



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION CHILI AND CORNBREAD COOK-OFF JANUARY 8, 2023

Our award-winning Chili and Cornbread Cook-off will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the FAB. Come celebrate with some warm food and fellowship followed by a short Epiphany devotional.

There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring chili and cornbread for judging or dessert to share.

Donations to HUGS will also be collected that night.



DORCAS CIRCLE SPONSORING H.U.G.S. THIS YEAR

We will be collecting clothing like Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks, as well as other warm clothing for the men and women's shelters in Columbia.

Place your donations in the box outside the Church Office near the Chapel. Volunteers will pack the items and deliver them to the shelters in January.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Although we began a new church year with the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new secular year this month. Many people make New Year's resolutions at this time of year. By about February or March, the vast majority of people who made resolutions have already failed to keep them. These resolutions often fall into certain categories: become more physically active, letting go of a bad habit, or eating better. These resolutions can fail for several reasons. Two of the most common reasons are a lack of specificity and lack of accountability.

I want us to make some resolutions together this year. One of my goals for this year is to help our congregational members grow deeper in discipleship. I can't make this goal or reach this goal *for* you, but I believe we can do it together. I will do my part. Each week we offer worship in the sanctuary and on YouTube. Each week we offer Sunday school classes. Each week we offer Bible study opportunities—one in person, one on Zoom, and a study guide that is emailed out. If you aren't currently availing yourself of these growth opportunities, I encourage you to set a specific goal: Vow to attend worship one Sunday per month more often than you are currently doing, for example. Vow to attend Bible study once more per month than you are currently doing it. Vow to go to Sunday school each time you come to worship. Make it specific and make it achievable. I also urge you to be accountable: Tell me or someone else you trust who can help encourage you to meet your goal. Make it specific and make yourself accountable.

We already do a lot to offer chances for growth in discipleship. This year we're going to expand our discipleship opportunities, as well. The Learning Committee and I plan to offer a Lenten book study this year. I encourage you to make time for this small group opportunity. We will have various service and social ministry activities to participate in this year. I would like to expand and revise our current Bible study opportunities, perhaps focusing on topics of interest to our participants rather than solely focusing on the lectionary as we have been doing. I would also like to offer a refresher course on the Lutheran Catechism for those who never went through it and for those who forgot what you learned all those years ago.

Again, I urge you to set a specific goal to help your growth as a disciple this year. Maybe that means adding something new to your life of faith—a study, service, or learning opportunity. Maybe it means cutting something else out of your already busy life and schedule to make time for devotional reading, study, worship, or service. Whatever it is for you, make it specific and make yourself accountable to me or to a family member or a church friend—someone who can encourage you along the way and help you grow in faith.

As we grow stronger as individual Christians and as a family of faith, we will prepare ourselves for the rich and abundant life Christ has in store for us. This internal growth will pave the way for newcomers to our congregation, as well. Not only will we be more comfortable sharing our faith when it is active and growing, but others will see Good Shepherd as a place where such growth is valued and nurtured.

I know resolutions can be clichéd, but let's start with small steps that are specific and attainable and let's hold each other accountable to grow together in our faith this year. I look forward to a year of growth in faith with you all.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

Dear Good Shepherd Congregation:

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donation to Family Connection of S.C. Your donation especially helps us buy more copies of "Babies With Down Syndrome: A New Parents' Guide." Without donations like yours, we would not be able to provide the support and care to families.



Hugs and God Bless You,
Family Connection of S.C.

Dear Good Shepherd:



Your generosity (in allowing us to use the FAB) is much appreciated by Chapter C of PEO (Professional Educational Opportunities). Your facility was roomy, well-lit, clean and efficient with the work area. There was plenty of parking. Your church is a definite asset in the Columbia area.

Linda Murphy, PEO member

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your generous \$455 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers. Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a Godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting.



Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhart (ret.)
President and CEO, Lutheran World Relief

Dear Families of Good Shepherd:



Thank you for your generous \$635 donation to USO South Carolina. We are grateful for your support and for being a friend to USO South Carolina and the many service members and their families we serve. The USO South Carolina could not do what we do without friends and community partners like you. Thank you for being a friend to our nation's heroes!

Joanie Thresher, Executive Director
USO South Carolina

Thank you to the wonderful people of GSLC for the support given to the Angel Tree project. A pizza meal and gift cards were delivered to the Women's shelter and Providence Men's home. This is the only Christmas many of the residents will have. We collected 70 gift cards with the extra help of POGS. Thank You to Thrivent, Mitch Uehling and Cici's for the wonderful food.



