



# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter October 2022

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### GOOD SHEPHERD FALL FEST October 30, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Planning is still underway for Fall Fest. If you have not been approached, let the committee know you want to participate. Please consider helping with set-up, hosting a trunk, hosting a game or craft table, parking/logistics help and clean-up. We are also looking for volunteers to reach out to our neighbors in the apartments and housing close to the church to invite them and also let them know about the increase in traffic and possible street parking during Fall Fest. Can't help out on the 30<sup>th</sup> but want to give in another way, feel free to drop off Halloween candy, small toys or party favors at the table in the Narthex.

We will be in need of lots of help to make this a great event not only for our Good Shepherd children but Forest Acres and greater Columbia children and parents. Please sign up in the Narthex to help.

We will have promotional materials in the Narthex for you to take and share with family and friends. Please also check out the GSLC Facebook page for updates and a post to share on your page.

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### RENEW, RESPOND, REACH OUT CONGREGATIONAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

October 2, 2022  
5:30 p.m. in the FAB

The Gifts Committee is hosting a spaghetti supper as a culmination of our cottage meetings to **RENEW** our relationships, **RESPOND** with our time and talents, and **REACH OUT** to one another to grow in God's grace! We encourage ALL members to participate in this opportunity to enjoy a meal together!

Children Activities \* Fellowship \* Door Prizes  
Sharing \* Congregation Updates

*Spaghetti  
Supper*



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I've spoken to some of you before about my somewhat disappointing trip to Wittenberg, Germany. In the summer of 2011, just after I graduated from Seminary, Michelle and I visited her extended family in Germany. We had a wonderful trip, visiting her family in Southwest Germany, touring the Austrian Alps, exploring Stuttgart, Munich, Ulm, and Augsburg, and of course enjoying a lot of wonderful meals. About halfway through the trip, we turned our sights north and east and headed up toward Berlin. On the way we stopped in Eisenach to visit J.S. Bach's childhood home. We then toured Wartburg Castle where Martin Luther was confined in secret for 10 months, during which time he translated the Bible into German. The castle at Wartburg may also have inspired his famous hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is our God*. From there, we proceeded to spend several days in Wittenberg, where Luther lived and worked for many years. It was in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, that Luther famously posted his 95 Theses on the doors of the Castle Church, kicking off the Protestant Reformation.

I couldn't wait to see and touch those famous doors. Imagine my disappointment when I arrived only to realize that the "famous doors"—the wooden ones Luther himself touched—were destroyed by a fire in 1760. In fact, most of the church was destroyed at that time. It was rebuilt in the 1800's, but in much grander style. Statues of saints were taken out and replaced by statues of Reformers. The wooden doors were replaced with bronze doors imprinted with the words of the 95 Theses. Not only that, but while we were there the doors were under restoration, so they were covered by a plastic tarp printed with a picture of the doors. We were blocked from getting close to this tarp by a large chain link fence. The whole thing was quite disappointing.

Luther himself is buried inside this church. I listened carefully to see if I could hear him turning over in his grave because I got the distinct impression he would have been displeased by all the grandeur of the site. It had become more a museum to the Reformers than a place to worship God.

Across town, however, we also got to see St. Mary's, the so-called "City Church." Although Luther posted his Theses at the Castle Church, it was mainly at the City Church where he preached, taught, and administered the Sacraments. The baptismal font in this church dates back to the 1400's and is the one Luther used for baptisms. It was in the City Church that Luther celebrated the first German-language Mass. It was there that the laypeople were given communion with both bread and wine, upending centuries of Catholic practice. While this structure was much simpler than the Castle Church, it was there that I more clearly felt God's presence. The heart of the Reformation, after all, is the assertion that all of God's people are called, equipped, and welcomed to experience and follow Christ. The life of discipleship is not just for the wealthy, the elite, or the well-connected. Perhaps Luther's most lasting and most important contribution to the Church is his insistence that the good news of the Gospel is God's free gift to all humankind.

The body and blood of Christ are given and shed *for you*. The waters of baptism, joined with the Word and promise of God are enough to make *you* a precious part of God's family. The Word of God revealed through scripture and preaching and liturgy is not just for the learned, it is for all. It is for *you*. God's gift to *you*. There in the City Church I could feel the power of that proclamation echoing down through the centuries. And there in that place the community still gathered daily and weekly to hear that same Word of God and to experience those same Sacraments. This was not just a museum of relics or a monument to a man, this was a place where the good news of God is still proclaimed among God's people.

