

# **GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF**

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Vacation Bible School will be here in a few short weeks! We have a great program planned this year. Don't forget to register your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or neighbor. It runs June 17-20, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be



provided in the FAB at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "Who is your Neighbor?" Participants will learn about some of the people around the world who are our neighbors in the kingdom of God. The program is for children 3 years of age to 5th grade (completed). You can register on the insert located in the Sunday Bulletin, or pick up a form in the church office. Place your registration in the offering plate, or drop off at the church office. In order to be able to prepare accordingly, the **registration deadline will be June 9, 2019**.

We still are looking for some volunteers! Please check out the volunteer sign-up sheet for adults & youth located in the narthex.

Please contact Katie Bostic (katiebrettbostic@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY FOCUS



The monthly emphasis for June will be the Good Shepherd Wheelchair Ramp Ministry. By the time you read this, the volunteers doing "God's Work, Our Hands" will have just completed ramp # 100.

The noisy offering to be collected on June 30<sup>th</sup> will provide Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary schools with backpacks.

The March/April Lenten self-denial offering raised a total of \$2,566 for three causes. The Women's Shelter, Providence Home for Men and The Family Shelter each will receive just over \$855.

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### LOOKING OVER A YEAR

How do we measure a year? On the one hand, a year equals 12 months, or 52 weeks, or 365 days (366 if

we're in a Leap Year). On the other hand, we measure out a year as a unit of duration – to express how long we have been at any given task. A task that lasts a year is a seriously long task. According to the calendar, I began as interim on the third Sunday of May, 2018 – May 20 to be exact. This past Sunday, May 19, was the third Sunday of May 2019. I've been here a year. Truthfully, I thought I'd be done in six months. It hasn't happened that way.

So, here we are, one year and counting. I was glad to be here when I started one year ago. I'm still glad to be here one year later.

In the intervening time, I've learned a lot more names than I knew at the beginning, although I'm still shaky on a few – but I'm getting there. Seeing name tags on Sunday mornings helps (hint, hint).

Since I've been here I've had the chance to teach Sunday School, to teach Confirmation (coming up again this fall), work with Vacation Bible School (which I will be doing again this summer), teach Bible Study on Tuesdays (11:30 a.m., all are welcome), and to get to know a lot of great people.

I also look forward to continuing to work with all you wonderful folks. I am committed to being the interim pastor here at Good Shepherd until you have called a new full-time pastor.

If you're going on vacation this summer, have a great time. We'll see you when you get back. If you haven't been here in a while, the doors, as always, are open to you – all of us would love to see you.

Good Shepherd is a wonderful, vibrant community of faith – a faith that helps all of us to build a life. We look forward to greeting all of you in this coming year of our time together. Amen.

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

Although summer doesn't officially arrive until June 21<sup>st</sup>, it feels like it is already here. Here I am writing during the last days of May and it is already climbing into the 90 degrees. What will August be like?

Does it matter? Does the weather and/or the temperature determine what we do and when we do it? We would not be honest if we did not admit that it does. However, let's confess that when we really want to do something, we face the "elements" and strive right on. We hopefully use good judgment, but we do what we want to do. Where there is a WILL, there is a WAY!

I recently received a Thrivent Action Team Grant and was thinking about the weather and the 90+ degree heat as I shopped with Rod Kent for the building supplies for the next Ramp Ministry build. At the same time, I thought about how the weather was not going to stop this project. Did you know that on May 25<sup>th</sup> the Good Shepherd team will build its 100<sup>th</sup> ramp? I have seen and heard the excitement, enthusiasm and gratitude from the beginning from those involved in this ministry – from those physically building the ramp, from those making contributions for ramps, and from those receiving a much needed access into their homes. Yes, where there is a WILL, there is a WAY!

