

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT APRIL 5-7, 2019 ARDEN, NC



Sign up for the Congregational Retreat, April 5-7, 2019, being held at Lutheridge. Cabin rentals include Thornburg Hall, Kohnjoy Inn, and Carla Cottage. See www.lutheridge.org for cabin details. Activities will include a worship service, outdoor adventure, fellowship time, and local Asheville attractions. The cost will be: Adults \$130 each; Youth, ages 10-17, \$65 each; and Children, ages 4-9, \$30.00 each. The fee includes lodging and four (4) meals. Early Bird payments will be due February 17, 2019. Registration will be in the narthex, on 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, and 3/3 or you can put in the offering plate in a pink "SPECIAL OFFERING" envelope with purpose note marked as **Congregational Retreat**. Please note that space is limited. Contact Kimi Dail, khd1987@gmail.com or Karen Lucas (803) 776-9216 for details.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3



Immediately following the 10:45 am service on February 3, our YOGS, led by Amy Kemp, will provide soup and sandwiches for all GSLC congregational members to enjoy. As a way to tackle hunger, our youth will be collecting a love offering of money and food items with 100% of this collection being given to our GSLC Food Pantry.



YOUTH SUNDAY February 10 10:45 am service

Join us and support our youth.



REVELATION GROWING IN DAYLIGHT

The countdown is on! We're officially inside the two-month mark for the beginning of Daylight Saving Time – one of my favorite days of the year. Conversely, the beginning of Daylight Saving Time is one of my wife's least favorite days. She claims that she never gets that hour of sleep back. We're at 46 days and counting. Give me the daylight. Give me the sunshine. Give me that hour in the afternoon, when I can put it to use. Right now we're gaining about 1 minute of daylight each day, but come March 9 we get that whole hour that really gives us a total of 2 hours of usable daylight. Yes, I'm that greedy. I want the sunshine and I want it when I want it.

I have to admit that as I'm writing today the sun is shining brightly. Today is also the coldest day we've had this winter. So even when I've got sunshine, I can't really use it. You know, then, that it's not just the sunshine for which I'm looking, I'm also looking for warmer temperatures. In that, I'm not really alone.

At the same time that I'm counting each new minute of daylight, counting down the days to Daylight Saving Time, and hoping for warmer weather, we're proceeding through the Sundays After the Epiphany. These Sundays After Epiphany are Sundays on which our gospel lessons reveal to us just who Jesus really is – the Messiah, the Redeemer, the Savior, the Christ. These winter texts that come each year during the gloom of winter are texts of revelation. Just as the daylight grows day by day, our understanding of Jesus and his purpose grows Sunday by Sunday.

We are not, as sometimes we may suppose, in a holding pattern on the way to Lent. We are, in some deeper sense, preparing ourselves both for our journey and Jesus' journey through Lent. For it is only as our depth of understanding of who Jesus is for us that we can truly understand the sacrifice that he makes for us.

As the daylight grows, Jesus grows for us. As we edge our way to Lent, this season of revelation fills us with greater and greater understanding of who Jesus is for us. We get prepared for what Jesus will do and will give for us. Amen

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

As I sit at my computer in January thinking about what to say to you, I'm not sure where to begin. I guess it should be with where we are – at the beginning of a New Year. Yes, here we are in 2019. Where does the time go? In some ways it feels like 2018 just began.

Good Shepherd Congregation sustained during a challenging transition year in 2018. Bishop Herman Yoos and Assistant to the Bishop Ginny Aebischer met with us to get us started in the Call Process for a new pastor. The Rev. Dr. Bill Mitcham led a Transition Team to study, guide and support us. Past President Becky Shealy, the Council, Interim Pastors Karen Hawkins and John Stoudemayer, and our entire staff led us in maintaining our ministries and programs. And, last but not least, each of you who served in any way -- choir member, office volunteer, SCS teacher, lector, youth or nursery worker, committee member, Food Pantry worker, etc., etc. (too many to name for I will surely leave something out) -- contributed your time, talent & treasure to make ministry and service continue here at Good Shepherd and in our community. Thank you for all you have done!

