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CALL EXTENDED TO PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

Good Shepherd Congregation voted at a special called congregational meeting on August 25 to extend a call to Pastor Andrew Isenhower to be our next Senior Pastor. **Pastor Andrew has accepted our call and will officially begin his ministry with us on Monday, October 7.** His first worship services will be the following Sunday, October 13. A date for his installation will be set soon by the Bishop's Office.

Pastor Andrew is a native South Carolinian, graduating from Spartanburg Methodist College (AA), Newberry College (BA) and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (M.Div.). He comes to us from St. Luke Lutheran Church here in Columbia, where he has served for almost nine years. Our prayers go out to St. Luke congregation as they begin their search for a new pastor.

Pastor Andrew and his wife Michelle (a public school teacher) have been married for 11 years and are the proud parents of James (5) and Amelia (1). They currently live in the Irmo area but will be looking to find a new residence in our congregational service area.

It is with joy and anticipation that we look forward to Pastor Andrew, Michelle, James and Amelia becoming a part of our congregational family and joining us in ministry here at Good Shepherd.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, everything will be official. The paperwork will have been handed in and signed. Congregations will have been notified. Andrew Isenhower will be your new pastor. I know that all of you are glad that the search for a new pastor has been completed.

This also means, however, that my time here as interim pastor is coming to an end. I've loved being here with you and have made many friendships which will extend beyond my tenure here as interim pastor. I leave Good Shepherd with nothing but good feelings for the time I have been with you. You have, with one accord, always been gracious and welcoming to me, and I will miss being here with you.

Stephanie and I, beginning this past spring, have made vacation plans that have us leaving on that vacation on September 27. Therefore, my last day with Good Shepherd will be on Sunday, September 22. I'll be leaving my keys behind as I go home that day.

It's been a grand time. I wouldn't have missed it for anything, but it is time for me to go. I need to be fully retired again (for a while). I will be available, however, to supply for Andrew when he's gone on vacation (if I'm not already obligated).

I wish deeply for God's blessings on Good Shepherd as a congregation and on all of you individually. I take nothing with me but good memories.

God bless you all,

Pastor John



THANK YOU, PASTOR JOHN!!

In thanksgiving and appreciation, a reception will be held on Sunday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Activities Building to honor Pastor John Stoudemayer. He has served us well since May 2018 as our Interim Pastor during our transition time. Be sure to be here to express your gratitude for his ministry with us! There will be no Sunday Church School that day!



GOOD SHEPHERD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS CELESTE HEISEL AND BILLIE JONES

Celeste Heisel and Billie Jones, who are sisters, joined Good Shepherd on August 18 by Letter of Transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Celeste's address is 56 Barony Place Circle, Columbia, SC 29229, 803-319-2143. Billie's address is 119 Camlin Ct, Columbia, SC 29229, 803-260-6433. Please make an effort to introduce yourself to them and help them feel at home here

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

Fellow Members,

So many times we have asked – “What’s going on with the Call Process?” “When are we going to get a new pastor?” Now we know. Our Call Committee worked faithfully for over a year. And we, as members, tried to wait patiently. The waiting is over! We have called Pastor Andrew Isenhower to be our next Pastor. I am so excited! I know we all are! So, express your appreciation to our Call Committee when you see them (Amanda Snodgrass, Don Caughman, Cheryl Beaman, Greg Sox, Phil Tollison, Elizabeth Whitlow and Bruce Shealy) for their dedicated service.

We give thanks for Pastor Andrew’s call to ministry and for his acceptance of serving here at Good Shepherd with us. YES! I said “with us,” for we are ALL called to serve. We can look forward to his leading us in his call to Word & Sacrament and serving with us in God’s work.

A celebration of “**God’s work. Our hands.**” is being planned for later after Pastor Andrew has settled in with us. (Postponed from Sunday, September 8.) This will be an opportunity for all of us to learn more about our various ministries and how we can be involved if we are not already.