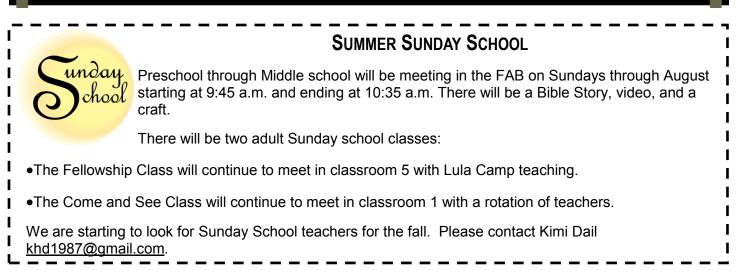
The SC Synod-ELCA Assembly (May 30-June1st) theme for this year is "Joining God in the Neighborhood," and I look forward to sharing what we experienced and learned with you next month. And I do believe Good Shepherd is joining God in the neighborhood as we have been blessed to carry out the Ramp Ministry and many other ministries.

Don't let the weather stop your WILL or WAY! Enjoy your summer and vacation times, but stay committed to God's Will at Good Shepherd!

To God be the Glory and Peace be with You!

Nancy Hyatt

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All candidates have

undergone second interviews. The Call Committee is completing a comparative <sup>e</sup> analysis to better determine best fit for GSLC.

Please continue to pray for our next leader!

### Peace,

Amanda Snodgrass, Chair

# Women's Retreat October 4 – 6, 2019

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

The cost is \$170 per person, with a <u>deposit of \$55</u> due on or before <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 28</u> (balance due September 8). The cost is for a room with a private bath (double occupancy, linens furnished) and 4 meals. Dinner will be on your own Friday night.

To reserve your space, please make a check out to WELCA and place it along with the Women's Retreat insert form in the offering plate.

Questions? Call, text, or email Barbara Rowell at 348-4897, bhrowell@gmail.com, or Jennifer Ross at 237-6551, ketojenn71@gmail.com.



# GOOD SHEPHERD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER SUSAN BURCH

Susan is originally from Newberry, SC and works as a Senior Buyer for BlueCross BlueShield of SC. She has been Lutheran her whole life and moved to the Forest Acres area a few years ago. She has been attending Good Shepherd for several years and decided that it was time to join. Susan's address is 3934 Rockbridge Road, Columbia, SC 29206. Drop her a note and welcome her into our church family!

# ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF GOOD SHEPHERD

If your financial institution offers Bill Pay, you may set up an automated check to be delivered to Good Shepherd. Your contribution will be sent on an established schedule and with an amount of your choosing. Think of how much simpler life will be without checks to write or envelopes to find. Just be sure to include your contribution envelope number on your check. Vanco is still an option, but there are transaction fees with this

option. For more information, contact Deb Embrey at financialsecretary@gslc.com.



### SUMMER MUSIC

While Interim Music Director Jim Johnson is away for the summer the traditional service choir will have limited participation in the Sunday services. Choir members will also occasionally take some time off for summer travel too. We wish them safe travels and time to relax and recharge over the summer. When they are all back in the fall be sure to tell them how much they were missed. Music at the contemporary service will continue with Michael Simmons and the Music Team.



# SAVE THESE DATES

With scheduling being a major challenge to everyone in our culture, it is not too early to add important dates to the calendar.

On **Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m.** the children and youth of Good Shepherd will present an Advent / Christmas play. As in the past two years this play will be written and directed by Jim Johnson. We will make use of our puppet friends again with our youth serving as puppeteers and puppet voices. There will be spoken parts, solos and group songs – some original music and some traditional music from the Advent and Christmas hymns and songs. The performance of the play will be followed by a covered dish supper.

Rehearsals for the play will be held on **Sundays**, **November 24, December 1 and 8 from 12:00 p.m.** – **2:00 p.m.** including lunch. A final run through will take place at **4:30 p.m.** prior to the performance on **December 15**.

Mark your calendars now so that we can have the maximum participation.



Thank you so much for the cards, the visits, and the prayers. I really appreciate them. I am now settled in Aiken at the Benton House. There is always something going on. We celebrated

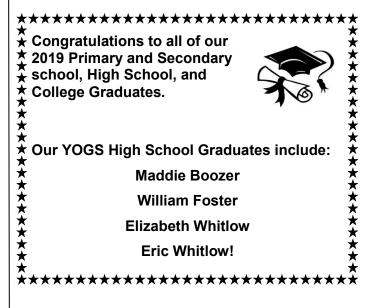
the Kentucky Derby and had chips and dip while wearing our sombreros for Cinco de Mayo. If you are in Aiken, I'd love for you to come by and see me!

