



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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GraceWorks—Restore

July 11 - 14

The GraceWorks Leadership Team is incredibly excited for the 9th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands!



Here's some key information for congregations, adult volunteers, youth, and parents.

What is GraceWorks? GraceWorks is a local servant camp for Midlands Youth who are rising 6th graders through recently graduated 12th graders. It's also a camp for adult volunteers who want to support and encourage these young people in Christ-like service. GraceWorks develops servant leaders as these youth serve various agencies around the Columbia area. Most of these agencies serve vulnerable children or adults. In addition to doing physical labor like painting, cleaning, yard work, and organizing, youth also learn about the ministry of these agencies and often have opportunities to interact with those they are serving. GraceWorks also accepts adult volunteers to help out during the week. If you are interested the registration link is the same for the youth.

What does it cost: This year's cost will be \$50* per youth, this covers supplies, snacks, and our recreation day for all our participants. --- *This cost will be covered by the GSLC Youth Summer Missions fund. Please let Amy Kemp know you are attending so she can look for your invoice to pay the registration fee. There is not a fee for adult volunteers.

Where is GraceWorks this year? Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1301 Richland Street, Columbia, 29201. This will be our home base, most of our service experiences will involve traveling offsite via bus or by foot.

Week of Service: Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, we will gather at Ebenezer Lutheran Church between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. to start our day and will be finished and ready for pickup at 5:00 p.m.

Participation Packet Pick Up this year? On Sunday, July 10, in the evening there will be a time for parents to pick up their child's t-shirts and information (forms and site waivers) for the week. It will also allow time for any questions.

Register by July 5 to get your preferred t-shirt size.

Registration link and more information can be found at
<https://www.facebook.com/GraceWorksSC>.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Good Shepherd family,

I am excited to formally announce that we will be serving as an internship congregation this coming year. Beginning on August 8, our new pastoral intern Laura Henrickson, will be joining us for a full year of ministry and learning! You can read her introduction here in this newsletter, but I want to explain a little about the program to you all. Here are some things to know and keep in mind:

- **First, note that this position is VERY different from the Teaching Parish program with which we are more familiar at Good Shepherd.** The Teaching

Parish program is for first-year and second-year seminary students who serve for a few hours a week in worship and other aspects of ministry within a congregation. Our most recent Teaching Parish student was Aaron Spangler. Though we appreciate Aaron's time with us, Laura will be functioning in a much more comprehensive role. Laura is in her third year of Seminary, which is often the Internship Year. **She will be with us full-time for a whole year. She will work among us approximately 40-50 hours per week in a pastoral role.** During the course of the year, she will (with my supervision and guidance) do everything a pastor does in ministry. She will be involved with worship, education, pastoral care, preaching, leadership, evangelism, administration, stewardship, social ministry, and more. **She will truly experience all that pastors are called to do,** with the exceptions of officiating a wedding and presiding at the Communion meal.

- **Keep in mind that Laura is not a carbon-copy of anyone else.** Part of her role here at Good Shepherd is to explore and hone her own style of ministry. You should not expect her to function or respond in the same way as any previous student or staff member you've known.
- Keep in mind that Laura and her husband Thomas are coming into a new situation and **this may require some time for adjustment.** It can be more difficult for the spouse of an intern to make this adjustment than for the student herself, so I know you all will be mindful of their acclimatization process.
- As you can imagine, coming to a new congregation means meeting many new people. **Remember, there is only one intern, but there are hundreds of you! You can help greatly by repeating your name to the intern for several months. Please get back into the habit of wearing your GSLC nametag regularly as you did during my early days here.** If you need a (new or replacement) name tag, let me or the Evangelism Committee know.
- **Don't hesitate to invite Laura to be involved in all aspects of the congregation's life and ministry that are beyond specific assignments I give her, but give her the grace and freedom to decline such invitations.** It's not fair to expect Laura to do everything anyone suggests. I know you all will love her and include her, but part of her formation is learning how to set boundaries and manage time and expectations. **Likewise, the intern's spouse should be given the same freedom to choose involvement as any church member has.** I know you will give Laura and Thomas a gracious welcome.
- Laura will be with us to learn and to minister. **You can help this process by sharing your understandings of the faith and ministry of the church and the opportunities you see for ministry in our community.**

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- **Your loyalty, cooperation, understanding, and prayers will greatly enrich Laura's year with us and our experience of this internship program.**
- This is a wonderful gift we are able to give to the church: we are helping to shape and form a pastor for ministry within the church. The things Laura learns with us will inform her ministry for years to come. **Know that the Seminary and the wider church are grateful for this important service.** Likewise, her time with us will be a real gift and we will be challenged, changed, and enriched by her time with us.