At the same time we look forward to Pastor Andrew’s coming to be with us, we have to prepare for saying goodbye to Pastor John. We are very grateful for Pastor Karen Hawkins’ and Pastor John Stoudemayer’s interim ministry with us during this transition time. September 22 will be Pastor John’s last day with us. We will honor him that day and hold a reception at 9:30 a.m. in the FAB to express our appreciation to him and extend our best wishes for his retirement days or possible future “interim/supply” days.

It is an exciting time in the life of Good Shepherd – a time for new opportunities with new pastoral leadership. If you haven’t been involved for a while, now is the time to come join us! Come say goodbye to Pastor John! Come welcome Pastor Andrew and his family! Come join in worshipping together! Come enjoy fellowship and learning together! Come join in doing God’s work with Our hands! COME PRAISE GOD FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS!

Peace be with you,

Nancy Hyatt

PASTORAL COVERAGE IN-BETWEEN PASTOR JOHN AND PASTOR ANDREW

Since Pastor John will be on vacation the last week of September and first week of October and Pastor Andrew will not be starting his ministry with us until October 7, the following arrangements have been made for our Sunday worship services and emergency pastoral care.

We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Daryl S. “Tony” Everett to preach and preside on September 29. Dr. Everett, retired pastor and LTSS professor, is a longtime-friend of Good Shepherd and led our Council retreat the first of this year.

On October 6, the Rev. Kathleen B. “Kathy” Chartier will preach and preside. She will also be available for any emergency pastoral needs during these two weeks. Most of us fondly remember Pastor Kathy when she served from November 2008 to June 2010 as our Interim Associate Pastor. Then she became our Assistant Pastor for Pastoral Care until June 2012. She looks forward to being with us again.

During these two weeks, in the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or Nancy Hyatt (Council president) at 803-206-2710. They, in turn, will get in touch with Pastor Kathy.



GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS

Calling all 3rd-5th graders to join us for our God's Young Followers' kickoff event on Sunday, September 15, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the FAB. Lunch will be provided along with a short devotional, games and lots of fun. Bring a friend and contact Mitch Uehling or Lisa Sanchez for more details.



Thank you for all those families and volunteers who made this Summer Splash event a success!!

Mitch Uehling

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVENT /CHRISTMAS PLAY DECEMBER 15, 5:30 P.M. PROCLAIMING THE PROMISE: FROM PROPHECY TO NATIVITY

This is the title of the Advent / Christmas musical play that will be performed by the children and youth of Good Shepherd on December 15, 5:30 p.m. in the FAB. This program will explore the prophecies of ancient Israel which point to the coming of the Messiah, the preparation we do in the Advent season getting ready for Jesus to come and the miraculous story of the birth of the savior and what it means for our lives. There will be original music and music from the great traditions of the church. The play will be written and directed by Jim Johnson.

Rehearsals for this play will take place after church on **Sundays, November 24, December 8 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. including lunch in the FAB. There will also be a run-through prior to the performance at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Parents, please add these dates to your calendars now so we can have the maximum participation. Friends of Good Shepherd children and youth are welcome to participate.**

The performance will be followed by a covered dish dinner and a time for congregational fellowship and an opportunity to celebrate the performance of our young people. The past two years' programs have had excellent participation from our children and youth and a nearly full house attendance from the congregation and guests at the performance. I look forward to again having the privilege of working with our youth and giving them the experience of both living and telling the story of God's love through the Advent / Christmas message.

Jim Johnson





CONFIRMATION TIME AGAIN

Parents and Confirmands (6th - 9th Grade Students) will meet with Pastor John and Barbara Rowell following the service on Sunday, September 8, in Classroom 1, to go over this year's class schedule. **Please contact the church office or Barbara Rowell, if you will be a confirmation student this year** (so that we can make sure we know all who should be attending.)

The FIRST Confirmation Class will be held on **September 15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Classroom 2**. In the first hour we will concentrate on Acolyte and Crucifer training. We will work with those who are just beginning as crucifers and acolytes, as well as having a refresher for those who have already been serving in these offices.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE YOGS

September 8 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. YOGS Kickoff (grades 6-12) - Youth Room

All youth and their parents are encouraged to attend the Kickoff. Dinner will be served. We will establish the programming and youth calendar for the year. We will also review the Acolyte, Crucifer and Food Pantry Volunteer schedules.