> God's Blessings, Claire Mayer 530 Benton House Way, Room 101; Aiken, SC 29803

There are no words to express how much I appreciate all the cards and well wishes I received following the death of my brother. Good Shepherd means so much to me and your caring actions validate the reason I love this congregation so much. Thank you!



Lavina Chandler



# HAPPY 25<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, Fun Fridays



On Friday, June 14, 2019, Fun Fridays participants will gather to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Fun Fridays which

was held on May 20, 1994. All former helpers of Fun Fridays, as well as anyone who would like to be a helper, are invited to share in the fun in the FAB from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. If you are not a current Fun Fridays helper and you would like to attend, please contact Susan Sturkie at <u>sloopystur@aol.com</u> or (803) 788-6807, so we will have adequate food for you and our guests.

In 1994 Jim and Barbara Kirk, former members of Good Shepherd, led the first group of helpers in Good Shepherd's sponsorship of Fun Fridays. Fun Fridays is an event sponsored by our church that gives caregivers of those with lifelong disabilities a night out while the ones they care for spend some time with members of Good Shepherd. Our quests are loving individuals that enjoy their night of visiting with each other, playing games, doing crafts and dancing. Most of these individuals can do these activities on their own, but some need a little help. Good Shepherd hosts 20 or more guests at Fun Fridays once a month, every other month. We thank all our faithful volunteers who help with this very important ministry of our church. We would love to have you join us for this celebration.

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Evangelism Committee has been working hard to update all records, reaching out to members and visitors alike! To have the most accurate info as possible, we are



trying an easier method of gathering attendance info. Instead of using the green friendship register, a simple bulletin insert will be provided for you to sign and to leave on your pew at the end of worship. The insert will replace the registers, so no more passing down or forgetting to sign! Please also wear your nametag or contact Penry Gustafson (penrygustafson@yahoo.com or 803-669-6364) if you need one. The current social ministry wooden stand in the narthex is being transformed into the "GSLC Resource Center" which will contain information about our social ministries, programs, and activities. The new member sponsor program is getting overhauled as well. Visitor welcome packets have been updated and available on a small round table in the narthex; please do greet any visitors you may meet and invite them to any church event. Greeters will do their best to make sure visitors receive a packet. Committees have been collaborating on these



efforts, making improvements. The Evangelism Committee is a fun place to serve, and *we are looking for additional committee members!* No special skills are needed-just a willingness to serve. "God's work, our hands" certainly leads us onward boldly and intentionally!

# YOGS CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**-Graduate Recognition during the 10:45 service and Reception immediately following that service. ALL YOGS invited to a senior **graduation luncheon at 'The Pizza Joint**" for lunch. Invite your family and friends to join our graduates and their families for lunch.

**June 17-20 -VBS** - ALL YOGS are encouraged to attend as volunteers. Please contact Katie Bostic or sign up on the VBS Board in the Narthex.

**July 14-19**, ALL YOGS and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend **GraceWorks** for an amazing week of service, learning, and worship. This year's theme "There's Grace for That." Registration is live now via the GraceWorks Facebook page and Eventbrite.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-2019-tickets-61789174083 Contact Jennifer Ross at <u>ketojenn71@gmail.com</u> or 237-6551 if you have questions or need additional information. Cost \$25/youth attending.

Sunday, August 25 - YFM and GYF Summer Splash Party 12-2 p.m. Picnic luncheon and Water Slide so bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen and a friend!

### SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30—9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30—9:45 AM Fellowship

9:45—10:35 AM PRESCHOOL—MIDDLE SCHOOL Sunday School (FAB)

9:45—10:35 AM ADULT AND OLDER YOUTH Sunday School

10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue		
<b>2</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Graduate Recognition during</i> 10:45 a.m. Service followed by	3	<b>4</b> 11:30 am Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:00 pm GSLC Foundation Board Meeting (Cl-2)		
Reception Senior Graduation Luncheon @ The Pizza Joint	6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)		
<b>9 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> Overnight Private Event (FAB)	10	<b>11</b> 11:30 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB)		
<b>Day of Pentecost</b> 4:00 pm Parish Life Committee Meeting (Parlor)	6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)		
<b>16</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	17	18		
Food Pantry Sunday	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	11:30 am Bible Study (Cl-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room)		
FATHER'S DAY	5:30 pm Dinner before VBS 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	5:30 pm Dinner before VBS 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (Cl-4) 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School		
23 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	24	25		
		11:30 am Bible Study (Cl-2)		
<b>30</b> WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE		5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference		
Transitions Service Project (FAB)		Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (Cl-4)		
Noisy Offering	6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer		

### 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.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			SC Synod Assembly
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6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)		Overnight Private Event (FAB)
12	13	14	15
6:00 pm Gifts Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Property Committee	12:00 pm Fun Fridays Setup (FAB) 4:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-2)		6:05 pm Fireflies Baseball
Meeting (Cl-4) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)	Game
19	20	21	22
	2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors		
5:30 pm Dinner before VBS 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	5:30 pm Dinner before VBS 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School		
26	27	28	29
			Transitions Service Project (FAB)
6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Tamar Group		

# LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JUNE

DATE	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19	7/7/19
GREETERS	Jean Cockrell, Deb Embrey	Nancy Hyatt, Bonnie & Wayne Hammond	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Greg & Carole Sox	Earline Suydam, Jean Cockrell
USHERS	Chris & Matt Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Eric Whitlow	Chris Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid and Forrest Havird	Chris & Matt Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Robert Ellington	Chris & Matt Herrmann, Sid & Forrest Havird	Chris Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Eric Whitlow, Robert Ellington	Team # 3 Camp
ACOLYTE	Grayce Boozer	Eden Rowell	Noah Adams	Matthew Hermann	Grayce Boozer	Lennae Sox
CRUCIFER	Brock Tollison	ck Tollison William Foster Brock Tollison Jake Lalumondier		Eric Whitlow	Millie Sox	
WORSHIP Assistants	Don Caughman (L) Emily Whitlow (C)	Kerry Stubbs (L) Cathy Quinton (C)	Don Caughman (L) Gaye Tucker (C)	Lula Camp (L) Becky Shealy (C)	Alice Buckner (L) Bruce Shealy (C)	Perry Shuping (L) Kerry Stubbs (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, Leigh Ford	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, TBD	Katie Bostic, TBD	Kimi Dail, Carol Sox	Kimi Dail, Mitch Uehling
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Marcia Woodward
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, Karen Lucas	Terri Tokaz, David Lucas	TBD, Mary Margaret Hoy	Steve Steck, Mary Stallings	Mary Margaret Hoy, Lavina Chandler	Becky Shealy, Jerry Vaughn

*NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*. Please sign up on the Nursery Volunteer Board posted in the Narthex for any Sunday Services that you can help in the Nursery.

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Robert Ellington OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison

JUNE 9 TORCH BEARERS: TBD

JUNE 9 BANNER BEARERS: Forrest Havird

FOOD PANTRY: William Foster, Elizabeth Whitlow

# EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JUNE

Date	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19	7/7/19
GRUSHERS	Mike Brown, Rebecca Richardson			Steve Fink, Steve Hanayik	Jay Jenny, Frances Plyler	David & Karen Lucas
Worship Assistants	Ethan Richardson (L) Mike Weaver (C) Bev Weymouth (L) Connie Donovan (C)		Alice Bucker (L) Charlene Fink (C)	Penry Gustafson (L), Barbara Nagy (C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Connie Donovan (L & C)
NURSERY	RY Kimi Dail, TBD Kimi Dail, TBD		Kimi Dail, TBD	TBD	Kimi Dail, TBD	Kimi Dail, TBD
ALTAR CARE	CARE Betti Stroud Mike Weaver		Connie Donovan	Steve Hanayik	Susan Weaver	Connie Donovan



# THERE'S A NEED FOR...

Shoes Food donations Wide-mouthed pill bottles only Personal-sized toiletries for various shelters

Collection bins for these items are in the hallway across from the office.

