



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter October 2021

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### RALLY DAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

9:30 – 10:30    Worship  
9:15 – 10:45    Nursery Available  
10:45           Rally Day in FAB

### WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The following schedule will begin on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

9:30 – 10:30    Worship  
10:45 – 11:45    Adult Sunday School  
                      (including time for fellowship and coffee)  
10:45 – 11:15    Children's Sunday School  
11:15 – 11:45    Children's Music  
                      (K – 2nd Grade and 3rd – 5th Grade Classes)  
**Nursery available 9:15—11:45 a.m.**

### STEWARDSHIP 2021-2022

#### “RENEW, RESPOND, REACH OUT”

#### 2 TIMOTHY 1:6 “... REKINDLE THE GIFT OF GOD”

As this notorious COVID pandemic continues to plague us, the challenges, uncertainty, and, even unfairness, of this life are apparent in real and sometimes in very painful and personal ways.

As the apostle Paul reminded his young protégé, Timothy, suffering, sacrifice, and death are inherent to this life, but “... our Savior Christ Jesus, (has) abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Timothy 1:10)

That is the rest of the story. That is God's promise realized through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is our inheritance. That is the

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



*"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." —John 8:31b-32*

Each Reformation Sunday, we study these words of Jesus. This passage in John is part of a debate between Jesus and the religious authorities of his day. Jesus shifts from the narrative of the Exodus brought up by the religious authorities and plays on this idea of freedom. Jesus talks about being made free—free *from* sin, but also free *for* life and service in the kingdom of God.

The reason this passage comes up every year on Reformation Sunday is that a similar debate about freedom came up during Martin Luther's day. He began to notice that some church authorities were causing or condoning abuses in the church—the sale of forgiveness in the form of indulgences, the practice of awarding the wealthy with high church offices such as priest and bishop, and the use of resources to enrich church officials rather than to care for the poor, the orphan, and the widow (to name a few). Luther realized that the truth of the Gospel was being obscured or intentionally ignored by a few powerful and privileged people. Worse still, the common people were mostly kept in the dark about these abuses because they could not read or write and, therefore, could not understand what was being done around them.

Luther saw this issue of freedom versus slavery as a very real issue in his own day. And so we focus on this passage from John each year on Reformation Sunday. This certainly makes us grateful for Luther's work—a proud heritage we share as Lutherans. We celebrate the fact that the church was indeed reformed, even as we mourn the fact that the church was divided over the issues Luther raised.

More important than our heritage and history, however, is the truth of Jesus' words for us in our own day and age. His sobering reminder to us still rings true: "anyone who sins is a slave to sin. If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." The truth of the matter is that Jesus has indeed set us free—free *from* sin, death, and the devil. Of equal importance, however, is what Jesus has set us free *for*. We are freed *for* life in this kingdom of God. We are freed *for* the sake of our neighbors in need. We are freed *for* acts of charity and love and service. The Son has indeed set us free.

But we often live as if the bars are still locked. We often choose to remain bound by the powers of darkness and deception. We often choose to gorge ourselves on the empty food the world offers rather than allowing the body and blood of Christ to truly nourish and shape our lives. I invite you to ponder in what areas of your life you choose captivity and reject the freedom Christ offers. Perhaps you choose to be captive to greed, gluttony, or sloth. Perhaps you remain enslaved to lust. Perhaps you allow your calendar and your clock to master you rather than making time for God. We all face temptations to choose to remain slaves to sin, but Christ calls us to come to where he is—the freedom and life of the kingdom of God.