Please join me in welcoming Laura and Thomas to Good Shepherd next month. I am excited about this year of learning and ministering together. If you have any questions about the internship program, you can contact me at any time.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

INTRODUCING OUR NEW INTERN

Grace and Peace to you all from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I wanted to take this time and space to introduce myself to the church of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the surrounding community. My name is Laura Henrickson and I live in Lexington, South Carolina with my husband, Thomas and our dog, Bear. I am a student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. I have lived in Lexington for most of my life. I was born at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, but my family lived in Baltimore, Maryland. We lived there for a few of my early childhood years until approximately 1996, when we moved to Lexington and have been here ever since. For my educational background, I graduated from Lexington High School in 2011. I took classes at Lenoir- Rhyne University in the fall of 2011 and spring of 2012 and again in fall of 2014. I continued my education by transferring to Liberty University Online in 2017 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion: Christian Ministries in 2019. For my personal background, I met my husband Thomas in 2015 through work. We dated about three years, were engaged in 2018, married in 2018, and are living happily ever after. Continuing with my church background, I'm a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. I've been a member with them since approximately 1999. I volunteered in the choir, helped with part of a musical summer class, and with a Sunday School Confirmation class. I am an enthusiastic Lutheran worshiper and seminarian, and I enjoy using my gifts to serve my brothers and sisters in Christ. While I love studying and reading about theology and history, I also love creating meals with Thomas, recreational reading, walking around the neighborhood with Bear, and traveling. I look forward to getting to know each one of the members at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church so we may go forth and serve our Lord in ministry.



LOOKING BACK...

....to Thanksgiving, 2000, when YOGS members took fruit baskets to some of our Good Shepherd shut-in members. From left are Chris Mackinem, Matt Schaefer, the late Anna Porcelli, the late Ricky Inman and the late Josh Blankenship. It was a great way for our youth to get to know some of our members from older generations.



(Periodically we'll print pictures from activities in Good Shepherd's past as we look ahead to our 75th anniversary in 2025. For some of you, it will be an opportunity to reminisce about bygone days. For others, it will be a chance to learn more about the history of our congregation. If you have pictures you might want us to consider sharing, please contact Don Caughman.)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The special offering emphasis for July is the United Service Organizations (USO). The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation. USO centers are operated at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy. USO airport centers throughout the country, including Columbia Metropolitan Airport, offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. Many specialized USO programs offer a continuum of support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.



Funds from our monthly emphasis will be used to support the local USO efforts in the greater Columbia area, including the USO Center at the Columbia airport.

THINKING AHEAD...

Good Shepherd will hold its annual school supply drive for Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools in August. The list of requested supplies will be in the August newsletter.



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Richland School District Two and Richard Two students, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for supporting our Richland Two Backpack Program at Conder and Forest Lake Elementary Schools. Your donation and support is such a wonderful way to provide service to our community. Ensuring that our students' basic needs are met are instrumental to their success. Your donations will help to ensure that we can keep their education as the primary focus.



Abby K. Cobb, LISW
Lead Social Worker
Richland School District Two



A great big thank you to all the 2021-2022 Sunday School leaders...we are beyond grateful for your commitment and dedication!

The Learning Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a wonderful learning experience for our children. We appreciate your time, service, contributions, and support!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The GSLC Food Pantry packed 29 bags of groceries serving 81 individuals in the month of May



NOISY OFFERING

On July 31, the children of GSLC will collect noisy offering for two deserving local charities they selected: St. Lawrence Place/Homeless No More and The Carolina Wildlife Center. St. Lawrence Place/Homeless No More is a nonprofit organization that believes family homelessness is entirely solvable. Their spectrum of care – from emergency services to transitional and affordable housing – keeps each family together and

meets their needs at the right time with the right services. By providing the support to move each family toward a permanent, self-sufficient solution, they work to eradicate family homelessness and help parents and their children achieve lasting independence.

The Carolina Wildlife Center is devoted to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned animals and the preservation of wildlife through education. Since 1989, they have treated and rehabilitated more than 55,000 animals representing 200 species.



Graduation,



Children, and



Confirmation



POGS

Pathfinders of Good Shepherd



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

POGS (Pathfinders of Good Shepherd), a ministry for ALL adults will hold its monthly gathering on **Wednesday, July 13, at 12 noon in the FAB**. It will be a **covered dish lunch** so bring a couple of dishes to share. Drinks will be provided. Our guest presenter will be **Rob Settle from the Men's Shelter**. Rob and a couple of the current residents will give information about the shelter and share their stories. We will collect personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash clothes, etc.) to help with their needs. So bring these items to support The Men's Shelter!