**Please note:** If there is no bin for an item, that item is not needed at this time. Thank you for your support! **Also: NO PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED NOW.** Harvest Hope no longer uses them in their distribution.

### **COMMUNICATION CORNER**

The church office sends out **weekly emails** about GSLC events. Make sure we have your **current email address**.

Announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon each Wednesday. Articles for the July newsletter are due Monday, June 17. Send your newsletter information to the church office and contact the office if you want to receive your newsletter digitally.

## **New Addresses**

Mary Robertson 299 Pearl St Apt 5K New York, NY 10038 803-546-3097



Joe and Nancy Schaefer 792 Xander Way Chapin, SC 29036

Loujean Baker 12287 Highway 707 Murrells Inlet, South Carolina 29576 803-782-4571 medical23skidoo@gmail.com

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Greg Black	12	Cathy Milejczak	18	Lisa Lehman	22	Kathlyn Holt	29	Breanna Lindler
2	London Clow	13	Mike Brown		Meg Roof	23	Nadine Cantey		Marissa Lindler
4	Ursula Weeks		Vic Milejczak		Jaden Porter		Barbara Slice		Jerry Vaughn
5	Ty Boheler	14	Pat Flora	19	Ben Haigh	24	Joyce Mobley	30	Aubrey Grosh
6	Kate Ferlauto	15	Carole Sox		Matthew Traufler		Justine Parker		Re'nee Henderson
7	John Keim	16	Laura Leigh Smith	20	Stanley Robinson	25	Janette Robinson		Emily McFarland
	Earline Suydam	17	Scottie Dye	21	Anna Lawson		Millie Sox		Mike Weaver
9	Logan Richardson	17	Steve Fink	21	Evelyn Ortiz	26	Lavina Chandler		
	Wyatt Roof		Lakyn Haigh		Hannah Barnhill		Dena Phillips		
11	Helen Derrick		Kelly Lovern		Joyce Upright	28	Lizabeth Boozer		BIRT-DAX

#### JUNE 2 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

#### FIRST READING - Acts 16:16-34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

#### PSALM – Psalm 97

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

**SECOND READING – Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21** The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

#### GOSPEL – John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

#### JUNE 9 - DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

#### FIRST READING - Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

#### PSALM – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

#### SECOND READING – Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

#### GOSPEL - John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

#### JUNE 16 - THE HOLY TRINITY

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

#### FIRST READING - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings. **PSALM – Psalm 8** 

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

#### SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit. **GOSPEL – John 16:12-35** 

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

#### JUNE 23 - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you." *FIRST READING – Isaiah 65:1-9* 

#### FIRST READING – Isalah 65:1-9 The prophet appounces God's impatie

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 22:19-28**

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22) SECOND READING – Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

#### JUNE 30 – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

#### FIRST READING – 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

#### PSALM – Psalm 16

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8) SECOND READING – Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit. **GOSPEL – Luke 9:51-62** 

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar singlemindedness. 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.

### WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen Rev. Russ Anderson Loujean Baker Gwen Barnes Trisha Benson Grace Boozer Grayce Boozer Rosemarie Brown Rose Butterfield Joanna Carpenter Ginna Caughman

Betty Cox Mary Dent Helen Derrick Svlvia Anne Derrick Marianne De Werdt Curtis Easter Wilhelmina Edwards Larry Evans Doug Fleming Dot Gibert The Gilbert Family

Martha Haigler Louise Hayes Kitty Howard Judy Hoy Jeannine Jameson Sara Lovd Claire Mayer Carol Mayfield Doris McCaughey Gigi Middlebrooks Vic & Cathy Milejczak Nancy Taylor

Margaret Moody Irene Poole Alice Riley Mary Robertson Rebecca Silvia Virginia Stephens Tommie Spence Dot Sterling Jean Sundlie Barbara Sutton

Ashleigh Taylor Melvin Wicker





### **RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

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> DEPLOYED Andrew Fettig

WITH SYMPATHY The family of Allen Shealy.

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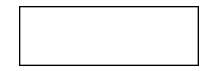
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