

# GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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## COMMUNITY INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE COMMEMORATES FLOOD ANNIVERSARY

October 4 is the first anniversary of the "Thousand Year Flood" that brought great damage to our community but also brought us together in powerful ways. We remember those who suffered and give thanks for those who helped.

To mark this occasion, Good Shepherd, in partnership with the City of Forest Acres, will host a **Forest Acres Community Flood Anniversary Service** on **Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.** in our sanctuary.

Community leaders and local clergy will be involved, and all are invited.

A **reception** hosted by the Forest Acres Restaurant & Merchants Association will follow in the FAB.



## RENOVATED SANCTUARY WAS DEDICATED SEPT. 18

The renovated sanctuary and narthex were a gift of the late Edna Swartzbeck. Special guests at the service were the Baldwins from Pennsylvania, relatives



of Edna, and her close friend and neighbor Patty Branham. Renovations included paint, carpet, and new upholstery on pews and kneelers.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*"In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius..." -Acts 10:1*



Dear Partners in Ministry,

Everybody knows a Cornelius. If his name doesn't ring a bell, that's not surprising. He only appears once in the Bible. Acts Chapter 10 is the story of a Centurion named Cornelius who receives a special vision from the Lord. Cornelius is a "devout man who feared God, gave generously, and prayed often" (Acts 10:2), and God uses Cornelius to help the Apostle Peter as he is called to lead the church as Christ had commanded him.

The central theme of this story is that **God is calling people out of their daily lives** to be part of the new church that Peter and the other apostles are establishing. The author of Acts notes that Cornelius, like many others highlighted in Acts, is already a believer but has not been fully drawn out in the use of his gifts. However, in that moment when the Spirit calls upon Cornelius, he responds with gusto to serve God as the Spirit leads him.

Everybody knows a "Cornelius"; these are the people in our lives who model a life of Christian faith, the ones we look to within our lives to help us live out our faith, the ones who put others first and challenge us to do the same. They are the people who take the gifts that God has given them and share them abundantly.

You may be thinking about some of the same people that I am right now: people in our faith community who inspire those around them as we live out our lives of faith. We give thanks to God for these people, and we strive to live out our lives of faith with the same gusto that they do.

Everybody knows a "Cornelius" – just with a different name. **This month our Gifts Committee will host Cottage Gatherings at Good Shepherd to help share our vision for the year to come and to see how God is at work.** As part of these gatherings, you will have a chance to share with others who the "Cornelius" people are in your life. We will be inspired as we give thanks for all of those who model faithful living and inspire generosity with all those they encounter.

As your pastor, I urge you to please set aside one hour to attend one of the Cottage Gatherings that we will be offering this month. I think you will find this time to be an inspiration to you as we give thanks for all the ways that God is at work in our lives and look forward to what God has in store for 2017 and beyond.

Everybody knows a "Cornelius"; it could even be you. Thank you for who you are and thank you for all the ways you support God's mission through Good Shepherd.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Paul

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." ~Matthew 28:19-20a*

The confirmation ministry at Good Shepherd has been revamped, and I am very excited by it.



We have eight students in our confirmation curriculum this fall. The program is now three years long, not two. Students are meeting for sessions twice a month. Yet, there is more to this program than just the time spent in class with a pastor.

We've learned that the **most treasured aspect of confirmation is the mentor component**, when an adult GSLC member is assigned to a student and they take time each month to discuss the faith and what is being learned. I have seen how these mentoring relationships have had a strong continuation even after a student affirms their faith as an adult.

We also now require students to visit members of the congregation who are physically not able to attend worship very often. We want students to learn the congregation's membership is valued in all its expressions, regardless of age, ability, etc.

You will still see students scribbling on yellow sheets during worship; these are Sermon Notes sheets, so the students are indeed paying attention when they are scribbling on the sheets. Likewise, students are required to attend Sunday School. **A new component of the curriculum, though, is conducting Generosity Interviews.**

Here are a couple of questions on the Generosity Interview sheet. Take a moment to consider your answer to them:

- ◆ Who is the most generous person you have known in your life? Please share a story about how you witnessed their generosity.
- ◆ How would you share with a new member the importance of them being generous in their financial participation in the church?