Also, POGS is sponsoring a **trip to NarroWay Productions**, Fort Mill, SC, for lunch and a live theatre performance of "Jesus the Teacher" on **Saturday, July 23**. Sit in the crowd as Jesus tells the world's most famous stories. Watch with excitement as Jesus multiplies a little boy's lunch and get ready for the miracle of a delicious fried fish meal, all served to your seat as part of the show. Lunch includes: Flaky, lightly battered cod, tartar sauce, seasoned chicken drumstick, roasted potatoes, sweet yeast roll, honey butter, brownie, water or lemonade. Cost: \$48 (admission ticket and bus expense).

Reservations limited to first 14 persons to register. (Bus capacity is 14 plus driver. If more persons are interested, we will have to see if tickets are available and seek a volunteer driver.)

The bus will depart from the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m.!

Make a reservation by completing the Sunday bulletin insert form and turning it into the Church Office or to Nancy Hyatt along with your payment. If a check is written, please make it payable to "Pathfinders of Good Shepherd." Deadline for reservations is Sunday, July 17. For more information, contact Nancy Hyatt (803-873-9449).

Mark your calendar for POGS future events! We'll hold our monthly gathering the second Wednesday of each month at 12 noon and have special events/trips at other times. Note: the August 10 gathering will have Sheriff Leon Lott as our special guest, addressing the ever important issues affecting our safety and security. We will have a catered deli lunch from McAlister's.

Looking forward to seeing you at POGS! Come and bring a friend!!

SEEDS OF HOPE



Last fall one of the "noisy offerings" was for avocado seeds for the youth group in Tanzania. This gift of seeds will enable the youth group in the South Western Diocese to plant and nurture many avocado trees. The crop from these plants will be used to fund their youth group activities. The youth were given a tract of land by the diocese and they all share the responsibilities of tending the garden. A shout out to all who donated to this cause. The youth of the South Western diocese greatly appreciate your support.



JULY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Sunday School

Come join us for an intergenerational summer Sunday School class based on the Mayberry Bible Series! Using classic episodes of the Andy Griffith Show and relevant scripture, facilitators will guide discussions on the teaching of Jesus. This class for all ages will meet in the FAB following the 9:30 service. Coloring sheets and crayons will be available for our young learners.

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

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Are you interested in teaching Sunday School this fall? We are looking for volunteers for Adult classes, as well as for Preschool-5th grade classes. A Children's learning guide will be provided, and material for Adult classes can be available. Additionally, we are in need of substitute teachers. Please contact Deborah Mitchell in the Church office at 803-787-4413 or Heather Gilbert at (803)312-1887, hbloomer5@yahoo.com if interested. The number of fall Sunday School classes will be based on the number of teaching volunteers.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As a reminder, whenever items are borrowed from Good Shepherd, all requests should be submitted to the property committee for approval (tables, chairs, linens, pans, etc.) There are several items missing from the FAB kitchen. Please return items that may have been borrowed.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE

Please take a minute to let the church office know if you have any changes to your home address, email address, or telephone numbers.

**Contact Deborah Mitchell at
*parishadmin@gslc.com.***

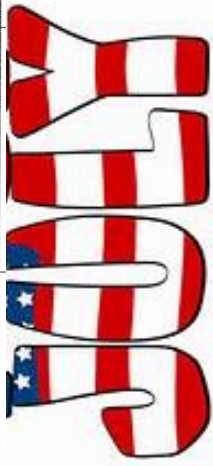


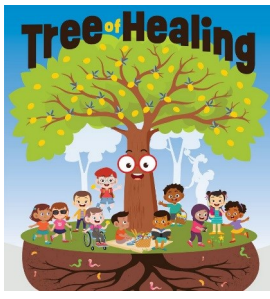
2022 TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATES

July 31	Cook on Saturday 30 th
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October 30	Cook on Saturday 29 th
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For more information, contact Lisa Lehman at 803-397-1097 or llehman515@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:00am –12:30pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Youth Room) 10:45am Summer Sunday School for All Ages (FAB)	4 Church Office Closed 6:00pm –7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	5 11:30am Bible Study (Conference Room)	6 8:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm –7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	7 6:00pm –8:00pm (private event) Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)	8	9
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31 Noisy Offering 9:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:00am –12:30pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Youth Room) 10:45am Summer Sunday School for All Ages (FAB) 5:00pm Serve a meal at Transitions						



VBS



June 20-23, 2022





SAVE THE DATE!

GSLC Congregational Retreat
February 3-5, 2023
Lutheridge

YOUTH & CHILDREN
SAVE THE DATE
August 28

Summer Splash after Sunday School.
 This event is for All Youth and Children.



RESPOND

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT **OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2022**

Wouldn't you love a weekend of fun, enrichment, and fellowship with the women of Good Shepherd? Gather with us at Lutheridge to relax and recharge. Women of all ages – Good Shepherd members, friends of members, and relatives of members – are invited.

The cost is \$180 per person due August 28. If you prefer to make payments, please contact Laura Leigh Smith. The cost is for a room with a private bath (double occupancy, linens furnished) and 4 meals. Dinner will be on your own Friday night.