So, it is with gratitude and anticipation we begin 2019. First I will say – Keep up the good work! Keep serving as you have done in the past. And, for those who may have taken a break, join us. Join us in serving together, learning together, fellowshiping together and worshipping together! Because of your commitment and support, we were able to pay off the Roof Loan early and enter 2019 debt-free. In January we approved our budget for this year and look forward to maintaining and expanding our ministries. In February your Congregational Council will hold a retreat where they will be led and inspired by the Rev. Dr. Daryl S. (Tony) Everett. And, it is with prayers and patience that we anticipate the call for our new pastor. Continue to pray for our Call Committee, the individual God has in mind for us, Pastor John and staff, our Council and each other.

The year has just begun. We've got a lot of opportunities for ministry ahead of us.

Peace be with you,
Nancy Hyatt



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24

The 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting to conduct the church's business will be held at each worship service on Sunday, February 24. We will vote on the 2018 Annual Report for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

USHERS NEEDED

A few more ushers are needed. If you can help out please contact Donna Foster at scplant@bellsouth.net or 743-4284. If you have never been an usher or if you haven't been one for a while, we would appreciate your help. Ushers have a rotating schedule so it's not a large time commitment and it's a great opportunity to serve.



HELP NEEDED FOR PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee currently has only two or three individuals serving. We are the second largest budget item. No manual labor, help research, etc. The committee meets every other month. Call Rod Kent at 261-2905 if you are willing and able to help with the Property Committee.

FUN FRIDAYS—FEBRUARY 8

Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, February 8, from 6:00-9:00 pm in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. This event will feature activities with a Valentine's Day theme. 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 788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com or just come to the FAB on February 8 any time from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



UPDATE FROM EVANGELISM

Evangelism leaders met on January 3, 2019, to share information and assess goals for 2019. The group agreed to update visitor packages, make more contact with members who may not be attending services, and create fresh ways to be a welcoming church.

Sponsorship of new members was also reviewed and will be expanded. Finally, seeking creative avenues to increase our visibility in our community will be another prime focus. For example, the "social fair" where dozens of community organizations participated a few years back was a real success and exemplified the type of evangelism we want to pursue—public and personal outreach. May God help us to become dynamic missionaries, to multiply our community, and to lead spiritual growth. A new Sunday school class emphasizing evangelism is in the works and will be led by Penry Gustafson, so please consider joining in March. The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be held on February 17 at 1:00 pm in Classroom 2 and will be recurring monthly at 1:00 pm on the 3rd Sunday. All are welcome!

Submitted by Penry Gustafson, Evangelism

UPDATE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please note that any additional contributions received for the Roof Fund will go to support the Capital Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions to Good Shepherd.

Thank You!

Jamie Sanders
Finance Committee Chair

FEBRUARY SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS

The social ministry emphasis for February at Good Shepherd will be The Therapy Place, the only nonprofit pediatric therapy center in the Midlands.

The Therapy Place provides services for children with a variety of developmental disabilities. While some therapy services are covered by private insurance and Medicaid, two innovative and costly programs at The Therapy Place depend on community support to make the services available to families with special needs children.

For more information about The Therapy Place, located at 3620 Covenant Road in Forest Acres, check their website at www.thetherapyplace.org.

You may donate to The Therapy Place any time during February by using the pink "Special Offering" envelopes and placing them in the offering plate. Donations also may be sent to the church office. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate them for The Therapy Place.



GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS

God's Young Followers (GYF) will meet after the late service on Sunday, February 24, 2019. We will eat lunch, have a brief devotion, then head to the Lowman home to visit church members. Please bring your lunch or eat before you come. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to participate in GYF events! For more information, or to be added to the email list, contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisanchez@gmail.com.

YOGS NEWS

FEBRUARY

2/3/19 - ALL YOGS - "Souper Bowl of Caring" Immediately following the 10:45 am service on February 3, youth will serve grilled cheese sandwiches and soup. We will also be collecting a love offering to be given to our GSLC Food Pantry.

2/10/19 - ALL YOGS - "Youth Sunday" - All of our youth will participate and lead the Sunday worship service. Adult Leaders are Jennifer Ross, Jim Johnson and Eric Wolf.

2/15/19-2/17/19 - 11th & 12th Grade Winter Retreat, Coastal Retreat Center. \$50/youth. Please contact Deborah Whitlow or Leigh Ann Tollison if your youth would like to attend.

2/24/19 5-6 pm - Jr. YOGS Personal Safety Program with Officer Lori and the Forest Acres Community Action Team,
6:00-6:30 pm - All YOGS Dinner,
6:30-8 pm - Sr. YOGS Personal Safety Program with Officer Lori and the Forest Acres Community Action Team.