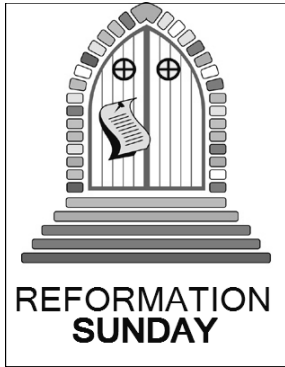
Let the pastors know if you want to be interviewed for a Generosity Interview. I promise you that it will be enjoyable and beneficial to both you and the student.

As you can see, the three years of confirmation studies are intended to not only teach and foster the students' faith but also to shape and equip the students to be engaged adult members of the church. If you have any questions, please contact one of the pastors.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Kris

## REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCT. 30

On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate the historic Reformation with Martin Luther's insights into the theology of faith and grace.



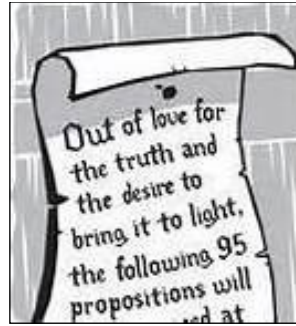
Please **join us on Sunday, Oct. 30, for either our 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service** celebrating the Reformation.

Church communities around the world are looking ahead toward the 500th anniversary of the Reformation next year.

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther, an Augustine monk, posted his "Ninety-five Theses" to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, the doctrinal challenge that launched the Protestant Reformation, will be the first centenary celebration in the age of ecumenism, globalization, and the secularization of Western societies.

## "95 THESES. 500 YEARS. ONE FAITH"

The play "*95 Theses. 500 Years. One Faith*" is a wonderful celebration and examination of the Reformation, Luther, and the issues still central to our lives of faith.



Previously presented at the Synod Assembly, the play will be presented again on **Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** in Columbia. There will be no charge, although an offering will be accepted to defray actors' compensation and production costs. The church does not profit.

**Bishop Herman Yoos encourages all who can to see this work.** "What I liked best," he said, "were the thoughtful questions it stirred up in me and others about how Luther continued to wrestle with personal doubts and temptations that are common to all of us right up to his last breath."

A discussion session will follow the play, with the actors, writer, director, and at least one Reformation scholar.

## OCTOBER SOCIAL MINISTRY FOCUS IS LOCAL FLOOD RELIEF



As we come to the first anniversary of the floods that ravaged Columbia and South Carolina last October, the Social Ministry Committee has selected the **One SC Fund** (formerly known as the South Carolina Flood Relief Flood) as the social ministry emphasis for October at Good Shepherd.

As we mark this anniversary of last year's terrible flood, we must be mindful that **our state is in the process of a long-term recovery** that is expected to last for several years. There are still many people here in the Midlands and in rural parts of South Carolina whose losses were not covered by FEMA or private insurance, and they continue to struggle in the aftermath of last October's disaster.

One SC Fund was created last year by Central Carolina Community Foundation to **provide relief and recovery assistance in 24 counties** of South Carolina that were devastated by the flood. One SC Fund continues to work with a variety of local nonprofits in these counties to assist those still working to rebuild their lives.

For further information about One SC Fund and its work, go to <https://www.yourfoundation.org/community-impact/one-sc-fund-sc-flood-relief/>

To contribute to the October social ministry emphasis, please use a pink special offering envelope and make your check out to Good Shepherd, with "One SC Fund Flood Relief" on the memo line.

## GENERATION CELEBRATION 7 SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 6

Be sure to join us for **Generation Celebration 7 on October 6 at 6 p.m.** in the FAB.



This year's theme is "Game Show Night," and Good Shepherd members will have fun playing our

own version of "Family Feud" for the game show.

We will need volunteers to be in each "family" but since we are all already family, we all qualify! We will be drawing names for the two "families," so whoever wants to play can put his or her name in the hat.

Survey questions for the feuding families are generated by a computer program, so we also won't be asking congregation members silly things ahead of time.

We'll begin with a meal at 6 p.m. provided by volunteers. We hope GSLC members of all ages will come join in the fun of Generation Celebration 7!