September 29 - 12:00 noon (after late service) - 1:00 p.m., 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting - Youth Room

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, MN, June 29 - July 3, 2021. Students who have completed grades 8-12 at the end of the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to attend. Please join us as we begin the process of sending our youth to this life-changing event. If your youth is eligible and interested, and you are unable to attend, please let Leigh Ann Tollison or Deborah Whitlow know.



FUN WITH OLD FRIENDS

On Sunday, August 18, the YOGS worshipped at All Saints Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC, ate lunch at Jack's Cosmic Dogs, and donated trash bags and cleaning supplies to the Coastal Retreat Center. YOGS spent a couple of hours playing in the surf, skim boarding and playing in the sand. They joined Pastor Kris Littman-Koon, Virginia and Stella for dinner. It was an amazing day full of laughter and fellowship, and ended with a beautiful sunset.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30—9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)
 9:30—10:00 AM CHILDREN’S MUSIC (CHILDREN’S MUSIC ROOM)
 9:30—9:45 AM FELLOWSHIP
 9:45—10:35 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:45—10:35 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:00—10:35 AM CHILDREN’S 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.*



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>12th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p><i>No Children’s Music</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed Day School Closed</i></p> <p><i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4)</i></p>
<p>8 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>13th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p><i>12:00 pm Meeting for Confirmands and Parents (6th - 9th grade students) (CI-1)</i></p> <p><i>4:00 pm Parish Life Mtg (Parlor) 5:30 pm YOGS Kickoff Event (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2) 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB)</i></p> <p><i>2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (CI-2)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</i></p>
<p>15 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>14th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p><i>12:00 pm GYF Kickoff Event (FAB) 3:00 pm Confirmation Class (CI-2) 6:30 PM Council Meeting (CI-2)</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p><i>Live Wire trip to Mt. Airy</i></p> <p><i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Live Wire trip to Mt. Airy</i></p> <p><i>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</i></p> <p><i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)</i></p>
<p>22 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>15th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>NO Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 am Reception for Pastor John (FAB)</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Worship Life Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</i></p>
<p>29 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>16th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p><i>Transitions Service Project (FAB) 12:00 pm 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering Interest Mtg (Youth Room)</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</i></p>	

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
4 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 am Mary Group (CI-2) 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	6	7
11 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	13 4:30 pm Day School Family Fun Night (FAB)	14
18 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	19 2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors (Conference Room) 5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)	20 12:00 pm Live Wire (FAB)	21
25 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	26 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	27	28 Transitions Service Project (FAB)

EARLY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19	10/6/19
GRUSHERS	David & Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler, Rebecca Richardson	Mike & Susan Weaver	Michael Brown, Rebecca Richardson	Connie & Jim Donovan	Mo Denny Marilyn Hogan
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Penry Gustafson (L) Mike Weaver (C)	Barbara Nagy (L) Lisa Lehman (C)	Connie Donovan (L & C)	Ethan Richardson (L) Charlene Fink (C)	Mike Weaver (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Bev Weymouth (L) Mike Weaver (C)
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Mitch Uehling	TBD, Donna Foster	Alexis Boyles, Lennae/Carole Sox	Alexis Boyles, Evelyn/Michelle Ortiz	Alexis Boyles, Anna-Marie Plyler	Alexis Boyles, Pat Quattlebaum
ALTAR CARE	Karen Lucas	Frances Plyler	Bettie Stroud	Mike Weaver	Susan Weaver	Connie Donovan

