

GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter
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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7

The Christian church sets aside a special Sunday to commemorate the martyrs and saints of every time and place who are a part of the "great cloud of witnesses" mentioned in Hebrews 12.

During Good Shepherd's Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on November 7 we will remember with love and gratitude the congregation members who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Each will have an ornament engraved with his or her name. After the service, the ornaments will be given to the family members of those commemorated.

On this year's All Saints Sunday, we will commemorate these Good Shepherd members and all the saints during worship:



Curtis Easter (11/14/20)
Carol Mayfield (3/24/21)
Nancy Taylor (4/16/21)
Margaret Moody (5/30/21)
Lula Camp (6/8/21)
Bev Weymouth (7/17/21)
Doris McCaughey (7/22/21)
Rick Inman (9/6/21)
Martha Haigler (9/9/21)
Harold Haddox (10/9/21)
Irene Poole (10/15/21)
Melvin Wicker (10/23/21)

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



During the last couple of months as we have explored the Gospel of Mark together we've seen numerous examples of the confusion and failure of Jesus' first disciples. When tasked with welcoming little children and the least and lowest members of society, they instead argued over which of them was the greatest. When given sobering instruction from Jesus that he would be betrayed and killed in Jerusalem, two of them approached Jesus and asked for positions of power and prestige in his coming kingdom. In summary, Jesus told them that his kingdom would not work like

kingdoms of this world in which the powerful lord their reign over lesser subjects. Rather, he claimed that he came in order to serve others and sacrifice for others. He invited and instructed them to do likewise. But throughout the gospel, we see again and again that the disciples needed constant reminders and lessons from Jesus on how to follow him. They didn't always listen the first time.

This church year in which we have explored this radical new kingdom of Jesus is coming to an end. Our church year culminates on Christ the King Sunday. This relatively recent church festival is also sometimes called Reign of Christ Sunday. Although the gospel lesson for that Sunday (which falls on November 21 this year) is from John chapter 18, it perfectly demonstrates the distinctiveness of Jesus' kingdom that we have been exploring together as we read through Mark's gospel:

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Here two kingdoms—one earthly and the other heavenly—come face to face. We can see clearly that Jesus' kingdom is a reign of peace, welcome, and love. We also see clearly in our own lives that other kingdoms vie for our loyalty; many voices clamor for our attention. Jesus says that those who belong to the truth listen to *his* voice. We gather here to listen to his voice. We gather here to help one another live out his truth. I can't think of a better reminder as we end a church year together. Like those first disciples, we need those reminders. Like those first disciples, Jesus gives us not one or two chances, but many. As we look to begin a new church year in Advent, let's recommit ourselves to hearing Jesus' voice in our midst and acting in faith to follow where he leads. Let us work also to still and silence those voices that call us to seek out personal glory and power, focusing instead on the way Jesus teaches us to live.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church just celebrated two important events on October 17. During the worship service, members of the congregation were invited to bring forward their Time and Talent forms and their Financial Commitment cards. Each year, Commitment Sunday encourages us to prayerfully consider new ways to serve and to renew our commitments to continue giving faithfully. It is through these commitments that we are able to serve God as a community of believers.

The second special event was Rally Day. Although it was celebrated later than usual this year, it was especially meaningful because it marked the beginning of Sunday Church School for both children and adults. This has not been available for over 1 ½ years. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow spiritually. I hope that participation in both of these events will be a catalyst to renewal of our faith and service.

As we enter the month of November and the time of giving thanks, let us remember the many blessings abounding in our lives. I am especially thankful and excited for everyone who led and participated in both of these events. A special thank you to Gaye Tucker and Katie Bostic for chairing and leading the Gifts and Learning Committees. We see the fruits of the Spirit and how Christ is working through each of us to bring joy and hope in the midst of this painful pandemic. I look forward to seeing how He will continue to lead and guide us.

God's Peace,
Marcia I. Woodward
Council President



LEST WE FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 7. Be
sure to turn your clocks
BACK one hour Saturday
night!

Ramp Ministry



The ramp team needs additional volunteers. The current members have a broad range of ages and no special skills (or tools) are needed to participate. Both male and female help is welcome. The only thing needed is a desire to serve those who are less fortunate. If you would like to participate, call or email Mike Weaver (803-609-1746 or mt23weaver@aol.com).



