

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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Back to School—an exciting time for children and an expensive time for parents. The schools prepare supply lists for each grade, asking parents to send their children with the pencils and paper and other items they will use in the classroom.

Good Shepherd's annual school supply drive will begin Sunday, August 7. Items collected will be donated to Bradley Elementary in Richland District One and Forest Lake Elementary in Richland District Two. The school counselors at both schools distribute the donated supplies to children as needed.

Suggested items on the school supply lists:

- wooden pencils (#2)
- colored pencils, packs of 12
- erasers
- loose-leaf notebook paper, wide-ruled
- composition books
- crayons, packs of 24
- dry-erase markers
- yellow highlighters
- glue sticks
- sticky notes, 3 x 3 size
- pocket folders with prongs
- pencil pouches
- hand sanitizer, 8-oz bottles
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- boxes of kleenex

The collection box will be in the Narthex from August 7 – 28. You may also make financial contributions. Make checks to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designate them for School Supply Drive.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” –Luke 12:32-34

When I was a child, we gathered each year for Christmas with my extended family at my grandmother’s house in North Carolina. Each year we would enjoy a large, delicious meal together. We usually didn’t make it all the way through the meal before my brother and I began to cause a disturbance. We were so excited to open presents that we could hardly stand it! Eventually we’d all clear the table and make our way to the living room to open gifts. My grandmother always sat in her chair and watched everyone else open their gifts. She always had a serene smile on her face. We always had to essentially beg her to open her gifts. She preferred to sit and watch our joy. Even when she did open her gifts, she savored the experience. She deftly removed the wrapping paper and saved it to use later. Then when she saw what someone had given her, she invariably said, “Oh, it’s too much. It’s too nice. Take it back.”

Looking back on those times, I realize now that my grandmother was a person who developed the wisdom to appreciate that it is truly better to give than to receive. Our joy was expressed in wild abandon as we ripped open paper and craved more presents. Her joy, however, was in watching our joy and in treasuring the small things in life; those intangible gifts from God we often overlook.

I can’t help but think our world could use a lot more folks like my grandmother in it today. People who prioritize the joy and comfort of others. People who are frugal and simple in their own actions and wants and needs. And not only does our world need more folks like that, but so do our churches. The lesson Jesus tries to teach his disciples in this gospel passage from Luke 12 is that our joy, our value, and our life do not consist in what we have, but rather in who has us. We are those in God’s care. We are a little flock only because we have a Shepherd who came to cast out all fear. We are not called to get more for ourselves, but rather to follow Jesus in giving away what we have for the sake of others.

My grandmother, I believe, learned to live out Jesus’ adage *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* She invested her treasure in the church, in her family, and in the lives of others. As she sat and watched our joy, her heart was content.

This teaching of Jesus is one which we desperately need to hear and live out together. Despite all that is going on in our world and in the church, we are not to be afraid. Rather, we are to invest all that God has given us in others. As we live out this call together, may we learn to live out the wise words of Jesus: *“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

GATHERINGS WITH PASTOR ANDREW

“We are a community of all ages gathered by God’s grace for worship, learning, loving and service to all.” – GSLC Mission Statement

WHO: YOU. YOUR NEIGHBOR. YOUR PEW BUDDY. ALL of GOD’s CHILDREN!!

WHAT: Fellowship with Pastor Andrew

WHEN: August 1 – September 10, 2022

WHERE: home, restaurant, church, meeting room at residence...YOU CHOOSE

WHY:

Mutual Ministry is hosting informal, small group gatherings (6-8 people) with Pastor Andrew to allow the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to RENEW their relationships with each other and our pastor. COVID-19 prevented fellowship opportunities to get to know Pastor Andrew one on one. We are using this opportunity to RESPOND to our call to ‘love our neighbor’ and ‘build him up.’ Get to know each other. With a strong foundation we can move forward in our mission to REACH OUT to one another and our community to grow in God’s grace through worship, learning and love to be of service to ALL! Please reach out to Amanda Snodgrass, Mutual Ministry Chair, 803-422-7105 if you would like to host a gathering. We encourage ALL members to participate.

