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Join us in the FAB on Sunday, September 11 after the worship service for our annual Rally Day celebration. We will all rally together as we celebrate our new year of Sunday School classes for all ages.

On this special day, our youth will be promoted to their next grade and presented with Bibles for the next steps in their faith journey. Sunday School teachers will be recognized for their generous service and dedication. Come to learn more about our adult Sunday School class curriculum for the fall and about our plans for the upcoming year!

There will not be Sunday School classes this day so we can all come together to celebrate the new school year. We look forward to seeing you there!

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE (Beginning September 18)

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Conference Room)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (CL 4)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106 & 114)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Some years ago I ran across an article online that really caught my interest. It was an article by Karl Vaters on newsmallchurch.com. The article is entitled, “23 Non-Numerical Signs of a Healthy Church.”

The reason this article caught my attention is that I have had many conversations over the years with other pastors and church leaders about the ways that we measure a congregation’s health, faithfulness, ministry, effectiveness, and success. Traditionally in the Lutheran Church (and in many other denominations, as well), we have relied upon numerical data. There are, of course, good reasons for this. For one thing, numbers are readily quantifiable. In the search for “hard data,” numbers (at least in theory) make it easy to compare “apples to apples.” Look at our numbers versus another congregation’s numbers, for instance. They worship 360 per Sunday, we worship 90. Their church is 4 times “better” than ours, right? Not so fast.

Remember, Jesus’ original disciples—the inner circle, if you will—consisted of 12 people. Who among us would argue that Jesus’ way of doing things was wrong? Shouldn’t he have called 120 disciples instead of 12? Maybe not. Or when Jesus sent out his disciples, he sent 70—the 12, plus 58 more. Why didn’t he send 500? 1000? Maybe Jesus knew something that we have forgotten. More isn’t always better. In fact, in John chapter 6, Jesus feeds 5,000 people. But he tells them, “Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you.” And many of the 5,000 “disciples” gathered there heard his words and went away, offended by Jesus. The 12 remained faithful and remained with Jesus. The other 4,988 disciples there went away and no longer followed Jesus. More is not always better, it would seem. Jesus called and only the 12 answered the call at that point in time.

Well, how about monetary numbers? Look at our giving versus another church’s giving. We bring in 10,000 dollars a week. They bring in 40,000 dollars a week. Their church is 4 times better by definition, right? Not necessarily.

How do you measure how faithful a congregation is with the money they collect each week? How do you measure how cheerful people are when they give each week? How do you measure such intangible, non-numerical facts? Think of the parable of the widow’s mite in Luke 21. More is not always better, it would seem.

There are, of course, many facts about a church that numbers do not and cannot reflect. Are numbers useful? Absolutely. Are they necessary? Of course. We can’t set a ministry spending plan or a budget without using numbers. Good Shepherd is incredibly gifted with some folks who really know numbers. They help keep us financially solvent. They help keep our ministries viable and our resources properly managed. We need numbers. But numbers alone do not and cannot reflect all the realities of ministry. And numbers can get us down when all we focus on is that we don’t have what we used to have or what someone else has. We start to covet numbers. We start to make an idol of numbers.

The church exists to participate in God’s mission and ministry, following Jesus Christ. Jesus never said, “Go and bring in more money.” Jesus never said, “Go and boost your attendance each week.” Not that we shouldn’t keep track of numbers, but we should focus more carefully on what Jesus *did* say to do. What did Jesus say to do? “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them.” “Go and love your neighbor as yourself.” “Go—as the Father sent me, so I send you.” “Go—if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” How do we measure such faithfulness?