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School is back in full swing! We are excited for everyone to finally be able to meet in person.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Parents, please remember to sign-in/out your child into Sunday School Class and to sign them out of Music Class. Your child's teacher will have a sign-in/out sheet on a clipboard. Do not forget to put your contact information on the form and where you will be so we can get in contact with you in the case of an emergency. The safety of your child is our number one priority.

If your child is 3-5 years of age, a rising 3rd grader, or starting Confirmation and did not come to Rally Day to receive their Bible, they can pick it up in their classroom.

Preschool class: (3-4 years of age) will be in classroom E-113 next to the Nurse's E-103. They will be using Spark curriculum.

Grades K-2: will meet in classroom E-106 on the corner next to the Conference Room E-105. They will continue using Spark material that follows the lectionary.

Grades 3-5: will be in classroom E-114 next to the Children's Music Room on the backside of the Education Building using Spark material that follows the lectionary.

Confirmation Class will be held in the Conference Room E-105.

Children's Choir for K-5th grade Starts 11:15-11:45 a.m. in the Children's Music Room E-115.

*Youth that have already been confirmed are welcome to join any of the Adult Sunday School classes, or Pastor Andrew's Confirmation class in the Conference Room

Masks

Just a reminder, masks will continue to be required for all in-person Adult and Children Sunday School classes. This is in compliance with the Forest Acres mask ordinance. Thank you for doing your part to help slow the spread of the virus, and to protect others.

Come and See: Classroom 1:

Description: This class will be studying the Gospel for the succeeding Sunday. 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.

Discussion leaders for this series will be Mark Lovern, Bruce Shealy, and Seminarian Aaron Spangler.

Fellowship Class: Classroom 5:

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.

Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service

10:45-11:15 Children Sunday School Class

11:15-11:45 Children's Music

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS— SUPPORT FOR VA FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at the VA Hospital in Columbia is the social ministry emphasis for November at Good Shepherd. The pantry provides food for homeless veterans and veterans who are struggling financially. You may make contributions for this effort any Sunday in November, or you may send your contributions to the church office at any time during the month. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designated for VA Food Pantry.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In September, food pantry volunteers packed and distributed 23 bags of groceries serving 91 individuals.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES FROM ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Looking for a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for friend or family member? How about a goat...or a rooster...or honeybees...or a water filter...or a vaccination for a child...or mosquito nets...or seeds and gardening tools?

These and many other gifts are available through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Donations to this program help needy persons in 77 different countries, including the U.S.

Gift cards are available for you to send to recipients to let them know gifts have been made in their honor. You also can send email greetings. Special occasion cards are available for Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, as well as Christmas.



To check out gift possibilities and giving options, check the ELCA website at ELCA.org/goodgifts. If you'd like a hard copy of the gift order form, you may get a copy from the church office. For more information, contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236, or at dodgerfan@sc.rr.com

In previous years, Good Shepherd has supported the S.C. Synod's Gifts of Hope program. However, that program is not available this year and is being re-evaluated for future years.

ANGEL TREE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is having an Angel Tree again this year. We will provide a \$25 gift card for each resident from Walmart, Visa, MC, or AMEX. If you are unable to get a gift card, a donation can be made to GSLC and designated for Angel Tree on the envelope or check. We are supporting Providence Home with 60 men and Women's Shelter with 13 women. Each card is placed in a box or bag before it is delivered. There will be blank notecards available if you would like to write a note of encouragement to add to your gift card. **The tree will be in the Narthex November 28 – December 12.** The gift cards will be delivered before Christmas as many of the residents will use them to buy things for their families.



We will have a Thrivent Action Team to buy supplies but not the gift cards. Anyone wishing to help with this project please notify Susan Uehling at 803-238-7353.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship Life Committee asks you to help beautify our church for Christmas by placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Please

use the **Seasonal Flower Offering** envelopes in each pew to order your poinsettia(s).

The **Seasonal Flower Offering envelopes** have the order form printed on them for your dedication. Complete the form to indicate your dedication, place your check or payment amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

The cost is **\$14 each**. Make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place it in the **Seasonal Flower Offering envelope**. If you can't come to the church but want to order a poinsettia, call the church office to place your order.