MEET, GREET, AND ...EAT ICE CREAM!!

FAB – August 14, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mid-August is a time of change: the end of summer break & vacations, and the return to school! At GSLC it is also the time we are welcoming our new intern, Laura Henrickson, to the staff. Please join us at an ice cream reception in the FAB to meet Laura and her husband, Thomas, on Sunday afternoon, August 14.

This is also a great opportunity to donate to our School Supply Drive!! All supplies collected will be shared with two local schools.

Thanks to Thrivent for assisting with this event.



NINE DECADES OF CHRISTIAN LIFE SET A GREAT EXAMPLE

They are children of the Great Depression. Their entry into adulthood was framed by World War II and the post-war years. They are spouses, parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. They have dealt with great joy and great sorrow and many things in between. They are great role models for those of us who have come along after them.

They are the 17 members of Good Shepherd who have lived at least 90 years. And I think it's not exaggerating to say they are the bedrock of our congregation. Some of them are regular church attenders; others are able to attend occasionally; some spend much of their time in their homes; others are in assisted living facilities. One lives in Georgia and another in Charleston. The others all are in the Columbia area.

Something they all have in common is that they care about their church family, and they like maintaining contact with our younger members.

One of my favorite activities is to visit and engage them in conversations. I have learned so much from many of them about the roots of our congregation, the things they've seen and experienced in their lives, and what it means to live a Christian life.

I want to encourage you to reach out to these special members of the Good Shepherd family. Many of them are open to personal visits. Cards and phone calls also are in order. If you see them at worship, make a point to speak with them and show them how much you appreciate them. You'll find that it not only makes them feel good, but also lifts your own spirit.

If you don't feel comfortable visiting or calling, I would be more than happy to accompany you on a visit. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Birthday cards, "I'm thinking of you" cards and holiday cards are always good ways to stay in touch.

Here are our 17 members of this elite group, with ages as of October 1 in parentheses: Earline Suydam (96), Grace Boozer (96), Rosemarie Brown (95), Sara Loyd (94), Helen Derrick (94), Joanna Carpenter (94), Dot Correll (93), Rachel Pederson (92), Dot Gibert (91), Violet Fetner (91), Lena Duncan (91), Charles Sigel (91), Barbara Sutton (91), Silas Holmes (90), Raymond Hendrix (90), Joyce Upright (90), Gene Upright (90).

Sadly, since the beginning of 2021, we have lost eight members who were part of this group, the most recent being our oldest member at the time, Mary Sox. Others who joined the Church Triumphant during that time are Carol Mayfield, Irene Poole, Margaret Moody, Doris McCaughey, Mary Allen, Joye Brown and Becky Silvia. What great memories I have of all of them and how privileged I was to call them my friends.

(NOTE: Visitations, phone calls, card recommendations also apply to the "non-90" members who are on our regular prayer list in each Sunday's bulletin.)

Don Caughman, Council President



The family of Richard Stephen Nagy would like to thank all who sent cards, honored our son with donations in his name to our church, and kept us in your prayers. This is the second son we have lost. He was not only our son, but a brother, and an uncle, and a friend to many. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbara and Al (parents); Joann (sister); and Alex (nephew)

Dear Church Members,

You have to be the most generous church members in all of Columbia! You have taken us by hand and never lost sight of us. Please know how much we appreciate all you do for us.



Faithfulness is Priceless!

*Warm regards,
Kathy Riley
The Women's Shelter*



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The emphasis for August is The Big Red Barn Retreat. The Big Red Barn Retreat offers integrated practices and programs that allow American Warriors to thrive at home. These integrated practices are alternatives to traditional treatments; and are provided to veterans, active duty service members, and first responders at little to no cost to them.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In June of 2022, GSLC's Food Pantry packed and distributed 33 bags of food serving 105 individuals.