I implore you to ponder how you choose to be captive to sin. But then I invite you to begin to turn those areas of your life over to Christ, trusting the Son to set you truly free. Maybe that looks like a deeper commitment of your treasure to the causes of the kingdom of God. Maybe it looks like reprioritizing your schedule so that matters of the kingdom (worship, service, fellowship, and learning) come *first* in your life. Maybe it looks like putting your gifts to work in a new ministry or committee. Choose to reject the lies and the lost ways Christ has freed us *from*. Choose the ways of life, love, and service Christ has freed us *for*.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew

## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fall has always been one of my favorite seasons. I love the colors, the festivals, and cooler days with bright blue skies. It is so invigorating! Despite the difficult and uncertain times of the past one and one half years, we again look forward to all that Fall offers. At Good Shepherd we especially look forward to Rally Day and the beginning of all Sunday Church School classes. Council voted at the September meeting to celebrate Rally Day on October 17, at 10:45 in the FAB. The Adult Fellowship Class led by Don Caughman, Children's Sunday School classes, and Children's Music will begin on October 24. The Come and See Class began on September 19 and is being taught by Dr. Tony Everett. This class will continue through October 10. (See the Learning Committee article for specific details concerning upcoming topics.) Council also voted to require masks for all Sunday School classes for the next 60 days.

The congregational meal originally scheduled for September 12 has been postponed due to the high rate of positive COVID cases. It will be rescheduled at a later time.

Fall also marks the time to elect members to serve on church council. Your council put a lot of thought and prayers into who the Spirit might be calling to help lead this congregation. Your congregation needs you. In spite of what some may think, it is not a popularity contest to be elected to council, rather it is an honor to serve. Good Shepherd needs members who are willing to help lead, who are willing to listen to God's call, who are dedicated to carrying out God's plan and who are not afraid to get involved. When you get that call, don't allow your first thought to be, "Oh no, how can I get out of this?" Be willing to say yes, to get involved. You are needed!

God's Peace,  
Marcia Woodward  
Council President

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## GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Good Shepherd Foundation was created to assist the Church in carrying out its religious, charitable, educational and other tax exempt missions. The Foundation accomplishes its purpose by collecting contributions, donations and bequests, investing Foundation assets and then making distributions in the form of grants to appropriate persons and organizations as defined by Foundation policies. In accordance with the operating policies of the Foundation, grants may be awarded in the following four areas:

- Grants for outreach to the community, including institutions and agencies that have common goals as Good Shepherd Church. Programs should target those in our community that have spiritual and/or economic need.
- Grants to agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA for missions at home and abroad.
- Grants to members of Good Shepherd Church for Christian education and training.
- Grants for non-budgeted projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. Deadline for applications is November 1. Awards are made shortly after deadline dates.

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE  
TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

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reason nothing can separate us from the love of Christ – "... tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword" – and certainly not COVID.

As Timothy was challenged and encouraged to "rekindle the gift of God" and to not be deterred by the challenges and sufferings of life, so that challenge and that encouragement is passed on to us today.

How will you respond?


The gift of God resides in each one of us. That gift was bestowed publicly at your Baptism. The Baptismal candle represents the lighting of your flame of faith. Through the power and intercession of the Holy Spirit within you, that spark continues. It never goes out. The question is, how well is the flame being tended? How brightly does that flame burn? Is it smoldering or is it burning brightly?

In times of trouble, when the cares, frustrations, and evils of this life weigh on one's heart, it may become a real challenge to keep your flame burning. But, remember – God's flame never totally goes out. It is up to each individual to keep your flame burning; and, if the flame begins to smolder, to rekindle the flame. Your flame burns by means of the use of your gifts and through affirming your personal relationship with Jesus through worship, prayer, Bible reading and study, and through service to others.

As we approach Commitment Sunday, October 17, may the Holy Spirit challenge and encourage each of us to check our flame. Is it smoldering or is it burning? Can it burn even brighter? Remember that fire needs constant tending. It sometimes needs rekindling. How will you commit to your use of your time, talents, and treasure to keep your flame burning – and collectively to rekindle the flame of GSLC?

