



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SET FOR JULY 28 AND AUGUST 4



Good Shepherd will hold its Annual School Supply Drive this year on **Sundays July 28 and August 4**. The supplies collected will go directly to Forest Lake Elementary (Richland District 2) and Bradley Elementary (Richland District 1) schools to help prepare the children for the new school year:

**Pencils (#2), Pens, Erasers
Glue Sticks, Crayons (24-pack)
Spiral Notebooks, Lined Notebook Paper
3-Ring Binders, Pocket Folders
Boxes of Tissues
8-oz. Hand Sanitizer**

Good Shepherd will have a collection box available for donations of supplies outside the church office.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY FOCUS

The July Social Ministry Focus will be The Big Red Barn Retreat. They offer a variety of therapeutic services for our military and their families to restore peace in their lives including equine therapy, yoga, healing arts and gardening. The Big Red Barn Retreat was built in honor of Leon Irons, who passed away in 2009. Leon served in the Navy out of high school before beginning a successful career in the restaurant business. To honor his life and his love of country, his family opened The Big Red Barn Retreat to help our military in need of healing find peace. The Big Red Barn Retreat is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

For more information visit <https://www.thebigredbarnretreat.org/>.



The Big Red Barn Retreat
Providing a place for peace

THE LONG GREEN SEASON

The six principal festivals of Christianity have now come and gone. You weren't aware that there are six principal festivals. There are. They begin each year in December with Christmas. January follows with Epiphany. Then, while the order is always the same, the arrival of the other four festivals depends on Easter – Easter with its loveable formula of the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. So, though Christmas is always on December 25 and Epiphany is always on January 6, all the other festival dates are dependent on Easter. Transfiguration is always the last Sunday in Epiphany, and can occur anywhere from 4 to 8 Sundays after Epiphany – depending on Easter's variable date. Pentecost is always 50 days after Easter – coming somewhere between late May and mid-June. Holy Trinity Sunday is always the Sunday after Pentecost – the only time in the church year when two major festivals occur back to back. Then comes the Long Green Season – the Sundays after Pentecost, which, again according to Easter's date, can have as many as 27 Sundays after Pentecost, closing with Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church year.

So, now, we're entering that Long Green Season which begins here in June and will continue until late November. You've probably noticed that the first four festivals are tied to events in Jesus' life: birth, the arrival of the magi, the revelation to Peter, James, and John on the mountaintop, Jesus' resurrection. The fifth festival, Pentecost, recounts the beginning of the church's proclamation of the Gospel. The sixth, Holy Trinity, the only festival tied to a doctrine, tries to make sense of the existential experience of God, i.e. three persons, one God. Following that, we come to Sundays after Pentecost.

I call it the Long Green Season, because we go for a very long time with green paraments (those cloths that hang on the altar and pulpit), with only a break at the end of October and the beginning of November. Coming as they do, these Sundays after Pentecost, we often refer to them collectively as the 'Season of the Church.'

We do that, for the very real reason, that this time in the church year is the time in which we concentrate on just how we live out this salvation we have been given in Jesus – both as an individual and as a community called church. One thing that often gets over-looked in modern American Protestantism is Jesus' overwhelming movement in his conversations from the individual to the community. Over and over again, when someone comes to question Jesus, he shifts the conversation from 2nd person singular to 2nd person plural – Jesus addresses the crowd, the community, not just the questioner. This is not necessarily easily perceived in our English translations, but is quite clear in the original Greek.

The Long Green Season is the Season of the Church is the Season of Us. It's the season for the body of Christ, which is the community of believers. We are called by Jesus into that community, and it is out of that community that we make his name known to the world. This Long Green Season is for us, and in being for us, is for the whole world. Amen.