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What 23 non-numerical measurements of church health does Karl Vaters suggest in his article? I'm glad you asked! Here they are:

1. Volunteers Care More About Doing Ministry than Having a Title
2. There are More Ministry Teams than Committees
3. Departments Cooperate with Each Other
4. The Church Cooperates With Other Churches
5. The Church Looks Like the Neighborhood (Demographically)
6. The Church Goes Into the Neighborhood
7. The Congregation Is Getting Younger, not Older
8. The Front Rows are as Full as the Back Rows
9. The Bulletin Isn't Just about Internal Events
10. Guests Feel Special
11. Volunteerism is High
12. Ministry Ideas Bubble Up
13. New Ideas Are Embraced
14. New Leadership Is Embraced
15. Long-time Leadership Is Honored
16. The Bible Is Honored
17. Worship Is More than Just Singing
18. People Like Bringing their Friends
19. Congregation Members Love Each Other
20. Congregation Members Like Each Other
21. People Are Being Saved and Discipled
22. It's a Safe Place to Ask Hard Questions
23. People Pray – A Lot

Here's how I suggest we use such a list. When people outside the church ask me about our congregation they often ask, "How many do you worship on a Sunday?" I might redirect their question and say, "We have 90-100 loving, caring people gathered for worship each week and a dozen or two more online. We have great new members and faithful visitors who have really taken charge of some key ministries and the long-time members love them for it! And we have some great faithful folks who've been serving in key ministries for 50 years—and we love them for it! And we are working together to become more fluent in prayer. And we have some wonderful young worshipers in our midst." See what a difference that makes? Instead of saying, "well, we only have about 90...we used to have 300," we might begin to talk about our ministry as more than just numbers. Focus on where we see God at work in our midst and on where we see the Gospel at work in our lives. Instead of asking, "How can we boost attendance or giving?" let's ask, "How can we be more intentional about being in the neighborhood?" I look forward to using numerical *and* non-numerical criteria to measure our health and faithfulness together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Andrew

To read Karl Vaters' article visit: <http://newsmallchurch.com/non-numerical-healthy-church/>

Ramp Ministry



These are some pictures of our most recent ramps and one of the recipients.





2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

RENEW, RESPOND, AND REACH OUT

My memories of Good Shepherd go back many years, as I began my membership as a 9-year-old child. I think back with fondness to the “old sanctuary,” or what is now the Chapel. I used to be in awe of the lovely stained glass and the dark wood surrounding us on Sunday mornings, and I recall the Christmas Eve rendition of *Silent Night* bringing me to tears as candles and voices were raised to the heavens. I remember looking forward to Pastor Long’s children’s sermons just so I could hear what hilarious moment Ricky Inman would provide the congregation with on that day. Memories of my dad, Steve Sox, greeting us as an usher and giving me a wink and a pat when he ushered us up for Communion remains with me to this day. Don Caughman’s clown ministry offered powerful messages during the sermon on Youth Sunday, and weekend youth retreats to Camp Kinard that included “snipe hunting” for our rookie members helped create lasting bonds amongst the youth members. The summer Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge remains to this day one of the most impactful and transformative experiences of my faith journey.

As I entered college and my young adult years, I spent less time in church services and more time sleeping in or catching brunch. However, Good Shepherd called me home. When I met Kevin and realized that he was “the one,” I looked forward to introducing him to my faith community, and he was embraced as well. Our wedding day was like a fairy tale, and as our family grew, so did my love for the church where my children were baptized then grew their own faith through the youth programs and confirmation. What a journey this has been for the ones I love the most.

As we approach the time in our Stewardship Campaign to “respond,” I hope to reflect on the many ways in which the good people of Good Shepherd have shaped me, my family, and our faith. Our connections to each other were built and strengthened through God’s Grace. The community in Christ that we share offers acceptance, belonging, heartfulness, and love in ways that we can feel to our core. I urge you to prayerfully consider how Good Shepherd has shaped your faith journey and prepare to respond by sharing your gifts, your talents, and your blessings with our congregation and our community in the ways that you feel God has called you.

Submitted by Stacy Gross



PROPERTY COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP DAY

The Property committee will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, October 15. Please email Mike Weaver or Rod Kent if you will be able to help beautify the Good Shepherd landscape. (That happens to be an open week for USC football fans.)