***"Rekindle the gift of God."  
"Renew, Respond, Reach Out."***

Peace be with you,  
Bruce Shealy, Gifts Committee



**RENEW, RESPOND, REACH OUT**  
**2022: STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In faithful response to God's everlasting grace, and in appreciation of Good Shepherd's ministry, I/we intend to give this offering during 2022 in support of the congregation's ongoing ministry. I/we understand that this amount may be changed if necessary by notifying the church office.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please list total **ANNUAL** commitment)

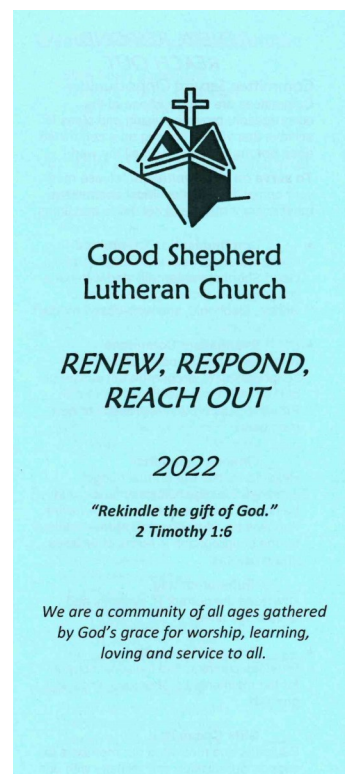
☐ I/we intend to share my/our offerings (circle one): weekly monthly other

☐ I/we are interested in using the secure online giving program or an automated bankdraft. Please contact me.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 1:6 "Rekindle the gift of God."

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving and service to all.*



## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



We will have Rally Day on **Sunday, October 17!** We will be celebrating promotions of all our children and youth to their next grade level, welcome our 3- and 4-year old children as they begin Sunday School, and present Bibles to children beginning their next faith journey. We also will be honoring our past and present Sunday School teachers for their commitment.

Children's Sunday School classes will begin the following **Sunday, October 24.** Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date. We cannot wait to have our children back for in-person class and look forward to celebrating them this month.

Any questions, please email Katie at [katiebrettbostic@gmail.com](mailto:katiebrettbostic@gmail.com).

Adult Sunday School started last month with Dr. Everett's course on "Where is God in all this?" It has brought so much joy to see so many of you attending class after worship service. Dr. Everett's last day will be on October 10. If you haven't had a chance to join in on the fun yet, I strongly encourage you to do so. The Fellowship class will begin their study on "Honoring God" on **Sunday, October 24, in classroom 5.**

### **Come and See: Classroom 1**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Tony Everett

Topic: W.I.G.I.A.T. (Where is God in all this?)

DESCRIPTION: Class participants will use biblical models to discern God's presence and guidance in everyday life issues. We will consider questions such as Why do some people seem to bounce back from confusion, changes, and trauma and others do not? What would Jesus do, really? What is all this "mindfulness God-in-your-brain" stuff they were talking about during the Olympics? Why can't we all just get along, anyway?

### **Fellowship Class: Classroom 5 (will start on October 24)**

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

Topic: Honoring God

Description: This study explores how worship in its many forms honors God. When we gather for worship or set ourselves individually to pray, we enter into a relationship with God and with God's people. The purpose of this study is to help adult learners engage biblical passages in order to see how worship is shaped by faith, and how worship nurtures faith.

### **Masks**

Masks will be required for all in-person Sunday school classes. This will be for 60 days or according to the timeline which is in compliance with the Forest Acres mask ordinance, whichever is longer. Thank you for doing your part to help slow the spread of the virus and to protect others.

### **Worship and Sunday School Schedule**

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service                |
| *10:45-11:15      | Children's Sunday school class |
| *11:15-11:45      | Children's Music               |
| 10:45-11:45       | Adult Sunday School            |

***\*Children's Schedule will start October 24, 2021.***



## SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS FOR OCTOBER

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is the social ministry emphasis for October at Good Shepherd.