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### NEW MEMBERS JOIN IN NOVEMBER

Good Shepherd will welcome new members into the congregation on **Sunday, Nov. 20.**

Those who would like to join Good Shepherd are invited to two **New Member Meals to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16.**



During the meals, the pastors will discuss the Lutheran faith and what it means to be a member of Good Shepherd.

At the second meal, Good Shepherd members who will act as sponsors will join in to be introduced to potential new members for mentoring.

If you know someone who would like to join Good Shepherd this fall, contact Pastor Paul.

## "BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" SET FOR OCT. 2

What pets do you have? Rabbits, hamsters, snakes, birds, turtles, iguanas, fish, guinea pigs, ferrets, geckos, gerbils, cats, and/or dogs?

Good Shepherd invites "all creatures, great and small" to receive an individual blessing from Pastor Paul and/or Pastor Kris on **Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m.**

Bring the creature companions that you love so dearly to Good Shepherd's courtyard that day for a short service of thanksgiving and blessing.

All "bless-ees" must be on a leash or in carriers and fully controlled and monitored by their human escorts.

There will be a brief liturgy, and each animal will be blessed for a long life, good health, and a happy home.




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### OCTOBER IS JOINT SUPPER CLUB GET-TOGETHER

Our October Joint Supper Club get-together will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, at Reflections Club House off Leesburg Road. Cost is \$20 per person.

The meal will be catered by Parklane Seafood and will include shrimp, fish, and fried chicken. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meal at 6:30 p.m. **Free child care will be provided at the church.**

Supper Club is open to all adult members and friends of Good Shepherd. It is the perfect opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow members and friends of the church. **We can't wait to see you on Oct. 2!**

For reservations or more information, contact Lavina Chandler at 803-787-4197.



## “INSPIRING GENEROSITY” COTTAGE GATHERINGS

### PLAN TO ATTEND A COTTAGE GATHERING THIS MONTH

As we begin our Fall Stewardship Appeal, the Gifts Committee and Congregational Council are truly excited about sharing our goals for 2017 with each of you.

In an effort to have everyone be an integral part of this appeal, we are offering Cottage Gatherings six times during the month of October. For your convenience, **sign-up sheets have been placed in the narthex**. Please take the time during the coming month to attend one of these gatherings.

We need each of you to be present at one of these gatherings in order for us to fulfill God’s mission at Good Shepherd.

**Tuesday, October 4 at 12:45 p.m.** *following Bible Study in the FAB*

Hosted by David and Margaret Hill

**Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.** *at home of Wilbur and Diane Smith*

1121 Glenwood Court, 29204

**Sunday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m.** *in Classroom 1*

Hosted by Jerry and Donna Vaughn

Childcare will be provided

**Friday, October 21 at 1:30 p.m.** *following Live Wire in the FAB*

Hosted by Don and Nancy Hyatt

**Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m.** *at the home of Gaye Collins*

2965 Stepp Drive, 29204

**Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** *at the home of Stan and Lillie Wilson*

405 Turkey Pointe Circle, 29223



Thanks to our hosts, a light lunch will be provided at the October 4 Cottage Gathering following the Bible Study. Dessert will be provided at all other gatherings.

### CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 23

A called congregational meeting of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be held **Sunday, Oct. 23, at each service** to elect members to the 2017 Congregational Council. The ballot will include those nominated by the Council plus nominations from the floor made on Sunday, Oct. 2.



Biographical information on the nominees will be provided to all voting members of the congregation. Elections will be for five people to each serve a three-year term. One Youth Deacon also will be elected to serve a one-year term. If a run-off election is necessary, it will be held on Oct. 30.

### INSPIRING GENEROSITY

Here is the stewardship timeline to keep in mind over the next few months:

- + **Informative Temple Talks in early October** by members sharing inspiring stories of generosity
- + **Statement of Intent cards and letters** sent out the week of Oct. 17
- + **Commitment Sunday** for the return of Statement of Intent cards on Oct. 30
- + **Caring follow-up in early November** to allow every member the chance for generosity
- + **In late November**, an opportunity to volunteer your time and talents in service and join in a celebration of thanks for all you do!