May we, in all that we do, honor that legacy of Luther. May we never forget and always proclaim that God's love is for all, no matter what. May we not turn our church into a reliquary or a shrine to the past, but rather may we always strive to keep it a place where the Word of God is proclaimed and the Sacraments offered to all whom God loves.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Andrew



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### **Trunk or Treat Volunteers:**

We are looking for folks (i.e. families, friends, circles, usher teams) to deck out their trunks with Halloween decorations and let the kids walk from car to car collecting candy. Are you hesitating because you don't have an idea of what to do with your "trunk?" Please do not let that discourage you from hosting a trunk. You can decorate and come as your favorite children's book character or TV character. Got a blue car...great...make some cardboard cookies and add some big googly eyes and you have Cookie Monster from Sesame Street. Love to decorate for Easter and not Halloween...great...decorate your car with flowers and baskets and be a "flower child." Do you decorate your porch or mantle at home and think oh gosh I can't do another thing...ok just pull those things and decorate your trunk. A google search for Trunk or Treat Ideas will produce many articles and pictures. In addition, Party City has partial and full premade kits for purchase. We do ask that your trunk be kid friendly and not too scary. And adults in costume are encouraged too!

### **Game Host for Fall Fest:**

Do you want to interact more with our kids and community? Great! Consider hosting a game either at a table or in your trunk. In the FAB craft room, we have some themed bean bag toss boards, fishing game, bowling, ring toss and corn hole. Got another idea? Great, we would love to hear it!



## **GSLC CELEBRATES STAFF ANNIVERSARIES**

This month we recognize the anniversary of two members of our staff. GSLC celebrates Pastor Andrew Isenhower's 3<sup>rd</sup> year of leadership, and Susan Sturkie's 34<sup>th</sup> year of musical service! We acknowledge and appreciate their respective contributions to Good Shepherd....Thank you Pastor Andrew and Susan!



# Rally Day



## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Worship and Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Worship Service

10:45-11:25 Children's Sunday School for kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade \*

11:25-11:45 Children's Music for kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade

10:45-11:45 Confirmation Class in Conference Room

10:45-11:45 High School Sunday School in Youth Room

10:45-11:45 Adult Sunday School

### Around The Corner Adult Class: Classroom 2

Discussion Leader: Stacy Gross

We will focus on learning about the guiding beliefs and practices of other faiths using the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* as a guide to help facilitate discussions in our round-table style class.

### Come and See Adult Class: Classroom 1

Bible Study Facilitators: Bruce Shealy, Mark Lovern, Ed Woodward

This class focuses on studying the Scripture and Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

### Fellowship Adult Class: Classroom 5

Bible Study Leader: Don Caughman

This class uses the Augsburg Bible Study Series. Through November, the topic is "God's Exceptional Choice."

***We invite everyone to come and visit our Sunday School classes!***

***\*At this time any preschool aged children will meet in the nursery during the Sunday School hour. We are still in need of volunteers to serve as preschool assistants on a rotating basis. Please contact Heather Gilbert at (803) 312-1887 if you are able to serve as a preschool Sunday School assistant.***



## CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

February 3-5, 2023  
Lutheridge

**Registration begins October 2, 2022 at Congregational Spaghetti Supper.**

We have 75 slots reserved for our 2023 congregational retreat. Register early to be sure you have a slot.

We will have programs, events, and activities for all ages including chill time for those who choose that option.

Dr. Amy Sander Montanez, D.Min, (prefers to go by Amy) will return as our keynote speaker and spiritual leader. Amy received high marks from those attending our last retreat for her inspirational message on renewal – the first part of our “Renew – Respond – Reach Out” theme. We look forward to her follow up message on “Respond.”

Amy is a graduate of Furman University. She is a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and spiritual director. She has a private psychotherapy clinic in Columbia, where she specializes in working with clergy and seminarians. Amy is the author of several books.

Saturday evening, we have our traditional cook out and social event including campfire and s’mores.