Dating to 1976 when Lutheran Family Services was formed, LSC provides for a variety of human services needs in the Carolinas. The current organization was formed in 2012 when Lutheran Family Services merged with Lutheran Services for the Aging in North Carolina.

Our October emphasis on LSC is stressing support for expanding the temporary foster care program in the Midlands of South Carolina, supporting resettlement of Afghan refugees in the Columbia area, and supporting a new residential program for women dealing with addictions at Kinard Manor in Greenwood.

You may make contributions to support LSC with a special offering any Sunday in October. You may also send your donations to the church office. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designated for Lutheran Services Carolinas.

Information on all the services provided by LSC, along with a history of the organization, is available on the organization's website.



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In August, food pantry volunteers packed and distributed 20 bags of groceries serving 73 individuals.



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THANKS

We had a generous response to the school supply drive. The donations have been sorted and delivered to Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools. The \$275 in cash donations will be used to buy gift cards for the schools to purchase specific needs for students. We know the schools—educators, staff, students and parents—are working under a lot of stress. We're grateful we could provide some help.

Social Ministry Committee



## PAWMETTO LIFELINE SUPPORT

We received contributions of \$850 in support of the August social ministry emphasis, Pawmetto Lifeline. A check for that amount has been given to the organization, which works to help control the unwanted cat and dog problem in the Midlands through adoption and spay/neuter programs.



## TRANSITIONS SERVICE DATE

**We need cooks Saturday mornings and servers Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** The next weekend to serve Transitions is in October.

Please let Susan Weaver know if you are available for: Saturday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. to cook or Sunday, October 31 at 5:00 to serve.



## NOISY OFFERING OCTOBER 31

Keep saving those coins during October. We will have another Noisy Offering on Sunday, October 31. Of course, we'll accept folding money and checks as well! The recipient of the offering will be Palmetto Place, a shelter in Columbia for abused and neglected children and teenagers.

Founded in 1977 by the Junior Woman's Club, Palmetto Place provides a safe haven for abused and neglected children and for homeless teenagers from throughout South Carolina. During those 44 years, more than 7,500 abused, neglected and abused children have found a safe haven.

Children who come to Palmetto Place, normally through referral by the Department of Social Services, have access to after-school programs, tutoring and recreational and social activities.

Financial contributions may be made through Good Shepherd each of the five Sundays in October or at the church office. You may use the pink special offering envelopes and indicate that the contribution is for Palmetto Place. We also will have a collection bucket on the table outside the church office the last two weeks of October if you'd like to drop off your offerings.

At the end of the month, all donations will be given collectively to Palmetto Place as a gift from Good Shepherd. More information about the work of Palmetto Place Children's Shelter can be found on their website.

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for the love that you showed when you gave to the ALS Memorial. Also I want to thank you for the cards and phone calls I received for my birthday.

Love,  
Earline Suydam




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Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,



On behalf of the staff and students of Forest Lake NASA Explorer School, thank you for your school supply contributions! Because of your generosity and kindness, our students are ensured that they will have what they need to begin the school year. Thank you for caring for others!

Dr. Kappy Steck  
Principal  
Forest Lake Elementary School  
NASA Explorer School/Elementary Learning Collaborative

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prompt and generous response to help meet the Back to School needs of Boys Farm such as school supplies & fees, clothing and other needs. It was a blessing and encouragement to receive your contribution of \$1,940.00 to provide for these needs. During the summer months, the boys have been wearing shorts most of the time. What a surprise it is to try on their "school pants" and see how much they have grown! Getting them ready for school is a challenge, and we are grateful for your help.