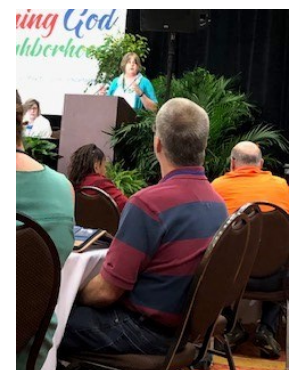
MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

In my message to you last month, I mentioned and anticipated the upcoming SC Synod Assembly -- "Joining God in the Neighborhood." Pastor John, David & Karen Lucas, Emily Whitlow, Don Hyatt and I represented Good Shepherd at this our annual synodical gathering. It was a great experience to be with representatives from congregations across the Synod; hear reports from all aspects of ministry throughout our synod and churchwide; sing, pray and commune together; and conduct the necessary business which included multiple elected positions and adopting a \$2,498,600 budget for 2020-2021. A highlight was having SC State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman share her vision for schools in South Carolina. The top priority of that vision is school safety and teacher support. She reminded us that "we need churches to show up. We cannot come in and teach about Jesus, but we can act like Jesus and show students the love and hope that comes from Jesus."

And, that's a part of what "Joining God in the Neighborhood" is all about. I pray we here at Good Shepherd can show up. I'm asking each of you – WELCA groups, LMM, Sunday School classes, YOGS, Social Ministry Committee – each of US to reach out and see how we can concretely help in some way a neighborhood school, a class, a student.

Look in other areas of this newsletter to read Emily Whitlow's sharing of her experience at Synod Assembly and to see some interesting facts about our SC Synod-ELCA.

Peace be with you,
Nancy Hyatt



THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD: WHO ARE WE?

153 Congregations; 54,000 baptized Christians; 9 Conferences; 3 Geographical Areas

Missional Priorities

#1: Equipping People & Congregations for Community Engagement

#2: Deepening Discipleship

#3: Addressing Public Educational Needs in Our Communities

#4: Tackling Poverty in Our Communities

Mission Support from Congregations to Synod and Churchwide Ministries -- \$2,498,600

Synod Programs & Outreach – 22%

Campus Ministries – 6%

Institutions & Agencies – 7%

Churchwide Mission and Ministry – 41%*

Salaries & Benefits – 24%

(* 25% of ELCA Churchwide budget is returned to synods/congregations for local ministries.)

2019 SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD ASSEMBLY REFLECTION

This past month, I was lucky enough to attend the 194th Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina (and the 32nd Assembly of the South Carolina Synod-ELCA!) as Good Shepherd's "Under 30" Voting Member. The theme for the assembly this year, *Joining God in the Neighborhood*, was centered around the Gospel of Luke 10:27 which reads: "Jesus said... 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.'" Throughout the assembly, we often were reminded of how this verse would apply in our daily lives: outside of the assembly (in our communities) as well as during the assembly (when we would vote on matters.) One of the most memorable parts of the assembly was when South Carolina's Superintendent of Education spoke of her work with schools in the low country, in particular Allendale, Williamsburg, and Florence Four schools. Somewhat recently, in 2015, the Department of Education opened a new Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) intended to support faith, community, and non-profit volunteer efforts in school systems. Over the past four years, the office has developed a volunteer guide and framework that has been distributed to over 2,000 churches. 212 churches have worked with the FACE Office to become involved in local schools and Molly Spearman noted the South Carolina Bishops' Public Education Initiative has been instrumental in the SCDOE's efforts to increase involvement. Spearman also said, "We need churches to show up! Don't come up with a program, but ask 'What can I do to help you?'" Although we cannot go into schools and teach about Jesus, we surely can "act like Jesus and show students the love and hope that comes from Jesus." I believe that this mindset can be used throughout many parts of life: welcoming a visitor in our church who may or may not be familiar with the Word, working with the people of Transitions and GSLC's Food Pantry, and many more. Often times, people will remember how you treated them over the words you spoke to them. Especially during this time of transition in our church, it's very important to reach out to those you haven't seen in a while or those you have not met before. In my personal experience, the overwhelming sense of love and welcome I received upon visiting GSLC was what ultimately led my family to call Good Shepherd our church home. You truly never know how much your kind (or negative) actions and words affect those around you, your neighbors. So my challenge to those reading is: go out of your way to hold that Big Red door open, make sure you ask the new face at the back of the church how they're doing, and above all, remember what it was like for you when you started your faith journey.