Thank you for the support given for the shipping of Baby Layettes and Health Care Kits, and medical supplies to the South West Diocese in Tanzania. The GSLC grant and gifts from members will be a great help with shipping. Global Health Ministries will send our supplies to Tanzania with their next shipment. Keeping the babies warm and providing medical support is vital to our support of our friends in the SWD.

Thank you from Susan Uehling

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The Woodyard Fund is the Social Ministry emphasis for January at Good Shepherd. A joint project of The State newspaper and The Salvation Army, the Woodyard Fund helps residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. Applicants are vetted and must meet certain criteria to receive aid. Eligible households get vouchers redeemable at businesses that provide heating services. The Salvation Army reimburses the businesses for the voucher amounts. The fund dates to 1816, when the Ladies Benevolent Society provided firewood and coal to families in need in Columbia. In 1930, The State newspaper began publicizing the fund each winter. Good Shepherd has supported the fund for many years. In 2022, we donated \$1,515 to the fund. If you'd like to support this effort, you may contribute any time during January by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.



FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Suzanne Sanders, chair of Social Ministry, delivered a check for \$635 to the USO of South Carolina reception center at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. These funds were collected during the July monthly emphasis and the USO team will use these funds to further their mission to provide assistance and respite to our service members. Accepting the check were Katie Kennedy, the Senior Operations and Programs Manager for USO South Carolina and two dedicated USO volunteers.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed 30 bags of food serving 99 participants in November 2022.

NOISY OFFERING

Start saving those coins. Another noisy offering is coming January 29. Some of our children will be in the Narthex that day with their buckets to accept your coins and bills and checks! You can also send your contributions to the church office any time in January. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate for noisy offering. The children's Sunday School classes will be selecting the recipient charity in the coming weeks.



GSLC CELEBRATES TWO STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



On January 11, 2023, Good Shepherd celebrates the anniversary of Joey Allison as he begins his 30th year of service as Sexton. Deborah Mitchell begins her 5th year as Parish Administrator. Deborah also assumed the bookkeeper duties January 2022.

We acknowledge and give thanks for both of these staff members who are dedicated to their commitment to GSLC. They both have used their talents for the good of our congregation. Please take time to acknowledge and thank them for their outstanding service at Good Shepherd.



WE APPRECIATE OUR STAFF

GSLC Staff Support Committee hosted a brunch at Eggs Up Grill to show appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication of our staff: Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Vicar Laura Henrickson, Parish Administrator Deborah Mitchell, Financial Secretary Deb Embrey, Organist Susan Sturkie, Sexton Joey Allison.

Thank You

Dear Good Shepherd Members,

We, the Staff of Good Shepherd, wish to thank all of you for remembering us during the Advent and Christmas season. We so appreciate all of the cards, notes, kind words, and gifts you blessed us with. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing what God has given you to help us feel loved and appreciated. We especially thank you all for the generous Christmas bonus you presented to us. We thank God for each of you and the ministry we share.

May God richly bless you now and always,

Pastor Andrew

Laura D. Henrickson

Susan Sturkie

Deborah Mitchell

Joey Allison

WELCOME 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to serve on Church Council and will begin their two-year term on January 1, 2023. Thank them for their commitment and service.

2023 COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

At the December Council meeting the following were elected Council officers and Committee chairs for 2023.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Ed Woodward
Debi Powell
Anna-Marie Plyler
Janice Haigler

MEMBER

Carole Sox
Jason Fowler
David Lucas
Ed Woodward
Heather Gilbert
Debi Powell
Mike Weaver
Suzanne Sanders
Becky Shealy
Amy Kemp

COMMITTEE

Communication
Evangelism
Finance
Gifts
Learning
Parish Life
Property
Social Ministry
Worship Life
Youth & Children

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An installation service was held on December 18 at the Sunday Worship Service for the new members of the 2023 Council. And a special word of thanks is extended to those whose terms expired at the end of 2022 – Don Caughman, Janet Lockhart, Cathy Milejczak and Peter Zornow.

SIGN UP FOR 2023 FLOWERS



The Flower Calendar for 2023 is available to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2023. The cost of flowers is as follows: Altar flowers \$70, Narthex Flowers \$50, and the Altar Rose is \$10.

Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2023 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year. **If you do not plan to take the flowers, please let Don Caughman or the office know. Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**

WELCA NEWS

Tamar collected funds and food donations for Mission Lexington's Holiday Meal for Neighbors. We appreciate Jennifer Ross helping to coordinate this effort. We thank Mary Stallings for hosting our November meeting.