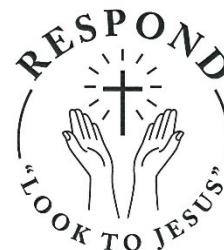
Our retreat will conclude Sunday morning with worship service.

Plan to enjoy the fresh mountain air at Lutheridge and fellowship with other retreat attendees as we explore ways to respond to God’s mercy and grace.



## 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

### RENEW, RESPOND, REACH OUT



We know that we are saved according to God's mercy "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)

We know that God's renewal is not a one and done affair, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:23)

We know that our salvation is procured by means of Jesus' enduring excruciating torture and death on the cross.

So, other than offering thanks, how should one respond to such incredible gifts?

Perhaps the final stanza of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Isaac Watts, 1707) provides a succinct answer, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

The writer of Hebrews sets forth a challenge to all who choose to follow Jesus, "... let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, *looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith* ..." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Indeed, through the Gospels, Jesus provides numerous examples of how one should respond to God's mercy and grace. Here are a few:

When Jesus began his ministry, he proclaimed, "*Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near.*" (Matthew 4:17) The repentance Jesus calls for is not just contrition for past sins, but also is a change of heart in response to God's grace. This is a continual process.

In his explanation of the Parable of the Four Soils, Jesus explains that the good soil are the ones "who *hear the word and accept it and bear fruit.*" (Mark 4:20) The seed yields bountiful harvests through the diligent response of "the good soil."

And, Jesus' most difficult challenge, "If any want to become my followers, let them *deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*" (Matthew 16:24) While some followers were - and in some places continue to be - persecuted and martyred, Jesus does not mean that one must be a martyr, but that one must be willing to sacrifice - to respond by giving up something of value, like time and treasure, for the good of the kingdom of God.

Finally, as a part of Jesus' farewell discourse, he tells his disciples, and all future Christians, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now *remain in my love.*" (John 15:9) In verse 12, Jesus explains what that means, "... that you *love one another as I have loved you.*" Love entails response.

Renewal is a gift of God. Response is a choice of the believer. Jesus' ministry and his teachings provide examples of how one should respond.

When you survey the wondrous cross, when you look to Jesus, how will you respond?

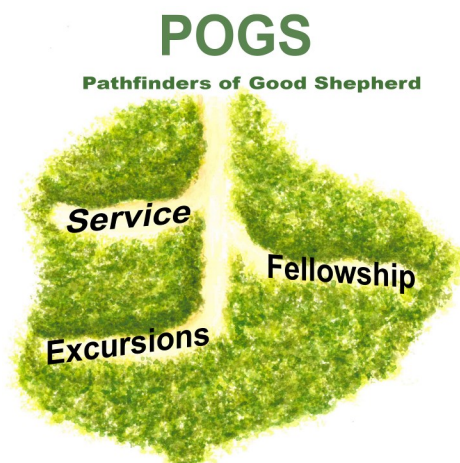
On October 3, your time and talent, and financial commitment cards will be mailed. The time and talent brochure will include opportunities for worship, learning, and serving in various roles within our congregation and community.

October 16 is commitment Sunday when you are asked to present your commitments during worship service or you may drop them off at the church office or mail them.

Think about it. Pray about it. May the Holy Spirit be your guide. May you continue to grow in grace. May Good Shepherd continue to grow in effective and in caring ministry to our congregational family and in outreach to our community. May we all "Look to Jesus."

Peace be with you,  
Bruce Shealy

## PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)



**PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)** will hold its regular monthly gathering on **Wednesday, October 12, at 12 noon** in the FAB. Bruce Shealy will present the program on our upcoming Congregational Retreat – “RENEW, RESPOND, AND REACH OUT” – to be held at Lutheridge February 3-5, 2023. Over 70 adults and children participated this year, and we look forward to hearing from Bruce and even more joining the group for next year’s retreat. A catered lasagna meal from Olive Garden will be served. Cost will be \$10 per person. **ALL ADULTS** come join us for good food and fellowship!

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP DAY

The property committee will be having a clean-up day on Saturday, October 15. Please email Mike Weaver ([mt23weaver@aol.com](mailto:mt23weaver@aol.com)) or Rod Kent ([rkent408@gmail.com](mailto:rkent408@gmail.com)) if you will be able to help beautify the Good Shepherd landscape. (That happens to be an open week for USC football fans.)