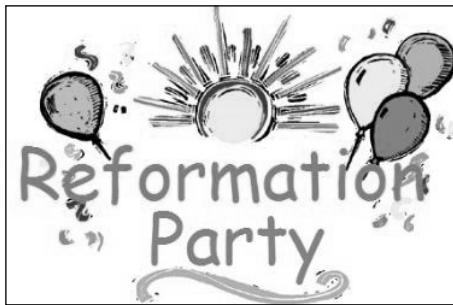
## YOGS PLAN TO RECLAIM MARTY PARTY TROPHY

For over a decade, Midlands-area Lutheran youth groups have annually competed in the Marty Party for Reformation in an attempt to earn the coveted Martin Luther trophy. It's like a "field day" experience, yet each event has a Lutheran component to it.

The Marty Party began at Good Shepherd, and our YOGS have won the trophy in past years. However, none of our current YOGS have experienced the elation of winning this trophy. We intend for this year to be different.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, Pastor Kris will lead our youth as they go for the Marty. Youth will meet at GSLC at 2:15, then the group will proceed to the Marty Party in Lexington for the competition. They should return to Good Shepherd (with smiles and perhaps a trophy in hand) around 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** A reminder that Confirmation Class will meet at 1 p.m. on that day in order that all our youth can participate.



## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

Youth who are currently in 7th through 11th grades are eligible to participate in the **2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering to take place in Houston, Texas!** These youth gatherings take place every three years and bring 40,000 youth and chaperones together for four days of worship, service, and fun.

Preparing for a youth gathering is a multi-year process and requires a commitment from the youth a year ahead of time.

Pastor Paul will be holding an **information session for parents and youth in Classroom 1 on Sunday, Oct. 16**, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. He will cover all the details, including cost, transportation, fundraising, and more.

If you cannot attend this event, but are interested in the gathering, please contact Pastor Paul asap.

## GYF TO DECORATE PUMPKINS

God's Young Followers (GYF) will meet on Sunday, **October 16, at noon** in the FAB to decorate pumpkins.

Please wear or change into clothes that you can get messy for this event! More details will follow via e-mail.



If you have a child in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and are not receiving e-mails about events, please call 803-736-2070 or e-mail [mikelisasanchez@gmail.com](mailto:mikelisasanchez@gmail.com)

## FALL FESTIVAL SET FOR OCT. 30

**Children of all ages are invited** to the annual GSLC Fall Festival set for Sunday, October 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the FAB.



There will be LOTS of wonderful things there for children to do, including **bobbing for**

**apples, Trunk or Treat, and a little Pumpkin Patch for everyone to pick a pumpkin and decorate.** Plus we'll have all of our usual fun things to do. Be sure to come in costume for our annual Halloween fun.

In addition, the Youth Of Good Shepherd will have a BBQ Sandwich dinner for sale, a Cake Walk, and a Bake Sale.

If you would like to help with set up or clean up, or assist with the events, or if you would like to offer treats of various kinds, **please sign up on the volunteer/donation sign-up sheet** in the narthex beginning Oct. 2.



## OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes meet below the sanctuary. Come for fellowship, hot coffee, and brief announcements before class. Join any class you like. Our classes are always open for new folks!

### FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

Bible study, hymn singing, and fellowship, led by Walter Robertson.

### “COME & SEE”, AROUND THE CORNER, PARLOR, AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES—CLASSROOM I

Adult Sunday School classes through Nov. 6 will be taught by **Dr. Charles Sigel**, GSLC member and retired LTS professor of religion. Dr. Sigel is one of Good Shepherd’s most popular Sunday School teachers, so don’t miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best! Read on for his description of this year’s seminar:

#### THE LONER GOSPEL

Can you guess which gospel it is and why it may be fitting to call it THE LONER GOSPEL? We will be exploring the first nine chapters of this gospel to see what it has to say for its own time and for ours. You are invited to join in the exploration. *Presenter: Charles P. Sigel*

**Pastor Paul:** 803-331-5970

**Pastor Kris:** 803-629-0263

**Cody Jones:** 828-238-7916

**NOTE: On Sunday mornings**, the pastors do not carry their phones with them and the church office is closed.

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you cannot be here, get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment. If you can’t trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

<u>SERVICE AREA</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Worship Life	Becky Shealy 788-8469
8:30 a.m.	Susan Weaver 600-1936
10:30 a.m.	Jeff Inabinet October Usher Chair 603-3729
Worship Assistants	Becky Shealy 788-8469
Acolytes & Crucifers	Neal Inman 788-5421
Nursery	Sarah Evans 803-315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936




## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Donna Vaughn		Abel Ferry	16	Trae Dent	23	Thomas Elliott
2	Andrew Fettig		James Moyes		Steve Steck		Shannon Jones
	Kayla Fettig	12	Virginia Aull	17	Sylvia Anne Derrick		Mark Whitlow
	Melissa Shukla		Valerie Evans		Wayne Hammond	25	Jordan Herrmann
3	Susan Faith Ellington		Hilde Jakiela		Evelyn McQuage		Charlotte Hummers
5	Jennifer Ross		Alicia McFarland		Pat Roche	26	Jean McDowell
	Dot Sterling	13	Loujean Baker	18	Alex Gibert	27	Savannah Gross
6	Abigail Rutz		Lib Quattlebaum	19	Doris McCaughey	29	Gwen Barnes
	Lauren Chandler		Elizabeth Whitlow	20	Curtis Easter		Ryan Fink
7	Dale Richardson		Eric Whitlow		Trisha Benson		Margie Slice
8	Jonathan Sanchez	14	Elizabeth McKenna		Amy Kemp	30	Lark Adams
9	Cindy Taylor		Mary Sox	21	Carolyn Adams	31	Debbie Dyches
10	Mary Allen	15	Nancy Koons		Kerry Stubbs		

**WORSHIP SERVICES\*:** 8:30 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship (Downstairs)  
 9:25 am Sunday Church School  
 10:30 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion



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Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><b>2 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p>2 pm <i>Blessing of the Animals</i> (Courtyard)</p>  <p>5:30 pm <i>Joint Supper Club</i> (Reflections Club House)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study</i> (FAB)</p> <p>12:45 pm <i>Cottage Gathering</i> (FAB)</p> <p><b>7 pm Community Flood Anniversary Service</b> (Sanctuary)</p>
<p><b>9 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p>4 pm <i>Confirmation Class</i> (CI-2)</p> <p>5 pm Jr YOGS                      6 pm All YOGS Dinner                      6:30 pm Sr YOGS</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>5 pm <i>Finance Comm. Mtg.</i> (CI-2)                      6 pm <i>Lutheran Men in Mission</i> (FAB)                      6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10 am <i>Sarah Group</i> (FAB)                      11:30 am <i>Bible Study</i> (FAB)</p> <p>4:30 pm <i>Executive Comm. Mtg.</i>                      5:30 pm <i>Day School Bd. Mtg.</i>                      6 pm <i>Centering Prayer</i> (CI-4)                      6:30 pm <i>Williamsburg HOA</i> (CI-1)                      7 pm <i>Cottage Gathering</i> (Wilbur &amp; Diane Smith)</p>
<p><b>16 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>                      11:45 am <i>Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg.</i> (CI-1)                      11:45 am <i>GYF Event</i> (FAB)</p> <p>5 pm <i>Cottage Gathering</i> (CI-1)                      6:30 pm <i>Congregational Council Mtg.</i> (CI-2)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study</i> (FAB)</p> <p>6 pm <i>Centering Prayer</i> (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>23 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><i>Council Elections at both services</i>                      Parlor Class Transitions Project                      1 pm <i>Confirmation Class</i> (CI-2)                      2:15 pm YOGS depart for Marty Party                      4 pm <i>Cottage Gathering</i> (Gaye Collins)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)                      7 pm <i>Cottage Gathering</i> (Stan &amp; Lillie Wilson)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>11:30 am <i>Bible Study</i> (FAB)</p> <p>6 pm <i>Centering Prayer</i> (CI-4)</p>
<p><b>30 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</b></p> <p><i>Reformation Sunday</i> (2 regular services)  <i>Commitment Sunday</i></p> <p>4 pm  (FAB)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>  <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	



Every Monday: *Pastor Kris's day off*  
 Every Wednesday\*:

NA 6 p.m. (Conference Room)  
 Day School Chapel 9:30 a.m.  
 Children's Choir 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.  
 NA 6 p.m. (Conference Room)  
 Adult Choir 7 p.m.  
 OA 5:30 p.m. (Conference Room)