MARCH

3/5/19 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Talent Show. Love offering collected and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Summer Mission Fund.



SHROVE TUESDAY

3/10/19 - All YOGS Spring Ahead. Spring clean up, yard work and visitation, 12:00-3:00 pm. Contact Mitch Uehling if you would like to request the youth to help clean up your yard.

3/30/19 - Club 3,4,5 at Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church. Saturday, 10 am-3 pm. Contact Mitch Uehling or Lisa Sanchez. \$10/youth attending.



TO COMMUNE OR NOT TO COMMUNE YOUNG CHILDREN? THAT IS THE QUESTION!

Here at Good Shepherd some young children commune while others don't. Often tiny hands reach out to receive the sacrament only to have a large hand extended like a stop sign. So, now is a good time to review the ELCA's position and practice about children and Holy Communion.

Twenty years ago the ELCA published *The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament* in which a series of principles and applications was published to assist congregations understand the essential theology of the church regarding Baptism and Communion.

ELCA understanding

Principle #37: Admission to the Sacraments is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Notice what's not in the principle: any age or knowledge requirement. Christ invites ALL the baptized to the table without exception. Instruction about the meal will happen, but it's not an admission ticket. Background 38A: ...congregations strive to avoid reducing the Lord's Supper to intellectual understanding of Christ's presence and gifts.

Readiness issues

So, how can a child's readiness to commune be assessed? The questions below can help:

1. Has the child been baptized?
2. Is the child asking questions about communing or holding out hands to receive?
3. Is the child comfortable in various locations around the church, including the altar?
4. Will the child extend hands when asked?
5. Are parents and other caregivers prepared to make the process positive?

Only question #1 requires a yes answer, and #2 is a sign children want to participate in the holy meal. Consider this question: Do we wait to feed infants and children until they know why they're being fed? Of course not! So, why do we make our children wait before allowing them to eat at the Lord's Table? If your little one is showing any signs of readiness, it's time to talk with **Kimi Dail or Pastor John** about first communion.

Sources: *The Use of the Means of Grace, 1997*, and *Exploring the Sacraments with Young Children, 1998*

EXTRA SUPPORT REQUESTED

The South Carolina Synod's contributions are projected to be approximately \$130,000 short in meeting their 2018-19 budgeted expenditures.

The Synod is asking congregations for help in covering this shortfall.

Council voted to designate a free will collection on Sunday, February 17, to help with the deficit. You may place your donation in the offering plate using the pink "special offering" envelope and mark for "SC SYNOD SUPPORT." Thank you for any gifts you share to aid our Synod's operation.

Adult Sunday School classes are looking for teachers for 2019. If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher for any of the adult classes, please let Kimi Dail know (khd1987@gmail.com). Material can be provided, or you may come up with your own.



The Fellowship Class will continue to meet in Classroom 5.

In February, *Being A Healthy Church Member* will be led by Bruce Shealy in Classroom 1.

Class Around the Corner is back and meeting in Classroom 2.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers to help pack bags on Wednesdays. If you can help occasionally, please call Don Caughman at 318-0236.



Keeping the food pantry stocked is a regular challenge, and we encourage donations at any time. Any non-perishable food items are appreciated, but we especially need canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, and peanut butter and jelly.

NOTE:

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am—2:00 pm

In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Bob Fortner	7	Sienna Fettig	12	Deb Embrey	17	Kathy Ferry	24	Becky Shealy
	Sandra Lybrand		Isaac Van Duys		Al Kahrs	18	Katie Green	26	Jason Ortiz
	Kaitlyn McFarland	8	Connie Donovan	13	Lillian Ford	19	Jerri McGuire		Jim Johnson
	Ephraim Ulmer		Jade Shelton		Katie Wingard		Adam Ortiz		Joann Nagy
3	Phill Netzel		Marcia Woodward	14	Harrison Seay		Ed Woodward	28	Violet Fetner
5	Corley Frierson	9	Leigh Ford		Jean Ray	21	Chris Dionne		
	Jennifer Watkins		Micki Morris	15	Shawn Holt		Trace Cannon		
6	Terri Tokaz	12	Trisha Benson	16	Judy Hoy	22	Evan Stallings		
	Gus Inabinet		Sara Burrows		Claire Mayer	23	Melissa Ellington		