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

*The Korean Lutheran Church has been worshiping in our Youth Room in the lower level of the Education Building. Our youth program is getting back in full swing which necessitated a relocation of the Korean worship service to the education room in the FAB (to the left of the stage). They completed their move to the room in the FAB on Sunday afternoon, September 18. Part of this move required a cleaning out and organization of the materials that were formerly stored in that classroom. A HUGE thank you goes to those who helped with this enormous undertaking of organizing the usable items in the two classrooms in the FAB. The table-top and seasonal decoration items are stored in plastic bins and placed on shelves. The labeling of the items in the bins will be completed within the next two weeks. Be sure to review the materials in that room before purchasing decorations for events. You will be surprised at how much we have on hand.*

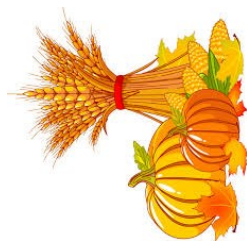
*Mike Weaver - Property Committee*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 am - 11:45am Nursery available

9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Korean Lutheran Worship Service (FAB classroom)



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>2 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> <b>17th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (courtyard) 5:30 pm Renew Respond Reach Out Congregational Event (FAB)	<b>3</b>  6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>4</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Conf Rm) 6:30 pm Youth & Children Committee meeting (Youth Room)
<b>9 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> <b>18th Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>10</b>  6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>11</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  6:00 pm Congregational Retreat planning meeting (Conf Rm) 6:30 - 8:30 pm Fall Fest planning meeting (Youth Room)
<b>16 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> <b>19th Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  6:00 pm Internship Committee meeting (CL 2) 6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>18</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  3:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Conf Rm) 5:00 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2) 5:30 - 8:30 pm [private event] Williamsburg HOA (FAB)
<b>23 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> <b>20th Sunday After Pentecost</b>  6:30 pm Council Meeting (Conf Rm)	<b>24</b>  6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	<b>25</b>  11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)  6:30 - 8:30 pm Fall Fest planning meeting (Youth Room)
<b>30 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b> <b>Noisy Offering Reformation Sunday</b>  4:00 - 6:00 pm Fall Fest (FAB & parking lot) 5:00 pm Serve a meal at Transitions	<b>31</b>  6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)  
 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-106 & E-114)  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (Conference Room)  
 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>5</b>  <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>  <i>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)</i> <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>6</b>  <i>10:00 am Mary Group (FAB)</i>  <i>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b>  <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>  <i>12:00pm POGS [Pathfinders of Good Shepherd] lunch meeting (FAB)</i>  <i>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)</i> <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>1:00 pm Fun Fridays Setup (FAB)</i>  <i>5:30pm Learning Committee Meeting (Conference Room)</i>  <i>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	<b>14</b>    <i>6:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b>  <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>    <i>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)</i> <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>20</b>  <i>12:00pm - 5:00 pm [private event] PEO meeting (FAB)</i>  <i>5:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)</i>  <i>6:00 pm [private event] Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i> <i>6:30 pm Tamar Group (off site)</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>26</b>  <i>8:00 am Zoom Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i>    <i>6:00 pm NA (Conference Room)</i> <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>27</b>    <i>6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>9:00 am Cook for Transitions (FAB)</i>



## NOISY OFFERING

October's Noisy Offering will support the Backpack Program at Condor Elementary School. Many children only eat at school, and dread going home for the weekend when they know they will be hungry. Backpack programs operate during the school year and provide children who are at risk of hunger with healthy, nutritious food to take home for the weekend, during school vacations, and on holidays.

Please don't forget to help fill the buckets on Sunday, October 30 to support Condor Elementary's Backpack Program.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

GSLC's Food Pantry packed 42 bags of food serving 139 participants in August 2022.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The October emphasis is Family Connection of South Carolina. Family Connection of SC has a 30-year history of serving families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. Family Connection provides information, support, education and referrals to meet the individualized needs of referral families. They help parents navigate the stages of their child's education and healthcare journeys to chart a course for success. They provide support related to children and young adults ranging in age from birth through 26 years old. Because they are a non-profit and receive funding through grants and donations, their services are free of charge.