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Mitch Uehling

OPENING BUILDINGS: Joey Allison

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 15

LATE WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	9/1/19	9/8/19	9/15/19	9/22/19	9/29/19	10/6/19
GREETERS	Earline Suydam, Marcia Woodward	Mitch & Delaney Uehling	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Deb Embrey, Linda Taylor	Jean Cockrell, Nancy Hyatt	Jim & Melanie Lalumondier
USHERS	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier, Jerry Rogers	Richard Inman, Lauren Chandler, Bruce Shealy, Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier, Jerry Rogers	Richard Inman, Lauren Chandler, Bruce Shealy, Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet, Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier, Jerry Rogers	Team # 2 Herrmann
ACOLYTE	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig	Grayce Boozer	Matthew Herrmann	Isabella Fettig	TBD
CRUCIFER	Forrest Havird	Jake Lalumondier	Millie Sox	Brock Tollison	Forrest Havird	TBD
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Eden Rowell (L) Barbara Rowell (C)	Becky Shealy (L & C)	Bruce Shealy (L & C)	Alice Buckner (L) Gaye Tucker (C)	Kerry Stubbs (L & C)	Diane Smith (L & C)
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Susan Uehling	TBD, Stacy & Savannah Gross	Alexis Boyles, Jennifer/Anna Ross	Alexis Boyles, Laura Smith	Alexis Boyles, Deborah Whitlow	Alexis Boyles, Mitch Uehling
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Mary Stallings	Nancy Hyatt
TABULATORS	David Lucas, Mitch Uehling	Leigh Ford, Steve Steck	Jamie Sanders, Mary Margaret Hoy	Penry Gustafson, Mary Stallings	Jerry Vaughn, Terri Tokaz	TBD, Mitch Uehling

LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will begin again on September 20 with a covered dish luncheon. We will meet in the FAB at 12 noon. If you are 55 or older you are a member of Live Wire. Please come join us for some fun and fellowship. Our guest speaker will be Minnie Cleveland from Prisma Health Midlands, Manager, Diabetes Education. The topic will be Eating to Live Healthy With or Without Diabetes. Please mark your Calendar for September 20 and plan to attend.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In July, Good Shepherd's Food Pantry volunteers packed and distributed 41 bags of groceries serving 168 individuals.

TRANSITIONS SERVICE PROJECT



Volunteers are needed to cook on Saturday, September 28 and serve on Sunday, September 29. Please contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936 for more information and to sign up.

SAFETY & SECURITY TASK FORCE

In May, this Task Force presented to Council a preliminary draft of an "Emergency Action Plan" in the event of any safety and/or security issue on our property at any given time. We are continuing to define and develop procedures for each type of situation – weather, fire, trespasser, medical, etc. Thanks goes to Wade Wingard, who recently devoted a lot of time and effort preparing a detailed map of our campus and facilities. If you have interest or suggestions to aid in this endeavor, please contact Lauren Chandler (803-787-4197).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Barbara Sutton	14	Grace Boozer	18	Mallorie Hogue	22	Ethan Richardson	28	James Shukla
2	Elaine Zornow		Candy Clow		Bill Quattlebaum	22	Susan Stewart	29	Jean Cockrell
3	Richard Inman	15	Lauren Fink	20	Noah Adams	23	Alice Riley		Pam Fusco
4	Lyn Denny		Taylor Miller		Billy Robertson	25	Trey Limehouse		Rebecca Richardson
7	Tim Ross	16	Linda Thomas		Dick Sturkie	26	Susan Sturkie	30	Lennae Sox
9	Jeffrey Beaman		Rick Storey	21	Bailey Bostic	28	Elaine Dionne		
11	Mitch Uehling	18	John Ferry		Joanna Carpenter		Margaret Moody		
12	Isabella Fettig		Karlin Hogue		Marcus Hogue		Barbara Nagy		





RALLY DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

It is hard to believe another school year is starting and summer is almost over. Thank you all who attended Rally Day!

We want to once again congratulate all those who received the Sunday School attendance award for 2018-2019:

Madelyn Snodgrass
Bailey Bostic
Callen Gilbert
Chandler Ford
Jackson Nabors
William Snodgrass

The attendance award is given to children who have attended 75% or more of Sunday School class.



SAYING GOODBYE

APPRECIATION is expressed to **Kimi Dail** for her service as our Interim Director of Christian Education the last several months, and serving as a nursery attendant for the past 8 years. Kimi resigned from her positions, effective August 25, to attend the seminary full time. We thank her for her many years of service to the congregation and wish her God's blessings on this new journey.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

**Fall Semester for Sunday School starts
Sunday, September 1, 9:45—10:35 a.m.**



Children's Choir begins Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m.