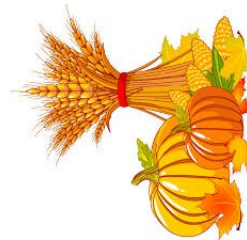


We thank you for your faithfulness. May God richly bless you even as you are a blessing to others. Thank you for your part in Building Boys. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 26:40

By His Grace,  
Michael Davis  
Executive Director

## OCTOBER 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                 | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| <b>3</b> WELCA Retreat (Isle of Palms)<br><b>9:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream<br><b>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB)<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School (CL 1)  | <b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)                                | <b>5</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Bible Study (FAB)   | <b>6</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Property Committee Meeting (CL 4)<br><b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)                 | <b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Mary Group meeting (FAB)<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room) | <b>1</b> WELCA Retreat (Isle of Palms) | <b>2</b> WELCA Retreat (Isle of Palms)              |
| <b>10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream<br><b>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Korean Lutheran Worship Service<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School (CL 1)  | <b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)                               | <b>12</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Bible Study (FAB)<br><b>3:00 PM</b> Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room)<br><b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> FANA (FAB) | <b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study<br><b>4:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> [private event] Williamsburg HOA (FAB)<br><b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room) | <b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room)   | <b>15</b>                              | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>17</b> <b>Commitment Sunday</b><br><b>Food Pantry Sunday</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream<br><b>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Korean Lutheran Worship Service<br><b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Rally Day (FAB)<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Council meeting (Conference Room)  | <b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room) | <b>19</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Bible Study (FAB)<br><b>5:00 PM</b> Worship Life Committee Meeting (CL 2)  | <b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study<br><b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)  | <b>21</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Tamar Group  | <b>22</b>                              | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream<br><b>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB)<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School (CL 1 or CL 5)<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:15 AM</b> Children's Sunday  | <b>25</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)                               | <b>26</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Bible Study (FAB)  | <b>27</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Zoom Bible Study<br><b>6:30 PM</b> NA (Conference Room)  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>                              | <b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cook for Transitions (FAB) |
| <b>31</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b><br><b>Reformation Day</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream<br><b>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB)<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Adult Sunday School (CL 1 or CL 5)<br><b>10:45 AM - 11:15 AM</b> Children's Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM - 11:45 AM</b> Children's Music<br><b>5:00 PM</b> Serve a meal at Transitions |   |  |   |   |  |   |



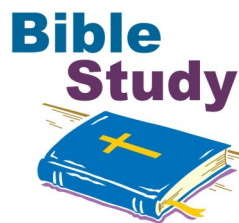


## GSLC CELEBRATES STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

This month we recognize the anniversary of two members of our staff. GSLC celebrates Pastor Andrew Isenhower's 2nd year of leadership and Susan Sturkie's 33rd year of musical service! We acknowledge and appreciate their respective contributions to Good Shepherd....Thank you Pastor Andrew and Susan!

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

The LMM Fish Fry scheduled for September 20 had to be postponed due to the increase in Covid 19 D-Variant cases. Since we are unable to reschedule in October, the event will be moved to spring 2022.



Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

## WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Zoom Bible Study will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at **8:00 a.m.** A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.





## GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Lutheridge, February 11-13, 2022

Theme: "Renewal"

Titus 3:5b "...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

It's time to sign up for our annual Good Shepherd Congregational Retreat!

You have two choices of accommodations:

**Kohnjoy** – Rooms have private baths, sleeps 4. *Ideal for couples and singles.*

**Lakeside Cottage** – 2 bedrooms & 2 baths, sleeps 10. *Ideal for families.*

**Kohnjoy**

Single - \$200

2 or more - \$ 140

**Lakeside Cottage**

\$ 130 per person

Children 5 and under **FREE**. Children ages 6-12 \$ 40 each. Youth 13 and above \$ 60.

Cost includes Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and the cookout on Saturday night.

A deposit of ½ will hold your spot. Sign up now! There will be activities for all ages.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# of people in lodging group: Adults (\_\_\_) Age 5 & under (\_\_\_) Age 6 to 12 (\_\_\_) Youth (\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying my deposit now.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying the entire amount now.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a scholarship donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

For scholarship assistance, please contact Pastor Andrew.