God's Grace and Peace,
Emily Whitlow



WELCA NEWS

The WELCA Unit of Good Shepherd met on Sunday, May 19 after Service for a luncheon and program on Lighthouse for Life. We created Freedom Bags for Lighthouse for Life (organization supports victims of human trafficking). These bags consist of things that we take for granted, but mean everything to those who receive them. Thanks to all who brought salads, desserts and helped stuff bags.

The SC WELCA Convention was June 7-8. Sara Hydrick and Karen Lucas attended to represent Good Shepherd. The theme this year was "Grace in Community." Good Shepherd exemplified the theme by donating 36 Freedom Bags for Lighthouse for Life (organization supports victims of human trafficking). We donated money also. In all SC WELCA donated 428 Freedom bags to Lighthouse for Life and \$9,030.99 in money and gift cards. We were all in tears as our speaker was a survivor and recipient of help from Lighthouse for Life. Thanks to all those at Good Shepherd who participated in this worthy cause.

Also as part of the Convention we signed cards for Veterans and those serving in our Armed Forces. We signed 2500 cards and gave 500 cards to each Branch of Service.



CONTINUING RESOLUTION PASSED BY COUNCIL

For quite some time, study has been given by a specially appointed Constitution Task Force concerning the number of Council positions, the length of Council term and Council nomination/ election process here at Good Shepherd. At the April 28, 2019, Council meeting, the Task Force presented their recommendations and these were received as information. Council members reviewed and studied the recommendations and acted upon them at their May meeting.

A Continuing Resolution was approved by Council on May 19, 2019, to temporarily modify the Good Shepherd Constitution and Bylaws until such time that Good Shepherd has a full time Pastor and guides this Task Force forward to a more permanent document. During our transition time, this modification will allow more continuity in the Council membership since no positions will be open at the end of this year. It allows for a shorter time of commitment. It promotes more flexibility for lay leaders and encourages non-Council members to take leadership roles as chairpersons of committees.

The specific changes are:

- The number of Council positions from 15 to 10.
- The term of office reduced from three to two years.
- The Youth shall nominate one individual under age of 21 to serve for one year.
- The tenure shall be arranged from one-third to one-half of terms expire annually.
- The Council members shall be eligible to serve no more than one full term (two years) but after expiration of one year may become eligible for election.
- The Executive Committee shall serve as the Nominating Committee to Council. Council has right to amend nominations before presenting to congregation.
- The congregation will have opportunity to add nominees from the floor at least two weeks prior to election. Election held no later than October 31.
- The nominations will be presented as a slate to fill needed positions.

YOGS CALENDAR

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!

SAVE THE DATE

2021 National Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN
There will be a mandatory meeting **Sunday, September 8 at 12 p.m.** for ALL Youth Participants and Parents who are eligible to attend. (ALL Rising 9th graders in 2021 thru graduating 12th graders in 2021 are eligible to attend.)



GRACEWORKS 2019 THERE'S GRACE FOR THAT!



Join us for an awesome week of worship, service, learning and FUN!!! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to register at the link below for this mission week July 14-19. We will be all over the city being the hands and feet of Jesus in our own community. Our theme this year is **There's Grace for That** as we walk alongside our mission partners and serve together. This is what Jesus asks us to do. If possible, **please register by June 30.** The cost is \$25 per student participant. You may make your check payable to Good Shepherd and note "GraceWorks" in the memo section. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** There is **no** cost for adult participation so if you have a day or more during that week and can help with this worthy week of mission with our youth, you may register with the same link. If you have any questions, please **call or email Jennifer Ross at ketojenn71@gmail.com or 803-237-6551!**

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-2019-tickets-61789174083?fbclid=IwAR1x1b8kFN88Fs8Ux33DxDqI_zvMXKjBNwqZ7BCn1yb8wE-jIEFzLzO4pa



2018 GraceWorks



Graduate Recognition Sunday



SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:30—9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30—9:45 AM Fellowship
- 9:45—10:30 AM PRESCHOOL—MIDDLE SCHOOL Sunday School (Conference Room)
- 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 <http://www.gslc.com/>.