POGS

Pathfinders of Good Shepherd



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

September is Good Shepherd's anniversary month. In celebration of our 72nd anniversary this year, the Rev. Dr. Larry Long will be POGS' guest presenter at the **September 14 gathering**. Pastor Long served as our Senior Pastor from 1975 to 1995. He will talk about the history of Lutheranism in South Carolina and Good Shepherd's history. A covered dish lunch will be served in the **FAB at 12 noon**. So, bring a couple of dishes to share and join us in welcoming Pastor Long back to Good Shepherd.

POGS is sponsoring two upcoming trips. First, on **Thursday, September 29**, we will go to **Shealy's Barbeque in Batesburg-Leesville** for a buffet dutch-treat meal. Cost for transportation is \$10 per person.



Second, on **December 1-2** (Thursday and Friday) a trip will be taken to North Myrtle Beach to see the **Alabama Christmas Show**. Cost per person: Single room - \$202; Double room \$149. Look for details and reservation information about these trips in the Sunday bulletins or contact Nancy Hyatt (803-873-9449).

ALL ADULTS are invited to come be a part of this group...learning, serving and traveling together!



Joyce and Justine enjoyed the August monthly meeting featuring Sheriff Leon Lott who reminded us how to keep ourselves safe.



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Preschool Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are in need of preschool Sunday School teachers for our 3–5-year-olds. Please contact Deborah in the main office at (803) 787-4413 or Heather Gilbert at (803) 312-1887 if you are able to serve on a rotating schedule and help us offer a preschool class for our young learners. Thank you for your consideration.

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 a.m. for a Zoom meeting. You can use the same meeting link every week to join the Zoom meeting, but a reminder email is sent with the Zoom ID and password.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come and See takes place in Classroom 1. The purpose of the Come & See Sunday School class is to provide adults with a forum for learning and for discussing Holy Scripture from theological, historical, contemporary, and practical perspectives, with an emphasis on how Scripture and Christian faith apply to individual and to corporate daily living and to spiritual growth. This curriculum this season will focus on the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. The class facilitators are Mark Lovern, Bruce Shealy, and Ed Woodward. We invite you to come and see the power of God's Word for the enlightenment and direction of His people.

Around the Corner takes place in Classroom 2 and usually begins around 10:55, following fellowship time. This class is a more informal, discussion-based format, and we will be using the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* to guide our journey together. We welcome anyone who would enjoy spending time with others discussing our lives and our faith journeys.

Fellowship Class takes place in Classroom 5 and is led by Don Caughman. We'll be continuing with the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies series. For September-November, the topic is "God's Exceptional Choice." We'll be looking at a variety of Biblical characters chosen by God for various tasks. The class involves reading scripture passages followed by class discussion.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 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)	5 Church Office Closed 6:00pm –7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	6 11:30am Bible Study (Conference Room) 6:00pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room) 6:30pm Youth & Children Committee meeting (Youth Room)	7 8:00am Zoom Bible Study 6:00pm –7:00pm NA (Conference Room)	8 5:30pm Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00pm –8:00pm [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)	9	10
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LOOKING BACK...

This month's looking back feature returns to the late 1980s when one of the regular projects of the Good Shepherd Youth Group was the annual Halloween Carnival and Haunted House. These YOGS were decked out for the event in their best costumes. The carnival featured games and food for young children in the youth room, while a haunted house in the "tunnel" behind the room beckoned adventurous teens and adults. The YOGS in this picture are no longer at Good Shepherd, although parents of several of them are still in the congregation.



YOUTH & CHILDREN

YOGS Kick Off event - All Middle and High School youth and their parents are invited to a lunch planning meeting along with some fun and games. Join us at 12 noon on Sunday, September 18 in the Youth Room.

Youth Room Update: Thank you to the Memorials Subcommittee for approving a request for the purchase of new sofas for the Youth Room. Any member of the congregation that has a need for the sofas or upholstered chairs in the youth room please contact Amy Kemp by September 6. After that time the upholstered chairs and sofas will be donated or taken to the dump. Keep an eye out for more information on an upcoming Youth Room workday to refresh the space.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In July, GSLC Food Pantry volunteers packed 37 bags of food for 130 participants.