**SUNDAY MORNING
SCHEDULE**

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements (CI-1)
 9:25 AM Children's Music (Children's Music Room)
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult
 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5
 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Sun	Mon	Tue
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<p>3 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <i>Confirmation Class to Lutheridge (Bus Reserved)</i> SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY 12:00 pm Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon (FAB)</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm Learning Committee Mtg (CI-2) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>5 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>10 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE YOUTH SUNDAY</p>	<p>11 6:00 pm Gifts & Memorials Committees Meeting (CI-4) 6:00 pm Private Event (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)</p>	<p>12 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB) 2:00 pm Executive Comm Mtg (CI-2) 5:30 pm Call Comm Mtg (Youth R) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>
<p>17 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY <i>Youth returns from Winter Retreat</i> 1:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:30 pm Council Meeting (CI-2)</p>	<p>18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>19 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
<p>24 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING 12:00 pm GYF's Visiting Shut-Ins 3:00 pm Confirmation 5:00-6:00 pm Confirmands, Personal Safety Program 6:00-6:30 pm YOGS Dinner 6:30-8:00 pm Confirmed YOGS Personal Safety Program</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>26 8:00 am NAIFA Meeting (FAB) 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor) 6:30 pm Worship Life Mtg (CI-2)</p>

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:30 am—Classroom 2

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal: Adult Choir 7:00 pm

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

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

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>Confirmation Class to Lutheridge (Bus Reserved)</p> <p>6:00 pm Council Retreat (FAB)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Confirmation Class to Lutheridge (Bus Reserved)</p> <p>8:30 am—12:30 pm</p>
<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Mary Group (CI-2) 12:00 pm Fun Fridays Setup (FAB)</p> <p>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13</p> <p>6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (CI-4) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>SCLCY 11th & 12th Grade Winter Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center in Isle Palms, SC (Bus Reserved)</p> <p>12:00 pm Live Wire (FAB)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>SCLCY 11th & 12th Grade Winter Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center in Isle Palms, SC (Bus Reserved)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors</p> <p>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 pm Weston Property HOA Meeting (FAB) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>		

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	2/3/19	2/10/19	2/17/19	2/24/19	3/3/19
GREETERS	Jean Cockrell, Steve Steck	Grayce Boozer	Bonnie & Wayne Hammond	Linda Taylor, Herman & Evelyn McQuage	Mary Anne Rush, Alice Buckner
USHERS	Dick Sturkie Chris Herrmann Sid Havird Robert Ellington	Matthew Herrmann Chris Herrmann Forrest Havird Anna Ross William Foster	Chris Herrmann Dick Sturkie Eric Whitlow Dale Richardson	Chris Herrmann Dick Sturkie Robert Ellington Eric Whitlow	Team #3 Camp
ACOLYTE	Millie Sox	Lennae Sox	Noah Adams	Matthew Herrmann	Jack Wuori
CRUCIFER	William Foster	Brock Tollison	Millie Sox	Brock Tollison	Eric Whitlow
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lula Camp (L) Joey Allison (C)	Grayce Boozer (L) Eden Rowell (L) Elizabeth Whitlow (C)	Steve Steck (L & C)	Penry Gustafson (L & C)	Jennifer Ross (L & C)
NURSERY	Stacy Gross, Brock Tollison	Kimi Dail, Laura Smith	Jennifer Ross, Anna Ross	Kimi Dail, Mitch & Delaney Uehling	Kimi Dail, Amanda Snodgrass
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Janet Lockhart
TABULATORS	Mary Stallings, Jerry Vaughn	Karen Lucas, Leigh Ford	Terri Tokaz, David Lucas	Steve Steck, Lavina Chandler	Mary Margaret Hoy, Mitch Uehling

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH:

Donna Foster

OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman

FOOD PANTRY: Eric Whitlow

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	2/3/19	2/10/19	2/17/19	2/24/19	3/3/19
GRUSHERS	Frances Plyler, Rebecca Richardson	David & Karen Lucas	Susan & Mike Weaver	Connie & Jim Donovan	Steve Fink, Steve Hanayik
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Ethan Richardson (L) Mike Weaver (C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Bev Weymouth (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Alice Buckner (L) Charlene Fink (C)	Penry Gustafson (L) Barbara Nagy (C)
NURSERY	Mary Stallings	Kimi Dail, Marilyn Hogan	Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, Ursula Weeks	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum
ALTAR CARE	Frances Plyler	Susan Weaver	Mike Weaver	Betti Stroud	Steve Hanayik

LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will meet on February 15 at noon with a covered dish luncheon. Then we will play BINGO. So gather your unwanted articles you want to pass on, and we will have a white elephant game. If you want to wrap the item up, put it in a paper bag or wrap it in newspaper, please do so. It's always fun for it to be a surprise. If you haven't been to play with us, you have missed out on lots of fun. So mark your calendar now for the 15th of February and come join us.



Good news! Betty Cox will still Chair the Live Wire Society until the end of December. So please come out the 3rd Friday of each month and join us for the fun and fellowship. You can help us grow.



JOINT SUPPER CLUB

Be sure to set aside Sunday, March 3 for our Joint Supper Club get-together! We will gather at 5:30 pm in the FAB for a social hour followed by dinner at 6:30. Don't forget... there will be free childcare provided at the church. Details and sign-up forms will follow in the February Sunday bulletins.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

I know many of you are growing increasingly anxious as we enter 2019 and still do not have a Senior Pastor named.

In the past, the Call Committees have operated under a process with the Synod in which profiles (resumés) were provided and returned if the candidate did not meet the needs of the church.

The Synod has a new process in place for which this Call Committee is having to follow.

- * Synod provides 3 candidate profiles.
- * The entire Call Committee MUST review each profile, interview EVERY candidate and visit EVERY candidate's church for a sermon.

This process is much more labor intensive than in the past, and we ask for your understanding as we continue to work with the Synod.

It should also be noted that while our former senior pastor left in August of 2017, the Synod provided candidate names on **November 14, 2018**. This was in relation to the new process and Transition Team data and reporting as requested by the Synod. The process is long, but one for which we continue to ask and pray for your patience.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Peace,
Amanda Snodgrass

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 2019

FEBRUARY 3 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

PSALM – Psalm 71:1-6

From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

FEBRUARY 10 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

PSALM – Psalm 138

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

GOSPEL – Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.

FEBRUARY 17 – SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe to" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

PSALM – Psalm 1

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

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

GOSPEL – Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

FEBRUARY 24 – SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

FIRST READING – Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good, to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

PSALM – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even to enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Mary Allen</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>The Gilbert Family</i>	<i>Gigi Middlebrooks</i>	
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<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Helen Derrick</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Irene Poole</i>	
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<i>Earl Butler</i>	<i>Wilhelmina Edwards</i>	<i>Claire Mayer</i>	<i>Rebecca Silvia</i>	
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			<i>Jean Sundlie</i>	
			<i>Barbara Sutton</i>	
			<i>Nancy Taylor</i>	
			<i>Ashleigh Taylor</i>	
			<i>Luvelle Terrio</i>	
			<i>Darlene Whipple</i>	
			<i>Melvin Wicker</i>	

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<i>Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison</i>	<i>Adam Silvernail—friend of Rosemary Nance</i>
<i>Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker</i>	<i>Agnes Smith—mother of Neal Inman</i>
<i>Tara Baker—daughter-in-law of Loujean Baker</i>	<i>Gary Thomas—employee of Wes Snodgrass</i>
<i>Schuyler Carter—grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Danny Young—brother-in-law of Cheryl Beaman</i>
<i>Paul Ford—father-in-law of Leigh Ford</i>	
<i>Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes</i>	
<i>Madelynn Johnson—friend of the Snodgrass Family</i>	
<i>Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker</i>	
<i>Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	

DEPLOYED

Andrew Fettig

WITH SYMPATHY


The family of Jodie Hazle Thomas, stepdaughter of Pat Hazle.

PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST – Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact Deborah Mitchell in the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name.**

Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.

The Bible Study Class meets on Tuesday mornings starting at 11:30 am in Classroom 2. The class is being taught by Pastor John.

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study Coffee will be served.



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March 5 Shove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Talent Show

March 6 Ash Wednesday

March 13, 20, and 27 Lenten Wednesday Services

March 17 Food Pantry Sunday

April 3 and 10 Lenten Wednesday Services
April 17 Wednesday Holy Week Service 7:30 pm
April 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
April 19 Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm
April 21 Easter Sunday Services



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