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Leigh Ford**

**OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman**

| DATE                      | 10/3/21  | 10/10/21   | 10/17/21  | 10/24/21   | 10/31/21   | 11/7/21  |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>USHERS</b>             | David Lucas,<br>Michael Brown,<br>Frances Plyler   | David Lucas,<br>Karen Lucas,<br>Michael Brown,<br>Frances Plyler | David Lucas,<br>Karen Lucas,<br>Michael Brown,<br>Frances Plyler  | David Lucas,<br>Karen Lucas,<br>Michael Brown,<br>Frances Plyler | David Lucas,<br>Karen Lucas,<br>Michael Brown,<br>Frances Plyler | Jeff Inabinet,<br>Richard Inman,<br>Greg Sox, Perry<br>Shuping, Jerry<br>Rogers, Jim<br>Lalumondier,<br>Lauren Chandler,<br>Bruce Shealy |
| <b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b> | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Steve Steck | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Charlene Fink             | Lector: Kerry<br>Stubbs<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Gaye Tucker | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Don Caughman              | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Mike Weaver               | Lector &<br>Communion<br>Assistant:<br>Becky Shealy  |
| <b>CRUCIFER</b>           | Matthew<br>Herrmann                                | Noah Adams   | Lennae Sox  | Eden Rowell  | Matthew<br>Herrmann  | Noah Adams   |
| <b>NURSERY</b>            | Shayla Williams,<br>Alexis Boyles                  | Shayla Williams,<br>Heavenly Edenfield                           | <b>TBD</b>  | Alexis Boyles,<br>Shayla Williams                                | Shayla Williams,<br>Alexis Boyles                                | Alexis Boyles,<br>Shayla Williams  |
| <b>ALTAR GUILD</b>        | Mary Stallings                                     | Mary Stallings   | Mary Stallings  | Mary Stallings   | Mary Stallings   | Gaye Tucker,<br>Debi Powell,<br>Anita Easter   |
| <b>TABULATORS</b>         | Leigh Ford,<br>David Lucas                         | Mary Margaret Hoy,<br>Jamie Sanders                              | Lavina Chandler,<br>Steve Steck                                   | Karen Lucas,<br>Mitch Uehling                                    | Donna Foster,<br>Leigh Ford                                      | Mary Stallings,<br>Mary Margaret<br>Hoy  |

## OCTOBER 2021 MEETINGS

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| October 6  | Property Committee (6:00 p.m.)     |
| October 7  | Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)            |
|            | Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)      |
| October 12 | Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)    |
| October 14 | Learning Committee (6:30 p.m.)     |
| October 17 | Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)        |
| October 19 | Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.) |
|            | Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)            |

***Please call the church office to reserve a room for any  
upcoming meetings.***

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE

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**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

|          |                       |           |                  |           |                   |           |                     |           |                 |
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| <b>1</b> | Karen Jenny           | <b>7</b>  | Katie Fessler    | <b>12</b> | Hilde Jakiela     | <b>16</b> | Trae Dent           | <b>21</b> | Carolyn Adams   |
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| <b>2</b> | Karin Culp            |           | Dan Wuori        | <b>13</b> | Lib Quattlebaum   |           | Don Wuori           | <b>23</b> | Mark Whitlow    |
|          | Susan Faith Ellington | <b>8</b>  | Jonathan Sanchez |           | Elizabeth Whitlow | <b>17</b> | Sylvia Anne Derrick | <b>25</b> | Jordan Herrmann |
|          | Melissa Shukla        | <b>9</b>  | Cindy Taylor     |           | Eric Whitlow      |           | Evelyn McQuage      | <b>27</b> | Savannah Gross  |
| <b>5</b> | Marie Currie          | <b>10</b> | Mary Allen       | <b>14</b> | Drew Green        |           | Pat Roche           | <b>29</b> | Gwen Barnes     |
|          | Jennifer Ross         | <b>10</b> | Abel Ferry       |           | Nancy Hubert      | <b>20</b> | Amy Kemp            |           |                 |
| <b>6</b> | Lauren Chandler       | <b>12</b> | Valerie Evans    |           | Mary Sox          |           | Libby Slice         |           |                 |

## LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2021

### OCTOBER 3—19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 2:18-24**

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are *ish* (man) and *ishshah* (woman).