PROJECT HOPE

Due to your generosity throughout the month of June, we collected \$650.00 for the Project HOPE. These funds will be used to help provide fans to senior citizens in Richland County. Thank you for your contributions to this local charity!

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

RENEW, RESPOND, AND REACH OUT

Renewing, responding, and reaching out in the best of times is no easy task. When hindered by a pandemic, the challenge grows exponentially. We are approaching the “responding” stage having spent much of the “renewal” stage in the latter throes of a pandemic. Even in this current phase, the news of yet another variant of the Covid virus assaults us on the evening news.

All that said, we possess a power to succeed in this venture which the world does not possess—the mighty third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will enable us all in diverse ways. Some will be financially blessed with the ability to fund the third phase of reaching out. Some will have their natural talent of teaching boosted by the power of the Spirit. Others, will perceive tasks such as ramp building, “Fun Fridays”, grounds keeping, and youth leadership as within their capabilities; and they will be led by the Spirit to explore these opportunities to serve. Some will be blessed with the gift of seeing where this congregation can reach out to the world when the assets, people, and wherewithal become available to accomplish the mission.

We are reminded by the Word that early Christians accomplished incredible tasks possessing fewer resources than the Christian of today. Remember that within five hundred years of the events recorded in the New Testament, Christianity had essentially conquered the Roman Empire when no earthly armies had been able to withstand the power of Rome.

But the war against the forces of evil and darkness continues unabated until, in his own good time, Christ will return to gather his Church unto himself and to institute an eternal kingdom headed up by God, himself. Don't be afraid to undertake a bold mission, counting on God to equip you if you have chosen a mission worthy of Him.

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.

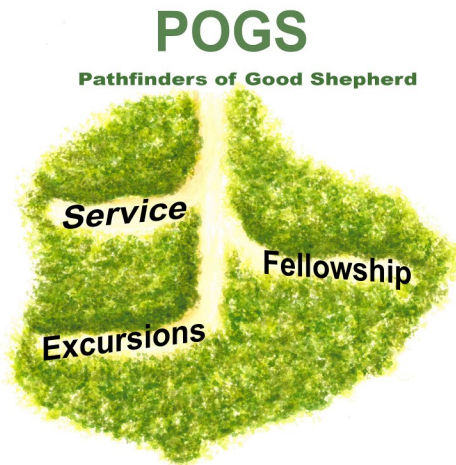
*Contact Deborah Mitchell at
parishadmin@gsllc.com.*



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

If you have served in any branch of our armed forces, please let Deborah Mitchell in the Church Office know by calling or emailing her at 803-787-4413 or parishadmin@gsllc.com. We are attempting to gather a list of our members who have served our country.

Thanks!



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

Pathfinders of Good Shepherd (a ministry for ALL adults) met on July 13 and had representatives from Providence Home (a place of hope and healing, offering a temporary home for men in life transition or recovery) as special guests. Personal care items were collected to help support this ministry.

POGS will hold its regular monthly gathering on Wednesday, August 10, at 12 noon in the FAB. Sheriff Leon Lott will be our guest presenter, addressing safety and security issues. A catered deli lunch will be served. Cost is \$8 per person.

At the September 14 gathering, one of our former pastors, the Rev. Dr. Larry Long will be with us, talking about the history of SC Lutheranism and Good Shepherd's history.

POGS will be sponsoring two upcoming trips – one to Shealy's Barbeque on Thursday, September 29 and one to the Alabama Christmas Show December 1-2. Mark your calendar and look for more information about these trips soon.

ALL ADULTS are invited to come and be a part of this fun and caring ministry!



POGS enjoyed their trip to NarroWay Theatre on Saturday, July 23.

AUGUST 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 Classroom 1 following the 9:30 service. Coloring sheets and crayons will be available for our young learners.