To reserve your space, please make a check out to WELCA and place it and this insert form in the offering plate. Questions? Call, text, or email Laura Smith at 803-513-0891, smith616@bellsouth.net.

Name: _____

Roommate: _____

Deposit: _____



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Debi Powell
OPENING BUILDINGS: Michael Brown

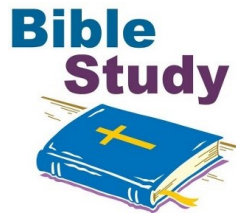
DATE	7/3/22	7/10/22	7/17/22	7/24/22	7/31/22	8/7/22
USHERS	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Rod Kent, Jerry Vaughn, Rebecca Richardson, Mike Weaver	Wade Wingard, Mike Weaver, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Rebecca Richardson, Rod Kent	Wade Wingard, Jerry Vaughn, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Richardson	David & Karen Lucas, Michael Brown, Francis Plyler
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Eden Rowell	A: Mike Sanchez C: Don Caughman	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Kelly Grace Lalumondier C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Mike Sanchez C: Eden Rowell	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Heavenly Edenfield, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter
TABULATORS	Rebecca Richardson, Donna Foster	Lavina Chandler, Mary Stallings	David Lucas, Steve Steck	Leigh Ford, Jamie Sanders	Karen Lucas, Mary Margaret Hoy	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy

SIGN UP FOR 2022 ALTAR FLOWERS



The Flower Calendar for 2022 is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2022. As of January 1, 2022, Altar flowers are \$70, Narthex Flowers are \$50, and the Altar Rose is \$10.

Please call the church office or sign up on the 2022 Flower Chart if you want to offer flowers for a certain date. **Flowers that you give will be taken to shut-ins if not picked up by mid-day Monday.**



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

JULY 2022 MEETINGS

July 19 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)

Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.



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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

4	Mary Aitchison	8	Kim McLeod	16	Guy Bostic	29	Tim Mueller
	Mark Smith	10	Jake Lalumondier	17	Patrick Ross	30	Natalie Ferlauto
5	Lexi Barnhill	11	Victoria Brown		Bruce Shealy		Jan Haigler
	Lyn Robinson		Neal Inman		Stephany Uehling		Wendell Holmes, Jr.
6	Sandy Gundlach	12	Jack Burrows	18	Katie Bostic	31	Brian Cohl
7	Russ Anderson		Charles Sigel	19	Ray Frierson		Ashton Struthers
	Rosemarie Brown		Susan Uehling	20	Leigh Ann Tollison		
	Amelia Isenhower	13	Forrest Havird	22	Anita Easter		
	Sylvia Livingston		Kadin Hogue	24	Ryan Burrows		
	Heather Van Duys		Linda Taylor	26	Carolyn Cromer		
8	Drew Gustafson		Emerson Kemp		Harry Dent		
	Maggie Gustafson	16	Margaret Hill	28	Barbara Rowell		



LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2022

JULY 3—4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

PSALM – Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

SECOND READING – Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

GOSPEL – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

JULY 10—5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

PSALM – Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

JULY 17—6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

FIRST READING – Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

PSALM – Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

JULY 24— 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

FIRST READING – Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

PSALM – Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

SECOND READING – Colossians 2:6-19

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

GOSPEL – Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

JULY 31— 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

FIRST READING – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

PSALM – Psalm 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Mary Sox</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Marianne De Werd</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
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<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>John Keim</i>	
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<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	
<i>Susan Burch</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>	
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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@gscl.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

<i>Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend</i>	<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Mobley</i>
<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	
<i>Luna Brown—3-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Jack Reynolds, brother of Margaret Hill</i>
<i>Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>
<i>Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>
<i>John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford</i>	<i>Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross</i>
<i>Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford</i>	<i>Kem & Rita Thomas – friends of Rod Kent</i>
<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison</i>
<i>Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow</i>	<i>Robin Trauffer—friend of the congregation</i>
<i>David Hinshaw – Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Joey Turner, college friend of Trisha Benson</i>
<i>Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan</i>	<i>Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford</i>
<i>Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman</i>	<i>Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver</i>
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	<i>Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter</i>
<i>Jimmy Munn—cousin of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Stella Parrish—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>	
<i>Karl Portee – friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers</i>	

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CALENDAR



- July 3 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (FAB)
- July 4 Church Office Closed
- July 10 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (FAB)
- July 13 12:00 noon POGS lunch meeting (FAB)
- July 17 **Food Pantry Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (FAB)
- July 18 August Newsletter Deadline
- July 23 POGS trip to dinner theatre
- July 24 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (FAB)
- July 30 9:00 a.m. Cook for Transitions (FAB)
- July 31 **Noisy Offering**
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (FAB)
5:00 p.m. Serve meal at Transitions