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

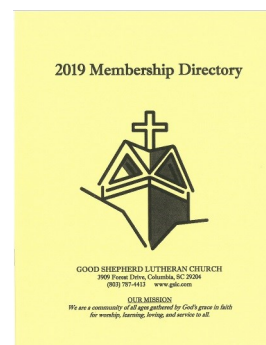
ATTENTION ALL ADULTS – Come to the **January 11** meeting of **PATHFINDERS of GOOD SHEPHERD**. We will gather at **12 noon in the FAB** for a catered Olive Garden Soup & Salad lunch. Cost will be \$8.00 per person. Our **guest presenter will be Master Gardener Lynn Derrick**, giving us tips on fundamental gardening, canning and greenhouses. You don't want to miss being a part of this fun and informative time together!



And, come on January 26, 2023, as the group travels to **the South Carolina State House for a tour**, departing from the church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. Following the tour, we will travel to Grecian Gardens for lunch. Cost is \$10 for transportation and lunch is on your own. Look for a special Sunday bulletin insert to register/pay or contact Nancy Hyatt (803-873-9449). Deadline to register is Sunday, January 22, 2023.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please take a minute to update the church office with your complete home address, email address, and telephone numbers. Communication through email or telephone tree is essential to keep members informed with the latest information of church schedule changes due to increment weather.





SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 am - 11:45am Nursery available

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB classroom)

January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue
1 9:30 am <i>Worship Service (Sanctuary)</i> <i>NO Sunday School</i>	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	3 11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>
8 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE 5:30 pm <i>Epiphany Celebration and Chili Cook-Off (FAB)</i>	9 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	10 11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i> 3:00 pm <i>Executive Committee Meeting (Conf Rm)</i> 6:00 pm <i>Congregational Retreat planning meeting (Conference Room)</i>
15 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday 6:30 pm <i>Council Meeting (Conf Rm)</i>	16 6:00 pm <i>Internship Committee meeting (CL 2)</i> 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	17 11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>
22 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE	23 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	24 11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>
29 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Noisy Offering 5:00 pm <i>Serve Meal at Transitions</i>	30 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	31 11:30 am <i>Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-106 & E-114)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

*Please see an updated church calendar
 and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.*

*Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
 bottom of the page.*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5 10:00 a.m. Mary Group meeting (FAB) 6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	6	7 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 2023 Council Retreat/Orientation (FAB)
11 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 12:00 pm POGS [Pathfinders of Good Shepherd] lunch meeting (FAB) 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12 6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	13	14
18 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	19 5:30 pm Dorcas meeting (FAB) 6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)	20	21
25 8:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	26 9:15 pm POGS trip to the State House & lunch 6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	27	28 9:00 a.m. Cook meal for Transitions (FAB)

JANUARY 2023 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Ring in a new year is a great time to start something new! Check out the many learning opportunities available at Good Shepherd. We encourage you to participate and/or to consider serving as a Sunday School teacher or assistant. Please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at (803)787-4412 if you are interested in volunteering with Sunday School.



Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for grades kindergarten-5th grade

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for grades kindergarten-5th grade

10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room

10:45-11:45 High School Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

Around The Corner Adult Class: Classroom 2

Discussion Leader: Participants

We will focus on learning about the guiding beliefs and practices of our faiths using the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* as a discussion guide in a round-table style class.

Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and bible readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

The purpose of this study is to help adult learners engage in biblical passages in order to see how worship is shaped by faith and how worship nurtures faith.

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 back to 1964 when children were getting ready for the Children's Christmas Program.

YOGS NEWS

\$200 GIFT TO EACH YOUTH ATTENDING A LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP!

The Youth & Children Committee along with donors to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund would like to give each youth that attends a Lutheran Summer Camp a \$200 gift.

Guidelines:

- * The \$200 gift is for each child for one summer camp: Lutheridge, Lutherock, Luther Springs or Lutheranch.
- * The youth must write a note of appreciation to the Youth and Children Committee.
- * The family must let Leigh Ann Tollison know by March 1 how many children from the family are attending a Lutheran summer camp.

Camp is an important part of Faith Formation and we value its importance! Every child should have the opportunity to attend camp. It is life changing. In addition to this gift, NovusWay has funds to support our youth. If additional funding is needed, please speak to Pastor Andrew.

Visit the novusway.org website and register by March 15.

Eden Rowell's thoughts on summer camp at Lutheridge, where she has attended each summer since 3rd grade:

"Lutheridge is genuinely one of my favorite places on earth. Not only is it a beautiful camp nestled in the North Carolina mountains, but it has a community unlike any other. It is such a fully enriching experience for both my faith and my social life. Some of my closest friends were made during crafting sessions or night swim at the pool, and I even met my partner there. Lutheridge is a place of growth, adventure, and unconditional love. I would highly encourage anyone who has the opportunity to spend time and engage in fellowship at camp."