Weekly Bible Study

There are two weekly opportunities for Bible Study with Pastor Andrew. Please join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room or virtually on Wednesdays at 8:00 for a Zoom meeting. A Zoom ID and password is sent in a weekly email.

Faith 5

Each week Pastor Andrew will send a Faith 5 Study email that includes a recommended scripture reading to guide and nurture your spiritual development through the following 5 steps.

Share your highs and lows of the day/week

Read a bible verse or story

Talk about how your Bible verse or Bible story might apply to your highs and lows

Pray for one another's highs and lows

Bless one another

LOOKING AHEAD

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.


Confirmation Class

We are pleased to offer Confirmation class beginning in September during the Sunday School hour each week. Please contact Pastor Andrew at pastor@gslc.com or 803-787-4413 if you have a Confirmation age student or have any questions regarding the upcoming class. More information to come.

YOUTH & CHILDREN



The Youth and Children Committee will be holding their annual Summer Splash after church on Sunday, August 28. All families of children from newborn to seniors in high school are invited for food, fellowship and fun in the sun. A hot dog lunch will be provided. Pack a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen for the kids. Feel free to bring a friend and get ready to get wet! Contact Amy Kemp at aekautz@gmail.com or 803-727-5988 to volunteer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room) 6:00pm private meeting (CL 2)	2 11:30am Bible Study (Conference Room) 6:00pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)	3 8:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	4 4:30pm Gifts Committee meeting (Conference Room) 6:00pm – 8:00pm [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)	5 	6 [private event] Back to School Event
7 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 (CL 1)	8 5:30pm Property Committee meeting (CL 1) 6:00pm GSLC Foundation meeting (CL 2) 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	9 11:30am Bible Study (Conference Room)	10 8:00am Zoom Bible Study 12:00pm POGS [Pathfinders of Good Shepherd] lunch meeting (FAB) 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	11 1:00pm – 9:00pm set up for Fun Fridays (FAB) 5:30pm Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00pm – 8:00pm [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)	12 6:00pm – 9:00pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	13
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21 Food Pantry Sunday 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 (CL 1) 6:30pm Council meeting (Conference Room)	22 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	23 11:30am Bible Study (Conference Room) 5:00pm – 7:00pm Music Director Search meeting (Conference Room)	24 8:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm – 7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	25 6:00pm – 8:00pm [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)	26 	27
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LOOKING BACK...

Doo Wop Days at Good Shepherd This month's "looking back" photo is from the mid-1980s when "talent shows" were a great fellowship activity at Good Shepherd. Three of our late members were part of a doo wop quartet who "sang" some old rock and roll songs. From left are Charlie Fetner, Paul Stork and Henry Suydam. Henry's creative musical "instruments" were always a hit!



FUN FRIDAYS - AUGUST 12



Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, August 12 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at (803) 788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com or just come to the FAB on August 12 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

GSLC OFFICE NEWS

The office is making the switch to a newer program to keep up with all membership, contributions, and accounting. Currently, membership and contributions data are kept in one system, and expenditures are recorded in a separate system. The transition to a single system should be completed by January 2023, making it easier to maintain consistent records and produce financial reports.

During this update of everything, the office may contact you to obtain information on birthdates, emails, and all phone numbers. This will also provide you the opportunity to designate your preferred method of contact.

Our Parish Administrator, Deborah Mitchell, and Financial Secretary, Deb Embrey, will both be very busy with the transition. We appreciate their willingness to tackle this project.

Janet Lockhart, Finance Committee Chair
Don Caughman, Council President

COLUMBIA FIREFLIES



Good Shepherd Lutheran Men invite church members and their friends to a family night at the Columbia Fireflies, Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 6:05 p.m. at Segra Park. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex, August 7, 14, and 21 for \$12.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a seat plus a pre-paid voucher for a hot dog, chips, and soft drink. Each ticketholder will receive a free Columbia Fireflies hat. Ticketholders can choose their seats, and payment is due on August 21, 2022. Tickets will be delivered on August 28 and September 4, 2022, in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Men, or cash will be accepted. A fireworks display will begin after the game. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has reserved Section 106. Rows J 11-18, K 11-18, and L 11-20. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. For more information, see Peter Zornow or Marion Eargle in the Narthex on Sunday, August 7, 14, or 21. Contact Peter Zornow at zornowpd@juno.com or call/text him at 803-730-7570.