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



July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	2 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)
7 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 4th Sunday After Pentecost	8 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	9 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)
14 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 5th Sunday After Pentecost <i>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus Reserved)</i>	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus Reserved)</i> 6:00 pm Learning Committee Mtg (CI-2) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	16 <i>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus)</i> 11:30 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB) 2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)
21 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 6th Sunday After Pentecost Food Pantry Sunday 6:30 PM Council Meeting (CI-2)	22 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	23 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)
28 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE 7th Sunday After Pentecost	29 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)	30 11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)

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
<p>3</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE & DAY SCHOOL CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (CI-4) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus Reserved) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus Reserved) 5:30 Social Ministry Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>YOGS attend GraceWorks at Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Bus Reserved)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>			

LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY

DATE	7/7/19	7/14/19	7/21/19	7/28/19	8/4/19
GREETERS	Jerry & Judy Rogers	Mitch & Delaney Uehling	Marcia Woodward, Bonnie & Wayne Hammond	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Deb Embrey, Nancy Hyatt
USHERS	Lula Camp, Marion Eargle, Pat Quattlebaum, Mary Stallings	Alice Buckner, Lula Camp, Herman McQuage, Marion Eargle	Alice Buckner, Pat Quattlebaum, Mary Stallings, Marcia Woodward	Alice Buckner, Lula Camp, Herman McQuage, Pat Quattlebaum	Team # 4 Wingard
ACOLYTE	Lennae Sox	Eden Rowell	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig	Noah Adams
CRUCIFER	Millie Sox	Brock Tollison	Eric Whitlow	Jake Lalumondier	Forrest Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Perry Shuping (L) Kerry Stubbs (C)	Millie Sox (L) Don Caughman (C)	Elaine Zornow (L) Diane Smith (C)	Eden Rowell (L) Barbara Rowell (C)	Gaye Tucker (L & C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, Mitch Uehling	Barbara Rowell, Emily Whitlow	Kimi Dail, Susan Uehling	Kimi Dail, Laura Smith	Kimi Dail, Katie Bostic
ALTAR GUILD	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Marcia Woodward	Becky Shealy / Neal Inman
TABULATORS	Becky Shealy, Jerry Vaughn	Mitch Uehling, Mary Stallings	Wilbur Smith, Penry Gustafson	Lavina Chandler, Steve Steck	Terri Tokaz, Leigh Ford

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.

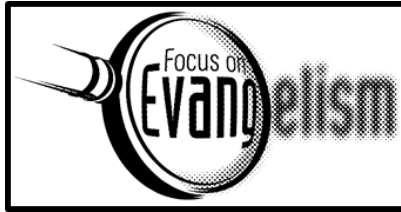
COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Karen Lucas

OPENING BUILDINGS: Ty Boheler

FOOD PANTRY: Matthew Herrmann

EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR JULY

DATE	7/7/19	7/14/19	7/21/19	7/28/19	8/4/19
GRUSHERS	David & Karen Lucas	Marilyn Hogan, Russell Slice	Marilyn Hogan, Mo Denny	Russell Slice, Mo Denny	Michael Brown, Rebecca Richardson
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Connie Donovan (L & C)	Charlene Fink (L & C)	Barbara Nagy (L & C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Ethan Richardson (L) Lisa Lehman (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, TBD	Donna Foster, TBD	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail, TBD
ALTAR CARE	Connie Donovan	Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler	Mike Weaver	Betti Stroud