Every Thursday:  
 Every Friday: *Pastor Paul's day off*

\*Unless otherwise noted

<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10 am Mary Group (FAB)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)  <b>6 pm Generation Celebration 7 (FAB)</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>12 Columbus Day</b></p>  <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Threads of Love (Parlor)                      5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      FAB Reserved for Fun Fridays</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9 am WELCA Conference (FAB)</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p> <p>2 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room))</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>2 pm Visitation Ministry (CI-1)</p> <p>5:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Sandlapper Singers rehearsal                      5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6:30 pm Tamar Group (Wollner)                      6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Noon Live Wire Lunch &amp; Mtg. (FAB)                      1:30 pm Cottage Gathering (FAB)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>FAB Reserved for Parlor Class Transitions Project</p> <p>2 pm Litman-Koon Baby Shower</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Pastor Paul at Fall Synod Convocation</p> <p>6 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Pastor Paul at Fall Synod Convocation</p> <p>5:30 pm OA (Conference Room)                      6 pm WELCA Board (Parlor)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pastor Paul at Fall Synod Convocation</p> <p>7:30 pm Sandlapper Singers Fall Concert (Sanctuary) (See page 12 for details.)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>

## Traditional Worship Stewardship for October

DATE	10/02/16	10/09/16	10/16/16	10/23/16	10/30/16	11/06/16
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Earl Butler, Jean Cockrell	Claire Mayer Anne Mueller	Charles & Alice Buckner	Wayne & Bonnie Hammond	Taylor & Katie Miller
<b>USHERS</b>	Lauren Chandler Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Zak Taylor	Richard Inman Jim Lalumondier Perry Shuping Jerry Rogers	Lauren C. Jeff Inabinet Perry Shuping Paul Stork	Jim L. Jerry Rogers Greg Sox Paul Stork	Jeff Inabinet Richard Inman Greg Sox Zak Taylor	Team 2 Chris Herrmann, Chair
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Millie Sox	Noah Adams	Grayce B.	Isabella Fettig	Kadin Hogue	Kathlyn Holt
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Eric Whitlow	Maddie Boozer	Addie Cannon	Maddie Boozer	Eric Whitlow	Corley Frierson
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>					Jordan H. Millie Sox	
<b>BANNER</b>					Adams Smith	
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	M. Mackinem (L) Virginia Aull (C)	Kerry Stubbs (L) Joey Allison (C)	Alice Buckner (L); Stan Wilson (C)	Barbara Nagy (L); Earl Butler (C)	Don Caughman (L); Perry Gustafson (C)	Gaye Collins (L); Don Caughman (C)
<b>NURSERY</b>	Kimi Dail Leigh Ford	Kimi Dail Stephane Seay	Kimi Dail Lisa Boozer	Kimi Dail Valerie Evans	Kimi Dail Addie Cannon	Kimi Dail Therese Elliott
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Anna-Marie Plyler	Anna-Marie Plyler	Anna-Marie Plyler	Anna-Marie Plyler	Anna-Marie Plyler	Gaye Collins
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Karen Lucas Leigh Ford	Terri Tokaz Mary Margaret Hoy	Lavina Chandler David Lucas	Rebecca Richardson Wilbur Smith	Betty Cox Jerry Vaughn	Mitch Uehling Mary Stallings

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH:** Sid Havird

**OPENING BUILDINGS:** Ty Boheler & Kerry Stubbs

**FOOD PANTRY:** Brock Tollison, Adams Smith

## Contemporary Worship Stewardship for October

DATE	10/02/16	10/09/16	10/16/16	10/23/16	10/30/16	11/06/16
<b>GRUSHERS</b>	Jim Donovan Frances Plyler	Mike Weaver Susan Weaver	David Lucas Karen Lucas	Mike Traufler Katie Bostic	Steve Hanayik Ursula Weeks	TBA
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	Connie Donovan (L&C)	Charlene Fink (L&C)	Joann Nagy (L&C)	Bev Weymouth (L); Steve Steck (C)	Mitch Mackinem (L); Mike Weaver (C)	TBA
<b>NURSERY</b>	Beth Mackinem Kimi Dail (also SS)	Karen Lucas Kimi Dail (also SS)	TBD Kimi Dail (also SS)	Pat Quattlebaum Kimi Dail (SS)	Susan Weaver Kimi Dail (SS)	TBD Kimi Dail (also SS)
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Connie Donovan	Mike Weaver	Karen Lucas	B. Weymouth	Steve Hanayik	TBA

## LIVE WIRE TO MEET OCT. 21, PLANS CHRISTMAS TRIPS

The next Live Wire meeting will be **at noon on Friday, Oct. 21, in the FAB**. Good news! You do not have to bring anything! A meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast, and dessert will be furnished. We will ask for a donation for the meal; proceeds will go toward the bus expense. **Our speaker will be Columbia Chief of Police Skip Holbrook**. Come to show your support!