Starting on this date, K-5th grade Sunday School will be 10:00—10:35 a.m.

Grades K-2: will meet in the first classroom on the corner next to the conference room. They will continue using Spark material that follows the lectionary.

Grades 3-5: will be in the classroom next to the Children's Music Room on the backside of the education building, using Spark material that follows the lectionary.

Middle School and High School will be meeting together in the YOGS Room located downstairs on the backside of the Education Building.

First Confirmation Class will be held on September 15, from 3:00—5:00 p.m. in Classroom 2.

The **Come and See class** will be studying the Gospel for the succeeding Sundays.

A chief characteristic of an effective parish and of an effective church member is a central focus on the Word of God as written in the Holy Scriptures. This study will allow participants the opportunity to discuss and to study the upcoming Gospel lesson with a focus on what the Gospel says relative to one's daily living and with regard to our life within this congregation. The intent is that this study will help prepare participants to hear and to receive the Gospel message in a new light and perhaps with new revelation.

The lessons will conclude with a statement of what this passage means for Good Shepherd.

Discussion leaders for this series will be Mark Lovern, Bruce Shealy, and Don Caughman.

Come and see what the Gospel offers for our direction and for our life together as followers of Christ.

The **Fellowship Class** will meet in Classroom 5. Lula Camp will be continuing teaching using material from Augsburg. The fall focus is on God, what it means to be created in God's image and much more.

The **Around the Corner Class** will have a rotation of teachers. For the fall, the theme is Faith and Football. Go check them out in Classroom 2.

There are a lot of fun and exciting things happening at Good Shepherd with Faith Formation and Sunday School. Hope that you will check out one of these Sunday School classes.



Do you know every single person's name in our church? Of course not! As we get ready to greet our

new pastor, getting into the healthy habit of **wearing our nametags** is very important. The Evangelism Committee applauds those who are consistently putting those purple tags on every week! If you need a nametag, please contact Penry Gustafson at penrygustafson@yahoo.com or 803-669-6364. There is also a signup board in the narthex. Orders are being placed weekly with *no requested payment*. In the meantime,

- Major overhauls are being planned for the large bulletin boards in the church.
- Contacts continue to be made with those not seen at worship in a while.
- The new attendance sheets are working well.
- Visitor attendance is increasing. Follow up contact with visitors is made quickly by pastor/church/committee member.

Blessings!

Penry Gustafson, Evangelism Committee Chair



“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

The *September 8* date for the congregation celebration event has been *postponed* to a date to be determined. We look forward to having our new pastor participate in this event that will recognize the many ministries Good Shepherd supports.

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee will soon begin work on refurbishing the old Sanctuary stained glass gable wall and



surrounding property. In order to begin this process, it will be necessary to remove the shrubbery facing the old Sanctuary entrance wall. This will allow the contractors to utilize a power lift to safely reach the windows and other high areas. The top of the glass gable wall is thirty feet above the ground. After repairs and refurbishment of the stained glass, plans call for backlighting the glass from the old choir loft, hanging a cross from the steel arch that faces the wall and extensive landscaping. It can't be done all at once. Be patient and look forward to a result that respects our original sanctuary's history and importance as we improve this area of our church grounds.



The Congregational Council has approved the creation of a fund that will be used to replace the old cracked single pane windows in our office with new insulated glass panels that have UV protection and conform to regional insulation standards. Between each of the laminated wood buttresses there are 9 windows. There are seven of these groups in the office, resulting in 63 window panes needing replacement. The plan is to replace each vertical group of three window panes with one insulated glass panel, retaining the detailed woodwork of the old Sanctuary, now the office. This plan will require 21 insulated panels. The projected cost of this project is \$20,000 - \$25,000. The congregation is encouraged to consider contributions to this project, as we continue to have issues with winter cold penetration and summer air conditioner loss.