Place your check and the order form in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office **by Sunday, December 12**. The first 70 orders accompanied by payment will be accepted. If you donate a poinsettia, you may take your plant home after the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

Social Ministry will have stockings available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 14. We aim to fill 75 stockings for children from low-income families served by Salvation Army. Stockings are labeled as girl or boy and by age group. You can select a variety of small items to fill a stocking: socks, mittens, hats, books, school/art supplies, games, toys, wrapped candy, etc. Return the filled stockings by Sunday, December 5.



THANK YOU



On behalf of the Advisory Board, staff and volunteers, we wanted to thank you for the thoughtful contribution (\$1,721) that was recently made to the ALS Association, SC Chapter. Amazing supporters allow us to help patients and their families at every stage of this disease.

So Grateful,
Tara Stevenson
The ALS Association, South Carolina Chapter

Thank You!

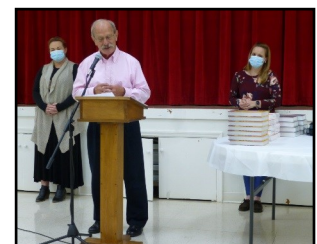
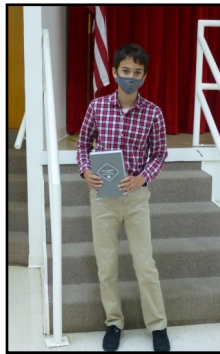
Your kindness means more to Bradley Elementary School than you will ever know. We appreciate all that you have done for us. May God continue to bless you.

Thank you again.



*Thank
You*

*Thank You to everyone who made
Rally Day a success!*



NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

- 7 All Saints Sunday**
 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Korean Lutheran Worship Service (Youth Room)
 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Adult Sunday School (CL 1 or CL 5)
 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Children's Music
- 14 Council Election**
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- 8 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
 [private event] Beta Sigma Phi meeting (FAB)
 6:00 PM GSLC Foundation Meeting (CL 4)
 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)
- 9 11:30 AM Bible Study (FAB)**
 3:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30 PM Social Ministry Committee meeting (Conference Room)

- 10 8:00 AM Zoom Bible Study**
 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)

- 11 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
 [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)
 6:30 PM Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

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- 15 Newsletter Deadline**
 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)
- 16 11:30 AM Bible Study (FAB)**
 5:00 PM Worship Life Committee Meeting (CL 2)

- 17 8:00 AM Zoom Bible Study**
 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)

- 18 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
 [private event] Friendly Atmosphere Mentoring (Youth Room)
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dorcas Circle meeting (FAB)
 6:30 PM Tamar Group

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- 22 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)**
- 23 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Day School Thanksgiving Luncheon (FAB)**

- 24 8:00 AM Zoom Bible Study**
 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)

- 25 Church Office Closed**

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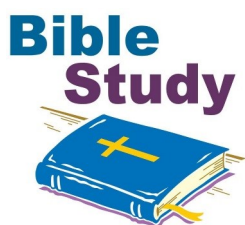
- 29 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)**
- 30 11:30 AM Bible Study (FAB)**



SIGN UP FOR 2022 ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar for 2022 is available to sign up for the dates to offer either Altar Flowers, Narthex Flowers, or the Altar Rose for 2022. Starting January 1, 2022, Altar flowers will be \$70, Narthex Flowers are \$50, and the Altar Rose is \$10.

Please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex on the 2022 Flower Chart posted on the **BULLETIN BOARD** if you want to offer flowers for a certain date next year. **Flowers not picked up by mid-day Monday will be taken to shut-ins.**



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.



MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION

Pawmetto Lifeline still has a need for clear prescription bottles. The taller the bottle the better since some of the pills are on the larger size. The bottles must have a wide mouth (that a quarter can fit through) and prescription pill bottles with child proof caps.

NO vitamin or supplement bottles, please.





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 per person

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 NOVEMBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Janet Lockhart

OPENING BUILDINGS: Michael Brown

DATE	11/7/21	11/14/21	11/21/21	11/28/21	12/5/21
USHERS	Lauren Chandler, Bruce Shealy, Jeff Inabinet	Lauren Chandler, Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier	Jeff Inabinet, Bruce Shealy, Greg Sox	Greg Sox, Jim Lalumondier, Jeff Inabinet	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector & Communion Assistant: Becky Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Alice Buckner	Lector & Communion Assistant: Don Caughman	Lector: Suzanne Sanders Communion Assistant: Joey Allison
CRUCIFER	Noah Adams	Eden Rowell	Matthew Herrmann	Noah Adams	Eden Rowell
NURSERY	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Heavenly Edenfield, Shayla Williams
ALTAR GUILD	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell	Joey Allison
TABULATORS	Mary Stallings, Mary Margaret Hoy	Mitch Uehling, David Lucas	Karen Lucas, Steve Steck	Donna Foster, Jamie Sanders	Lavina Chandler, Leigh Ford