#### **PSALM – Psalm 8**

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

#### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 10:2-16**

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

### OCTOBER 10—20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

#### **FIRST READING – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 90:12-17**

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

#### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 4:12-16**

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 10:17-31**

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

### OCTOBER 17—21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 53:4-12**

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing

ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 91:9-16**

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

#### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:1-10**

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 10:35-45**

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

### OCTOBER 24—22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:7-9**

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 126**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

#### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 7:23-28**

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

#### **GOSPEL – Mark 10:46-52**

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

### OCTOBER 31—REFORMATION DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 46**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

#### **SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **GOSPEL – John 8:31-36**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

## WITH PRAYER

|                    |                     |                  |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Mary Allen         | Dot Correll         | Trisha Holman    | Becky Silvia      |
| Rev. Russ Anderson | Betty Cox           | Kitty Howard     | Mary Sox          |
| Gwen Barnes        | Helen Derrick       | Judy Hoy         | Virginia Stephens |
| Trisha Benson      | Sylvia Anne Derrick | Jeannine Jameson | Barbara Sutton    |
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| Michael Brown      | Larry Evans         | Lisa Lehman      | Stan Wilson       |
| Rosemarie Brown    | Jason Fowler        | Sara Loyd        | Emily Wright      |
| Susan Burch        | Dot Gibert          | Johanna Moore    | Peter Zornow      |
| Rose Butterfield   | Bonnie Hammond      | Irene Poole      |                   |
| Joanna Carpenter   | Helen Hanayik       | Cathy Quinton    |                   |

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



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Sue Baugh—mother of Cheryl Beaman's friend  
 Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush  
 Luna Brown—3-year-old cousin of Amanda Snodgrass  
 Schuyler Carter—grandson of Bonnie Hammond  
 Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox  
 Ruth Collins—friend of Dena Phillips  
 Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass  
 John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford  
 Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford  
 Jamie Fountain—step-brother of Laura Leigh Smith  
 Beverly Fulmer—friend of Judy Rogers  
 Lucy Fusco—mother of Frank Fusco  
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 Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes  
 Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow  
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 Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman  
 Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman  
 George Mills—father of Susan Weaver  
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 Stella Parrish—friend of Rosemary Nance  
 Karl Portee – friend of Meals on Wheels volunteers  
 Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker & Joyce Mobley

Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass  
 Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee  
 Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance  
 David Steck—father of Steve Steck  
 Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer  
 Family of Faye Swetlik—friends of Dena Phillips  
 Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross  
 Kem & Rita Thomas – friends of Rod Kent  
 Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison  
 Robin Trauffer—friend of the congregation  
 Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford  
 Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver  
 Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter  
 Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow

## EXPECTING OR BIRTH

### WITH SYMPATHY

The family of Martha Haigler.  
 The family of Rick Inman, son of Richard and Neal Inman.  
 The family of Bill Weaver, father of Mike Weaver.  
 The family of Glen Mills, brother of Susan Weaver.

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October 1-3  
October 3

WELCA Retreat (Isle of Palms)  
Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
Adult Sunday School (CL 1)

October 10

Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
Adult Sunday School (CL 1)

October 17

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**Commitment Sunday**  
Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
**Rally Day (FAB)**

October 18

**November Newsletter Deadline**

October 21

Tamar Group (off-site)

October 24

Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
Adult Sunday School (CL 1 or 5)  
Children's Sunday School  
Children's Music

October 30

Cook for Transitions (FAB)

October 31

**Noisy Offering**  
**Reformation Day**  
Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream  
Adult Sunday School (CL 1 or 5)  
Children's Sunday School  
Children's Music  
Serve a meal at Transitions

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