You may donate to Family Connection any time during October by using the pink "Special Offering" envelopes and placing them in the offering plate. Donations also may be sent to the church office. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate them for Family Connection.

## FUN FRIDAYS OCTOBER 14, 2022

Participants of Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, October 14, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month. Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd who have been Fun Fridays helpers for years. All members of Good Shepherd are welcome to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities while our guests have fun with their friends. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or 803-788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 14 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to see what we do at Fun Fridays.



## LOOKING BACK...

This month our "Looking Back" feature takes us to 2004 when these eleven members of God's Young Followers, along with Director of Education and Youth Andrew More, decorated Good Shepherd's Chrismon Tree in the chancel area of our sanctuary.

Decorating the Chrismon Tree and learning about the symbols of Christ's life is a long-standing tradition for youth and children at Good Shepherd, going far back into the years when we worshiped in the old sanctuary building (now the chapel and office complex.)

The time for putting up and decorating a tree is not far around the corner, and our children will again have the opportunity to learn about these beautiful ornaments depicting symbols of Christ's life while helping prepare our sanctuary for a special time of year. The tradition of the Chrismon Tree ("Christ Monograms") goes back to its first use at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA, in 1957. Other Lutheran churches, as well as other denominations, soon adopted the use of the Chrismon Tree, which now adds beauty and meaning to the Christmas Season.



*To All,*

*Thank  
You*

*Thank you so much for your continued, generous support for Happy Wheels! We have so many long-term stay kids right now and they look forward to Happy Wheels' weekly visits so much. I can't even begin to describe how excited they get and how much it means to their caregivers. Thank you for making this possible!*

*Tracey Rankin  
Executive Director*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Members,*

*Thank you very much for the donation of school supplies. We will get these to our students that are in much need of supplies. Your generosity is much appreciated.*

*Forest Lake Elementary*



## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: Heather Gilbert**

**OPENING BUILDINGS: Don Caughman**

DATE	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22	10/30/22	11/6/22
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Chris Herrmann, Matthew Herrmann, Dick Sturkie, Sid Havird	Mary Stallings, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Marcia Woodward
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Lector & Communion Assistant: Suzanne Sanders	Lector & Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink	Lector & Communion Assistant: Vicar Laura Henrickson	Lector & Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Vicar Laura Henrickson	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy
<b>ACOLYTE &amp; CRUCIFER</b>	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Mike Sanchez C: Eden Rowell	A: Kelly Grace Lalumondier C: Matthew Herrmann	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Mike Sanchez	A: Adam Ortiz C: Evelyn Ortiz Torch: Savannah Gross, Kelly Grace Lalumondier Banner: Matthew Herrmann	A: Blake Gross C: Eden Rowell
<b>NURSERY</b>	Alexis Boyles, Shayla Williams	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield	Shayla Williams, Heavenly Edenfield	Shayla Williams, <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Alexis Boyles, Heavenly Edenfield
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie Storey	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Bobbie Storey	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Bobbie Storey	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Bobbie Storey	Nancy and Don Hyatt, Bobbie Storey	Gaye Tucker, Debi Powell, Anita Easter
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Donna Foster, Rebecca Richardson	Jim Tucker, Mary Margaret Hoy	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler	Mary Stallings, Steve Steck	Karen Lucas, Leigh Ford	Rebecca Richardson, Becky Shealy

### OCTOBER 2022 MEETINGS

Oct 4                      Finance Committee (6:00 p.m.)  
                              Youth & Children Committee (6:30 p.m.)  
 Oct 6                      Mary Group (10:00 a.m.)  
 Oct 11                     Congregational Retreat planning (6:00 p.m.)  
                              Fall Fest planning (6:30 p.m.)  
 Oct 12                     POGS (12 noon)  
 Oct 13                     Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)  
 Oct 17                     Internship Committee (6:00 p.m.)  
 Oct 18                     Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)  
                              Worship Life Committee (5:00 p.m.)  
 Oct 20                     Dorcas (5:30 p.m.)  
                              Tamar (6:30 p.m.)  
 Oct 23                     Council (6:30 p.m.)  
 Oct 25                     Fall Fest planning (6:30 p.m.)