NOVEMBER 2021 MEETINGS

November 3	Property Committee (6:00 p.m.)
November 4	Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)
	Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)
November 8	GSLC Foundation (6:00 p.m.)
November 9	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
	Social Ministry Committee (6:30 p.m.)
November 11	Learning Committee (6:30 p.m.)
November 14	Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
November 16	Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)
November 18	Dorcas Circle (6:00 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

Please take a minute to let the church office know if you have any changes to your home address, email address, or telephone numbers.

DIRECTORY UPDATES



Paige Frierson
131 Gilman Rd
Pawley's Island, SC 29585

Mo and Lyn Denny
302 Dreamscape Dr
Bluffton, SC 29909

Mary Aitchison – remove the work email address
Alycia Fortner - no home phone; cell # 803-319-9718
Dot Gibert – new phone # 803-888-6405
Judy Hoy – preferred cell phone # 803-553-0501
Greg Sox – cell phone # 803-237-4596
Carole Sox – cell phone # 803-397-9430
Brenda Wicker – birthday December 17.

Deadline to submit articles
for November Newsletter
is **NOVEMBER 15.**

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Judy Kinney	11	Mary Stallings	24	Ashleigh Taylor	29	Erica Traylor
2	Chloe Porter	14	Brett Bostic		Anna-Marie Plyler	30	Grayce Boozer
3	William Snodgrass		Ronnie Roche	25	Pat Butterfield		Bettie Stroud
4	Sabra Lindler		Patrick Roof		Marilyn Hogan		
	Sara Loyd	15	Jack Morris		Kappy Steck		
5	Donna Foster	17	Dot Gibert	26	Pat Hazle		
	Herman McQuage	18	Matt Burrows		Rebecca Netzel		
6	Cheryl McDonald		Robert Ellington	27	Cheryl Beaman		
8	Teri Holmes	20	Billie Jones	27	Christian Houghton		
10	Nancy Schaefer		Larry Evans	28	Sam Seay		
	Greg Struthers	22	Molly Kate Herrmann	29	Paige Frierson		
	Anne Rush		Rachel Pedersen		Ben Wuori		



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER 7—23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

FIRST READING – 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

PSALM – Psalm 146

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

GOSPEL – Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

NOVEMBER 14—24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

FIRST READING – Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

PSALM – Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

SECOND READING – Hebrews 10:11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

GOSPEL – Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

NOVEMBER 21—CHRIST THE KING

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

FIRST READING – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

PSALM – Psalm 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

SECOND READING – Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

GOSPEL – John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

NOVEMBER 28—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

PSALM – Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

GOSPEL – Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Joanna Carpenter	Trisha Holman	Mary Sox
Rev. Russ Anderson	Dot Correll	Kitty Howard	Virginia Stephens
Gwen Barnes	Betty Cox	Judy Hoy	Barbara Sutton
Trisha Benson	Helen Derrick	Jeannine Jameson	Bubba Willis
Ty Boheler	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Billie Jones	Stan Wilson
Grace Boozer	Marianne De Werd	John Keim	Emily Wright
Joye Broome	Lena Duncan	Lisa Lehman	Peter Zornow
Michael Brown	Larry Evans	Sara Loyd	
Rosemarie Brown	Jason Fowler	Johanna Moore	
Susan Burch	Dot Gibert	Cathy Quinton	
Rose Butterfield	Bonnie Hammond	Becky Silvia	

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.



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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
 David Gundlach—brother-in-law of Sandy Gundlach
 Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes
 Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow
 Leonard C. Jordan—brother of Bill Jordan
 Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman
 Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman
 George Mills—father of Susan Weaver
 Jimmy Munn—cousin of Betty Cox
 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
 Bob Stearn—friend and neighbor of Frances Plyler
 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 Melvin Wicker.
 The family of Irene Poole.
 The family of Harold Haddox.

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CALENDAR



November 7

All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music

November 14

Council Elections

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music

November 15

December Newsletter Deadline

November 21

Christ the King Sunday**Food Pantry Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music

November 25-26

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

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