books.

The FAB was used for worship services until the present sanctuary was finished. The first service was held in the new building on September 13, 1992.









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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

Volunteers to help prepare the Easter breakfast are needed. YOGS are especially welcome. Interested volunteers should contact Mike Weaver at 803-609-1746.

#### MEET THE THREE DEBS OF GSLC

The church office has 3 Debs that may answer the phone when you call. Debi Powell is a dedicated volunteer that is usually in the church office on Tuesday mornings. Deborah Mitchell is the Parish Administrator and is in the office 5 days a week. Deb Embrey is another dedicated church member that volunteers as Financial Secretary. Deb is in the office on Mondays.



#### LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Plans are being made for a small group Bible Study during Lent.

The meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2, and continuing through April 13. Each session will conclude in time for participants to attend worship services. Feel free to come for one, some or all of the sessions.

The study will look at the weeks leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ through the eyes of various Biblical characters, some well-known (i.e. Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, et al) and some not so well known (i.e. Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Joseph of Arimathea, et al).

Facilitator for the study will be Don Caughman.

For planning purposes, we'd like to have an idea of how many persons will attend. If you'd like to be a part of the group, please let the office or Don know. You also may contact Don (803-318-0236 or dodgerfan@sc.rr.com) if you have questions or suggestions.

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#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In January 2022, Good Shepherd's Food Pantry packed and distributed 21 bags of food serving 82 people.

#### SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

During the February meeting, Social Ministry committee members discussed a special request to support the BackPack Program at Condor Elementary School in Richland School District Two. Condor Elementary is a Title One school in a disadvantaged geographical area. Over 90% of the students qualify for free lunch. The BackPack Program provides bags of food to assure students are able to eat on the weekends. In recent weeks, the school has been short on bags, and not all students in need get to take one home.



Committee members voted make a one-time donation of \$1,000 to Condor Elementary School to support the BackPack program. This donation will allow the school to add 12 bags per week for the rest of this school year.

Funds raised from Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will also go to provide additional support for the BackPack Program at Condor, as well as Forest Lake & Bradley Elementary Schools.

#### **LENTEN SELF-DENIAL OFFERING 2022**

The recipient of this year's Lenten Self-Denial Offerings will be the BackPack Programs at Condor Elementary School, Forest Lake Elementary School, and Bradley Elementary School.

Many children only eat at school, and dread going home for the weekend when they know they will be hungry. BackPack programs operate during the school year and provide children who are at risk of hunger with healthy, nutritious food to take home for the weekend, during school vacations, and on holidays.

Backpacks or other containers are stocked with nutritious, child-friendly and easy to prepare food. They are distributed discreetly on Fridays or the last day children attend school for the week. In collaboration with Harvest Hope Food Bank and other charities, schools strive to fill each child's backpack with enough food for dinner on Friday and breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks on both Saturday and Sunday.

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After a two-year pause, we're happy to announce that we will be resuming Supper Club. To make sure that the Supper Club list is up-to-date, please fill out the following and either put it in the offering plate or contact Lavina Chandler (vinachandler@gmail.com or 803-920-4381) with your information. We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a night together.

Name			
Address			
Address			
Name			
	I only want to participate in Small Group Supper Club		
	I only want to participate in Joint Supper Club		
	I would like to be a member of Supper Club (Joint and Small Group)		

#### GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Good Shepherd Foundation was created to assist the Church in carrying out its religious, charitable, educational and other tax exempt missions. The Foundation accomplishes its purpose by collecting contributions, donations and bequests, investing Foundation assets and then making distributions in the form of grants to appropriate persons and organizations as defined by Foundation policies.

The grants made by the Foundation should be supported by an active member of Good Shepherd Church, a "Congregational Shepherd." The Congregational Shepherd should have knowledge of the purposed project and be able to ensure that grants are used appropriately. In accordance with the operating policies of the Foundation, grants may be awarded in the following four areas:

- Grants for outreach to the community, including institutions and agencies that have common goals as Good Shepherd Church. Programs should target those in our community that have spiritual and/or economic need.
- Grants to agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA for missions at home and abroad.
- 3. Grants to members of Good Shepherd Church for Christian education and training.
- 4. Grants for non-budgeted projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. Deadlines for applications are May 1 and November 1. Awards are made shortly after deadline dates. Total grant funds may be limited; individual grants are currently limited to \$2,000.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE CHAPEL AREA. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CHURCH OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

If you are interested in making a gift to the foundation, please see one of the foundation board members: Jeff Inabinet, Charlene Fink, Chris Herrmann, Raymond Hendrix or Stacy Gross.

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#### THRIVENT SEMINAR @ GSLC

Will your taxes affect your retirement?

## STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU WORK TOWARD A LOWER TAX BRACKET IN RETIREMENT

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church FAB Tuesday, March 29 @ 6:00 p.m. To register contact Cathy Milejczak 803-414-3995 or czaks@earthlink.net

When you retire, you leave behind many things—the daily grind, the commute to work, and maybe even your previous home. However, one thing that will always remain is a tax bill. When you understand how investments are taxed and set strategies accordingly, you can make decisions that help keep income taxes in check.

- How to be tax-efficient in your current bracket.
- How Social Security is taxed.
- Ways to create tax-free retirement income.

#### **GSLC WELCA CIRCLES**

Interested in joining a group? Find one to fit your schedule! Contact the Group leader or Karen Lucas for more information.

**Dorcas Circle** 

(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room) Leader: Karen Lucas, Cell 803-730-7651

**Mary Circle** 

(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in FAB) Leader: Verna Sawyer – 803-787-5773

Tamar Circle

(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in homes or restaurants) Leader: Leigh Ann Tollison – 803-546-0257

Watch for information on the WELCA Prayer Breakfast and WELCA Retreat





#### **ORDER EASTER LILIES BY MARCH 27**

Help beautify our church for Easter worship by ordering an Easter lily for the Sanctuary. Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes can be found in the back of the pews. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your payment in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$14 each. Make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church," designated for "Easter Lily." If you can't come to church but want to order a lily, call the church office to place your order. All orders must be in by March 27 and accompanied by payment. Those donating lilies may take their flowers following the 9:30 a.m. Easter service on April 17.

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#### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Worship and Sunday school Schedule

9:30 Worship Service 10:45-11:25 Children Sunday School class 11:25-11:45 Children's Music 10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room 10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

#### Come and See: Classroom 1:

March 6: Bruce Shealy
Topic: Bible readings for following Sunday
March 13: Ed Woodward
Topic: Ruth
March 20: Mark Lovern
Topic: Bible readings for following Sunday
March 27: Ed Woodward
Topic: Esther

#### **Around The Corner Classroom 2**

Discussion Leader: Stacy Gross
Topic: Self-Care: What Scripture tells us about
caring for ourselves and others
\*This class starts at 10:55 to give parents time to
drop children off at Sunday school.

#### Fellowship Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman Topic: How God Frees and Redeems using scripture passages from Deuteronomy, Ezra, Matthew, John, Romans, and Galatians

# Save the Date Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 20-June 23!

If you are interested in serving as a VBS volunteer, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the Church office 803-787-4413.

#### **First Communion Class**

If you are interested in having first communion instruction for your child/children, please speak with Pastor Andrew or contact him at pastor@gslc.com.

First Communion will be celebrated

on Maundy Thursday.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN COMMITTEE GYF AND YOGS

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT @ CAMP KINARD

March 18-20, 2022
Registration Link: https://sclcy.link/mswr

#### Youth of Good Shepherd (YOGS)

All Middle and High School students will meet in the FAB on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and Game Night.

#### Young Family Ministry – Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 3, after Sunday School

Young Family Ministries will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones up to second graders. Kids and families please meet at the church fountain after Sunday School at 11:45 a.m. A donation basket will be in the Narthex for those who would be willing to donate candy or small toys to fill the eggs. Please return the filled eggs or bags of treats to be filled no later than March 27.

#### God's Young Followers (GYF) – Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> are invited to meet in the FAB for this new fun event. It will be on Friday, April 1 from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Volunteers are needed, please contact Amy Kemp if you are interested in helping. Parents, please let Amy Kemp know if your child (and friends) will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly.

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# **2022 Congregational Retreat**

# **February 11-13**







Over 70 adults and children participated in Good Shepherd's Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge recently. The weekend was filled with food, fellowship, and fun including the featured Renewal session on Saturday morning.







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## "The most meaningful part of the retreat..."



"Saturday morning session on "Renewal" with keynote speaker, Dr. Amy Montanez."



"Seeing others in different surroundings."



"Spending time in fellowship with my church family."



"Watching the children play."



"Vesper service on Friday night."