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



## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meet in the Conference Room 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.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b>	Karen Jenny Donna Vaughn
<b>2</b>	Susan Faith Ellington Melissa Shukla Karin Culp
<b>5</b>	Jennifer Ross Marie Currie
<b>6</b>	Lauren Chandler Mackey Robinson
<b>7</b>	Dale Richardson Katie Fessler Dan Wuori
<b>9</b>	Cindy Taylor
<b>10</b>	Mary Allen Abel Ferry Ava Cohl
<b>12</b>	Hilde Jakiela Valerie Evans Alicia McFarland
<b>13</b>	Lib Quattlebaum Elizabeth Whitlow Eric Whitlow
<b>14</b>	Drew Green Nancy Hubert
<b>16</b>	Trae Dent Minot Stanton Steve Steck Don Wuori
<b>17</b>	Sylvia Anne Derrick Evelyn McQuage Pat Roche Juli Calhoun
<b>20</b>	Libby Slice Amy Kemp
<b>21</b>	Carolyn Adams Kerry Stubbs
<b>23</b>	Mark Whitlow
<b>25</b>	Jordan Herrmann Charlie Calhoun
<b>27</b>	Savannah Gross
<b>29</b>	Gwen Barnes

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## LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2022

### **OCTOBER 2—17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

#### **FIRST READING – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 37:1-9**

*Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 17:5-10**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

### **OCTOBER 9—18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

#### **FIRST READING – 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 111**

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 17:11-19**

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

### **OCTOBER 19—19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 32:22-31**

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 121**

*My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

### **OCTOBER 23—20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

#### **FIRST READING – Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

#### **PSALM – Psalm 84:1-7**

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 18:9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

### **OCTOBER 30—REFORMATION SUNDAY**

*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

<i>Rev. Russ Anderson</i>	<i>Jean Cockrell</i>	<i>Bonnie Hammond</i>	<i>Joe Lockhart</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Helen Haniyak</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Pat Hazle</i>	<i>Johanna Moore</i>
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<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Marianne De Werd</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Rosemarie Brown</i>	<i>Lena Duncan</i>	<i>Jeannine Jameson</i>	<i>Bubba Willis</i>
<i>Charles Buckner</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Billie Jones</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Susan Burch</i>	<i>Jon Frew</i>	<i>John Keim</i>	
<i>Joanna Carpenter</i>	<i>Dot Gibert</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	

### 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@gscl.com](mailto:parishadmin@gscl.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

*Richard Andrews, a close friend of Wade Wingard*  
*Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush*  
*Allie Clark—friend of Betty Cox*  
*Mary David—friend of Susan Uehling*  
*Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass*  
*John Flitter—friend of Leigh Ford*  
*Andrew Ford—father of Chandler & Lillian Ford*  
*Lamar Harper—brother of Gwen Barnes*  
*Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow*  
*Frank Hinshaw – Deb Embrey's nephew*  
*Greg Lehman—brother of Lisa Lehman*  
*Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman*  
*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*  
*Jack Reynolds—brother of Margaret Hill*

*Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass*  
*Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Claire McAbee*  
*Marise Shumpert—friend of Rosemary Nance*  
*Rodney Spivey—Frances Plyler's friend's husband*  
*Harry Swindler—stepfather of Penny Sox & grandfather of Stacy Gross*  
*Phyllis Tollison—mother of Phil Tollison*  
*Robin Traufler—friend of the congregation*  
*Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson*  
*Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Ford*  
*Terry Weaver—mother of Mike Weaver*  
*Mike Welborn—cousin of Anita Easter*  
*Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow*

### WITH SYMPATHY

*The family of Leonard C. Jordan, brother of Bill Jordan.*

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# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:15 – 11:45 a.m. Nursery available (E-103)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & 5)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Conference Room)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-106 & 114)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

- Oct 2 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule  
5:30 p.m. Renew, Respond & Reach Out  
Congregational Event (FAB)
- Oct 14 6:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)
- Oct 16 Food Pantry Sunday  
Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule
- Oct 19 November Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 23 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule
- Oct 29 9:00 a.m. Cook for Transitions (FAB)
- Oct 30 Regular Worship & Sunday School Schedule  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Fall Fest (FAB and parking lot)  
5:00 p.m. Serve a meal at Transitions