The Free Medical Clinic

The monthly emphasis for September is The Free Medical Clinic. Their mission is to provide quality health care, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance. The clinic was started by a local pastor in 1984 and has been serving individuals in need of medical care ever since. During fiscal year 2020, the Free Medical Clinic served over 1,400 patients during more than 7,200 visits. Donations from GSLC will go toward continuing this important health ministry in our community.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The monthly emphasis for September is The Free Medical Clinic. Their mission is to provide quality health care, at no cost, to residents of the community who cannot pay for such services and who have no health insurance.



Thank you to the members of GSLC for your generosity during July! We raised \$635 for the USO of Columbia for our monthly emphasis. Our children collected \$504.21 for the Noisy Offering to benefit both Homeless No More and the Carolina Wildlife Center. Thank you to everyone for your generous support!



Join Our Fellowship and Service for "Transitions Homeless Center"

TRULY I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ME.

MATTHEW 25:40



Contact Lisa Lehman: llehman515@gmail.com



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Amy Kemp

OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison

DATE	9/4/22	9/11/22	9/18/22	9/25/22	10/2/22
USHERS	Bruce Shealy, Jeff Inabinet, Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier	Bruce Shealy, Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier	Greg Sox, Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier	Greg Sox, Jeff Inabinet, Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector: Alice Buckner, Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Blake Gross C: Eden Rowell	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Kelly Grace Lalumondier C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Don Caughman	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Shayla Williams, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, TBD
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler	Nancy & Don Hyatt
TABULATORS	Mary Margaret Hoy, Jamie Sanders	Jim Tucker, Becky Shealy	Mary Stallings, David Lucas	Steve Steck, Karen Lucas	Donna Foster, Rebecca Richardson



SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETINGS

Sept 1	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
	Social Ministry Committee (6:00 p.m.)
Sept 6	Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
	Youth & Children Committee (6:30 p.m.)
Sept 8	Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)
Sept 13	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Sept 14	POGS (12 noon)
Sept 15	Gifts Committee (4:30 p.m.)
	Dorcas (5:30 p.m.)
	Tamar (6:30 p.m.)
Sept 18	Council (6:30 p.m.)
Sept 20	Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)

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

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.



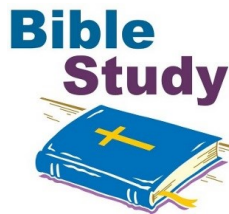
DIRECTORY UPDATE

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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.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

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



LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

SEPTEMBER 4—13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

PSALM – Psalm 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

SECOND READING – Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

SEPTEMBER 11—14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING – Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

PSALM – Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

SEPTEMBER 18—15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

FIRST READING – Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

PSALM – Psalm 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

GOSPEL – Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

SEPTEMBER 25—16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

FIRST READING – Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

PSALM – Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

GOSPEL – Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Helen Haniyak</i>	<i>Joe Lockhart</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>
<i>Ty Boheler</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Marianne De Werdt</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>
<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Lena Duncan</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
<i>Susan Burch</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>John Keim</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	

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

Richard Andrews, a close friend of Wade Wingard
Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush
Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond
Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford
Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford
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
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

Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill
Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass
Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee
Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance
Rodney Spivey—Frances Plyler's friend's husband
Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross
Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison
Robin Trauffer—friend of the congregation
Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
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

The family of June McAbee, sister-in-law of Mary Clare McAbee.

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CALENDAR

September



- September 4 **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)
- September 11 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Yth Rm)
10:45 p.m. Rally Day (FAB)
- September 14 **October Newsletter Deadline**
- September 18 **Food Pantry Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Yth Rm)
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Conference Room)
10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (CL 4)
10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106 & 114)
11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)
12:00 noon YOGS Kick Off Event (Youth Room)
- September 25 **9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)
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