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### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Cathy Milejczak

**OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison** 

DATE	3/6/22	3/13/22	3/20/22	3/27/22	4/3/22
USHERS	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown, Frances Plyler	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown, Frances Plyler	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown, Frances Plyler	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown, Frances Plyler	Jeff Inabinet, Lauren Chandler, Richard Inman, Greg Sox, Bruce Shealy
Worship Assistants	Lector: Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector: Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector: Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell	Lector: Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Joey Allison
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Evelyn Ortiz C: Eden Rowell	A: Adam Ortiz C: Eden Rowell	A: Blake Gross C: Mike Sanchez	( ' I\/\attn\\\/	
Nursery	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Heavenly Edenfield, TBD	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Heavenly Edenfield, Alexis Boyles	TBD
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Becky Shealy	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Becky Shealy	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Becky Shealy	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Becky Shealy	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Jamie Sanders, Leigh Ford	Mary Stallings, Steve Steck	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler	Mary Margaret Hoy, Rebecca Richardson	Karen Lucas, Donna Foster

	MARCH 2022 MEETINGS		
March 3	Mary Circle (10:00 a.m.)		
	Memorial Subcommittee (4:30 p.m.)		
l	Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)		
March 7	Youth & Children Committee (6:30 p.m.)		
March 10	Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)		
	Parish Life Committee (6:30 p.m.)		
March 15	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)		
	Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)		
March 17	Dorcas Circle (5:30 p.m.)		
	Tamar Circle (6:30 p.m.)		
March 20	Council (6:30 p.m.)		
Please call the church office to reserve a room			
for any upcoming meetings.			

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#### WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

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





Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.



#### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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Terri Fowler cell 803-479-4436 parkerfowler @gmail.com

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Becky Anne Struthers	4	Madelyn Snodgrass	14	Perry Shuping	23	Michelle Ortiz
2	Miles Kemp	6	Jason Jakiela	15	Sid Havird		Tory Shelton
3	Don Caughman		Frances Plyler	16	Emily Whitlow	24	Jon Frew
	Libby Anne Inabinet	8	Jeannine Jameson		Stan Wilson		Raymond Hendrix
	Joanne Wuori	12	Milford Hunter	17	Lena Duncan		Keri Hogue
4	Lavada Barnhill	14	Callen Gilbert	18	Sarah Peake	29	Helen Hanayik
	Jay Jenny		Julie Hendrix	22	Bonnie Hammond	30	Marianne De Werdt
	Eric Kemp		Janet Lockhart		Sara Hydrick	31	Ed Beaman
	Emma Peake		Anna Ross	23	Dot Correll		

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### **LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2022**

#### MARCH 6—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

#### FIRST READING - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

#### **PSALM - Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

#### SECOND READING - Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

#### GOSPEL - Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

#### **MARCH 13—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

#### FIRST READING - Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

#### PSALM - Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

#### SECOND READING - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

GOSPEL - Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

#### **MARCH 20—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God! *FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-9* 

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

#### **PSALM - Psalm 63:1-8**

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

#### SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

#### GOSPEL - Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

#### **MARCH 27—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

#### FIRST READING - Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

#### PSALM - Psalm 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

#### SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

#### GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

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#### WITH PRAYER

Dot Correll Judy Hoy Barbara Sutton Rev. Russ Anderson Betty Cox Jeannine Jameson Bubba Willis Gwen Barnes Stan Wilson Helen Derrick Billie Jones Trisha Benson John Keim Sylvia Anne Derrick Peter Zornow Ty Boheler

Marianne De Werdt Lisa Lehman Grace Boozer Lena Duncan Sara Loyd Joye Broome

Larry Evans Johanna Moore Michael Brown Dot Gibert Cathy Quinton Rosemarie Brown Bonnie Hammond Becky Silvia Susan Burch Trisha Holman Mary Sox Rose Butterfield

Kitty Howard Virginia Stephens Joanna Carpenter

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

Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush

Luna Brown—3-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass

Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond

Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox

Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips

Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass

John Flitter-friend of Leigh Ford

Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford

David Gundlach—brother-in-law of Sandy Gundlach

Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes

Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow

David Hinshaw – Deb Embrey's nephew

Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan

Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman

Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman

George Mills—father of Susan Weaver

Jimmy Munn—cousin of Betty Cox

Stella Parrish—friend of Rosemary Nance

Karl Portee – friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers

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

Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer

Family of Fave Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips

Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox &

grandfather of Stacy Gross

Kem & Rita Thomas – friends of Rod Kent Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison

Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation

Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter

Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

#### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Emily Wright

Robert Clune, father of Lisa Sanchez

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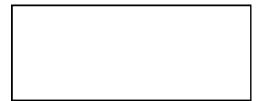
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## CALENDAR

March 27

March 30



## MARCH

March 1	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 2	12:00 noon Ash Wednesday with Distribution of Ashes
	6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday with Distribution of Ashes
March 6	Sunday morning schedule
March 9	12:00 noon Lenten Service
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
March 13	Sunday morning schedule
March 16	April Newsletter Deadline
	12:00 noon Lenten Service
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
March 20	Food Pantry Sunday
	Sunday morning schedule
March 23	12:00 noon Lenten Service

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

Sunday morning schedule

12:00 noon Lenten Service

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