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: Mike Weaver
OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

DATE	8/7/22	8/14/22	8/21/22	8/28/22	9/4/22
USHERS	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown	Jeff Inabinet,
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector: Alice Buckner Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Kelly Grace Lalumondier C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	A: Blake Gross C: Eden Rowell
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler
TABULATORS	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy	Karen Lucas, Donna Shealy	Rebecca Richardson, Mary Stallings	Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck	Mary Margaret Hoy, Jamie Sanders



AUGUST 2022 MEETINGS

August 2	Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
August 4	Gifts Committee (4:30 p.m.)
August 8	GSLC Foundation (6:00 p.m.)
August 10	POGS (12 noon)
August 11	Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)
August 16	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.) Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)
August 18	Dorcas (5:30 p.m.)
August 21	Council (6:30 p.m.)
August 23	Music Director Search (5:00 p.m.)
August 30	Music Director Search (5:00 p.m.)

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

DIRECTORY UPDATE



Susan Burch
922 Valley Green
Mauldin, SC 29662

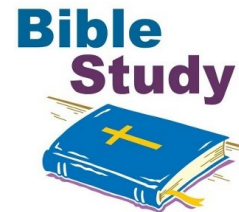
John & Mary Allen no longer have
a home phone.
John cell: 803-414-2510
Mary cell: 803-317-4598

David & Margaret Hill no longer have a home phone.
David cell: 803-586-5915
Margaret cell: 803-422-1826

Pat Quattlebaum no longer has a home phone.
Cell: 803-446-1945
New e-mail: pquattle@gmail.com

Cindy Taylor no longer has a home phone.
Cell: 803-626-4432

Victoria Brown
840 Walters Ln
Columbia, SC 29209
Cell: 803-606-2106



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Penny Sox	8	Pam Robertson	19	Frank Fusco	26	Mike Sanchez
2	Brittany Jakiela	9	Alice Buckner		Todd Gustafson	29	Bently Grosh
3	Trey McLeod		Kevin Gross	20	Phil Tollison	30	Melanie Lalumondier
5	Jason Fowler		Mary Margaret Hoy	21	Joe Robinson		Cathy Quinton
6	David Ellington	10	Charles Buckner		Jerry Rogers	31	Jim Lalumondier
	Thomas Cohl	13	Mo Denny	22	Darlene Whipple		
	Debbie Smith	14	Lauren Evans	24	Wade Wingard		
7	Blake Gross	16	David Lucas	25	Ashley Barnhill		
	Stephen Beaman	17	Stacey Cohl		Mariah Sightler		



LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST 2022

AUGUST 7—9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

FIRST READING – Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

PSALM – Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

AUGUST 14—10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

PSALM – Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

AUGUST 21—11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

PSALM – Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

AUGUST 28—12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

FIRST READING – Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

PSALM – Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Laura, Durphey & baby Forrest Clifton</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Helen Haniyak</i>	<i>Anne & Tim Mueller family</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Ty Boheler</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>
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<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
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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.

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<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>
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The family of Mary Sox.

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| August 7 | 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Yth Rm)
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (CL 1) |
| August 10 | 12:00 noon POGS lunch meeting (FAB) |
| August 12 | 6:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB) |
| August 14 | 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Yth Rm)
10:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School (CL 1)
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Meet, Greet and Eat Ice Cream (FAB) |
| August 17 | September Newsletter Deadline |
| August 20 | 9:30 a.m. WELCA Prayer Breakfast (FAB) |
| August 21 | Food Pantry Sunday
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