CONGRATULATIONS WILBUR SMITH

Longtime Good Shepherd member Wilbur Smith was honored recently by the S.C. Synod for his nearly four decades of service to the S.C. Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

He began his service as a committee member in 1980 and was chair from 1995 until this year. The committee oversees the annual Lutheran Scout Retreat, which dates to 1965. The first retreat at Camp Kinard was in 1970, and the 50th anniversary retreat was held there in January.



Dr. Fred Schott, a professor at LTSS, was instrumental in starting the committee and retreat. Wilbur was a member of Dr. Schott's scout troop at Ascension Lutheran, where he earned his Eagle Scout and Pro Deo et Patria awards.

A retired SCE&G senior engineer and retired Navy commander, Wilbur, his wife Diane, and their sons Trey and David joined Good Shepherd in 1980. For many years, Wilbur has served as assistant treasurer at Good Shepherd, supervising offering tabulation and making weekly bank deposits of church funds.

Wilbur also is "head teller" at Good Shepherd. Whenever there is a congregational election or vote on any matter, he oversees the balloting and makes sure votes are counted properly.

Congratulations, Wilbur, on a job well done, and thanks for your continuing service to Good Shepherd congregation.

SOCIAL MINISTRY FOCUS

The Social Ministry focus for September is Happy Wheels. Happy Wheels is an independent non-profit that sends volunteers into three children's hospitals in our state (MUSC, Prisma Children's Hospital, and Greenville Children's Hospital) to bring smiles to their patients with gifts of books and toys. Each week, Happy Wheels volunteers bring either the book cart or the toys and games cart to every patient in the hospital -- from newborns to teens. Each child can choose their favorite book or toy from the cart to enjoy during their stay and then take home with them to keep. These gifts must all be brand-new in keeping with hospital infection control policies, and Happy Wheels relies entirely on gifts from local individuals, churches, and businesses to keep the carts stocked.

We will finish out the month of September with our "Noisy Offering" on September 29. The money collected will be sent to United Cerebral Palsy of South Carolina. The United Cerebral Palsy of South Carolina was founded in 2003 by concerned citizens who wanted to establish community-based support for persons with cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities. UCP of SC has grown into a comprehensive organization offering services and support for persons with various developmental disabilities.

It is the state's largest provider of residential services for persons with developmental disabilities, and **nearly 89 cents out of every dollar received goes to provide community services, making UCP of SC one of the most cost-efficient charities in the nation.**



LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPTEMBER 1 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

FIRST READING – Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

PSALM – Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

SEPTEMBER 8 – 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

PSALM – Psalm 1

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

SECOND READING – Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:25-33

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

SEPTEMBER 15 – 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING – Exodus 32:7-14

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

PSALM – Psalm 51:1-10

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

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-10

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

SEPTEMBER 22 – 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

FIRST READING – Amos 8:4-7

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

PSALM – Psalm 113

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

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

GOSPEL – Luke 16:1-13

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

SEPTEMBER 29 – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

FIRST READING – Amos 6a, 4-7

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

PSALM – Psalm 146

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

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

GOSPEL – Luke 16:19-31

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY – THANK YOU



Good Shepherd's Social Ministry is thankful to the congregation for their response to this year's school supplies drive. We collected an abundant amount of paper, pencils, crayons, and other school supplies for the children. With the money received from the noisy offering, we were able to purchase 24 backpacks. The teachers at Bradley and Forest Lake elementary schools were very happy to get the much needed supplies. Many thanks to Anne Rush for coordinating this effort.

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.

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Sept 8
Sept 15

Church Office Closed
YOGS Kickoff
Food Pantry Sunday
GYF Kickoff

Sept 16-17
Sept 20
Sept 22

Live Wire Trip to Mt. Airy
Live Wire Meeting in FAB
Reception for Pastor John in FAB @ 9:30 a.m.

Sept 28-29

Transitions Service Project



Oct 4-6
Oct 11
Oct 18
Oct 20
Oct 27

WELCA Retreat
Fun Fridays
Live Wire
Food Pantry Sunday
Commitment Sunday & Reformation Sunday

April 24-26, 2020

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