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Anna-Marie Plyler

OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

DATE	1/1/2023	1/8/2023	1/15/2023	1/22/2023	1/29/2023	2/5/2023
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	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Jerry Rogers, Jim Lalumondier, Bruce Shealy
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Mike Weaver	Lector & Communion Assistant: Steve Steck	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Nagy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Barbara Rowell	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Mike Sanchez C: Don Caughman	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Mike Sanchez C: Eden Rowell	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler	TBD
TABULATORS	Mary Margaret Hoy, Steve Steck	Karen Lucas, Donna Foster	Terri Fowler, Becky Shealy	Mike Sanchez, Becky Shealy	Jim Tucker, Mary Stallings	Rebecca Richardson, Mary Margaret Hoy

JANUARY 2023 MEETINGS

Since some of the committee chairs were rotating off council, committee meetings were not carried over to the new year. Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

Jan 5	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
Jan 10	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Jan 11	POGS (12 noon)
Jan 15	Council (6:30 p.m.)
Jan 16	Internship Committee (6:00 p.m.)
Jan 19	Dorcas (5:30 p.m.)
	Tamar (6:30 p.m. offsite)



TUESDAY IN-PERSON 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.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Deadline to submit articles for February Newsletter is **JANUARY 18.**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

- 1 Rachel Richardson
- 1 Donna Haigh
- 2 Susan Weaver
- 4 Chandler Ford
- 5 Eden Rowell
- 6 Pat Quattlebaum
- 7 John Allen
- 7 Penny Pedersen
- 7 Shane Porter
- 11 Larry Robinson
- 11 Joey Allison
- 12 Greg Sox
- 16 Ansley Seay
- 18 Rosemary Nance
- 18 Michael Stallings
- 18 Adams Smith
- 18 Kitty Howard
- 19 Alycia Fortner
- 19 Maddie Boozer
- 20 John Van Duys
- 20 Preston Haigh
- 22 Brooke Grosh
- 23 Phyllis Nilson
- 23 Jamie Sanders
- 24 Matthew Herrmann
- 24 Silas Holmes
- 26 Stacy Gross
- 27 Kathie Aller
- 30 Rosemary Shuping
- 31 Bobbie Storey

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY 2022

JANUARY 1 – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God’s own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God’s gracious deeds. God trusts that God’s people will not act falsely.

PSALM – Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 2:10-18

Through Jesus’ suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

GOSPEL – Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

JANUARY 8 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God’s beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God’s healing.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:1-9

God’s servant is endowed with God’s spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant’s task. God’s old promises have been fulfilled; the servant’s new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

PSALM – Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

SECOND READING – Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God’s child.

JANUARY 15 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’ baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant’s ultimate assignment is to bring news of God’s victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

PSALM – Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – John 1:29-42

John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

JANUARY 22 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

PSALM – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God’s reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

JANUARY 29 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

FIRST READING – Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearing” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

PSALM – Psalm 15

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

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Helen Haniyak</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Cathy Quinton</i>
<i>Ty Boheler</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Marianne De Werd</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Gene Upright</i>
<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Lena Duncan</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Charles Buckner</i>	<i>Jon Frew</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	
<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	
<i>Lavina Chandler</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Mary Clare McAbee</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

<i>Richard Andrews—a close friend of Wade Wingard</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee</i>
<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>
<i>Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox</i>	<i>Rodney Spivey—Frances Plyler's friend's husband</i>
<i>Betty Cox—former member</i>	<i>Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross</i>
<i>Mary David—friend of Susan Uehling</i>	<i>Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation</i>
<i>John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>	<i>Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson</i>
<i>Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford</i>	<i>Linda Vogel—mother of Kevin Gross</i>
<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini</i>
<i>Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow</i>	<i>Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver</i>
<i>Frank Hinshaw – Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman</i>	
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	
<i>Stella Parrish—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>	
<i>Karl Portee—friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers</i>	
<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Mobley</i>	
<i>Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill</i>	
<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	

NEW BABY

Curtis and Mariah Sightler with their new son, Hagan Michael Sightler, born on December 12, 2022. Mariah is the daughter of Victoria Brown and the granddaughter of Michael Brown.

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CALENDAR

**Sunday Schedule**

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 (FAB Classroom)

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

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

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)

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

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

January 1
January 2
January 8
January 15

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (*no nursery attendant*)

Church Office Closed

Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Food Pantry Sunday

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February Newsletter Deadline

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POGS trip to State House & lunch

Noisy Offering

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Serve meal at Transitions

January 18
January 22
January 26
January 29