Complacency. Is there a sense of urgency to be a witness to the Good News at Good Shepherd? Putting on blinders, settling into our pews, and waiting to be served can become too easy. Jesus calls us to be the light of the world including witnessing in our neighborhoods, schools, homes, and daily lives. Ruts naturally happen, but let's all remember there are many who are waiting to discover the incredible gift of God's love. Realizing the blessing of God's presence, we ARE called to boldly share the GOOD NEWS! How can our congregation become a more joy-filled, welcoming body of Christ? Consider that God uses us as change agents, and we can:

- Enjoy one on one conversations before and after church.
- Invite anyone to a church sponsored event, like a Fireflies game or fish fry.
- Understand you are an ambassador for Christ!
- Be proactive and introduce yourself if you see a new face or someone you simply do not know. Every visitor appreciates this small effort, and all welcoming churches make their guests feel right at home!
- Use our directory to call or write a note to members you haven't seen at church in a while like the homebound or college aged youth.

We are ALL witnesses for Christ, not just the evangelism team. The team encourages stepping outside your comfort zone to reach out to others. Let's be intentional in rediscovering our joy through prayer and outreach. It is not possible to be complacent in the Light of Jesus!



GAMECOCK LUTHERAN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS BBQ

Join us for the First Ever Gamecock Lutheran Alumni and Friends BBQ on July 20, 2019 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Olympia Avenue in Columbia. Doc's BBQ is providing the food. There are door prizes and music performed by Good and Proper. The event begins at 5 p.m. **Tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for kids between 3-12. Children under 3 are free.**



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In May, Good Shepherd's Food Pantry volunteers packed and distributed 58 bags of groceries serving 250 individuals.

JULY BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Irene Poole	8	Drew Gustafson	13	Forrest Havird	19	Ray Frierson	29	Tim Mueller
4	Mark Smith		Maggie Gustafson		Kadin Hogue	20	Leigh Ann Tollison	30	Natalie Ferlauto
	Mary Aitchison	10	Jake Lalumondier		Linda Taylor	21	Hance All-Black		Janice Haigler
5	Lexi Barnhill	11	Neal Inman	16	Guy Bostic	22	Anita Easter		Wendell Holmes
6	Sandy Gundlach	11	Andrew Traufler		Margaret Hill	24	Ryan Burrows		Bev Weymouth
7	Russ Anderson	12	Lisa Boozer	17	Patrick Ross	25	Walter Robertson	31	Ashton Struthers
	Rosemarie Brown		Jack Burrows		Bruce Shealy	26	Carolyn Cromer		Lydia Wingard
	Sylvia Livingston		Charles Sigel		Stephany Uehling		Harry Dent		
	Heather Van Duys		Susan Uehling	18	Katie Bostic	28	Barbara Rowell		



LECTIONARY FOR JULY 2019

JULY 7 – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

PSALM – Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

SECOND READING – Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

GOSPEL – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

JULY 14 – 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

PSALM – Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard

hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

JULY 21 – 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

FIRST READING – Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

PSALM – Psalm 15

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

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:15-28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:38-42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

JULY 28 – 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

FIRST READING – Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

PSALM – Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

SECOND READING – Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

GOSPEL – Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

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	Betty Cox	Martha Haigler	Vic & Cathy Milejczak	Nancy Taylor
Rev. Russ Anderson	Mary Dent	Bonnie Hammond	Margaret Moody	Ashleigh Taylor
Loujean Baker	Helen Derrick	Louise Hayes	Irene Poole	Melvin Wicker
Gwen Barnes	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Kitty Howard	Alice Riley	
Trisha Benson	Marianne De Werdt	Judy Hoy	Mary Robertson	
Grace Boozer	Curtis Easter	Jeannine Jameson	Rebecca Silvia	
Grayce Boozer	Wilhelmina Edwards	Sara Loyd	Virginia Stephens	
Rosemarie Brown	Larry Evans	Claire Mayer	Tommie Spence	
Rose Butterfield	Doug Fleming	Carol Mayfield	Dot Sterling	
Joanna Carpenter	Dot Gibert	Doris McCaughey	Jean Sundlie	
Ginna Caughman	The Gilbert Family	Gigi Middlebrooks	Barbara Sutton	



PLEASE continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers.



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