**In November we are planning a trip to Mepkin Abbey** in Moncks Corner to view the Christmas crèche displays. This annual Crèche Festival showcases nativities from all over the world. More information on that outing is to come.



Plans also are in the works for the annual Live Wire **Christmas excursion**. This year we will head to **Charleston on Saturday, Dec. 10**, for a 2 p.m. matinee of the Brad & Jennifer Moranz Christmas Special at the Charleston Music Hall, returning that evening.

Please contact Lena Duncan at [lena@gslc.com](mailto:lena@gslc.com) or 782-4148 for more information.

## LUTHERAN MEN TO MEET OCT. 10

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Men in Mission meeting in October has been changed to Monday, Oct. 10. All men of the congregation are invited for an evening of fellowship, good food, and spiritual growth.

Fellowship time begins at 6 p.m., with supper at 6:30 followed by a speaker from Lutheran Homes of SC who will talk about their various ministries. For more information, contact Don Caughman, Stan Wilson or one of the pastors.

## STAFF CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

During October we are observing **Susan Sturkie's** 28th anniversary with Good Shepherd. Susan has been our Organist and Worship Associate since 1988.

As a congregation, we give thanks for her talents, her dedication, and her commitment to serving with us here at Good Shepherd. Please take some time to personally express your gratitude and appreciation to her for her service.

## FUN FRIDAYS SET FOR OCTOBER 14

Participants in Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, October 14, from 6–9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month.



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 by email at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or call 788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 14 any time from 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

## DASHER DINNER SET FOR NOV. 18

The annual USC Dasher Dinner honors an individual whose work has benefited the Lutheran Campus Ministry at USC. This year's dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18. Please contact Pastor Kris to learn more about USC's Lutheran Campus Ministry.

## COMMUNICATION CORNER

The church office sends out **weekly emails** about Good Shepherd events. If you aren't receiving these updates, please make sure we have your **current email address**. **Announcements for Sunday** bulletins are **due by noon each Wednesday**. Articles for the **November newsletter** are due **Wednesday, October 19**. Email your newsletter information to [barbara@gslc.com](mailto:barbara@gslc.com).

Donna Foster has a new phone number: 803-743-4284. Please make this change in your directory!



## THERE'S A NEED FOR...

- Personal-sized toiletries for various shelters
- Wide-mouthed pill bottles
- Plastic grocery bags
- Food donations

Collection bins are in the hallway across from the office. **Please note:** If no bin is available for an item, that item is not needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

## MAKING MUSIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD

A look at the calendar in this newsletter shows how many options we have for making music for both children and adults. Each choir meets every week not only to prepare for leading worship but also to reflect on what it means to make music. Our conversations have been very positive. Choir members have reflected that making music requires listening and moving; our music making process is challenging but brings us closer together. Our children learn what it means to operate within a healthy structure that gives them freedom to be creative.

As we enter our *"Inspiring Generosity"* conversations,



please consider how you can use your gifts for ministry in music at Good Shepherd. Consider your fellow members who give of their time each week and celebrate their stewardship. Perhaps singing in a choir is not for you. How else can you serve here at Good Shepherd or in the community?

*Cody Jones, Director of Music*

## OKTOBERFEST AT INCARNATION LC

Oktoberfest at Incarnation Lutheran Church will be Friday through Sunday, Oct. 14 through 16. Tickets for kids' activities are free with canned goods donations.

Columbia's Oktoberfest brings live oompah bands, delicious homemade desserts and authentic German food, and lots of great beer to the big backyard at Incarnation. For more information, go to [www.oktoberfestcolumbia.com](http://www.oktoberfestcolumbia.com).



## GOOD SHEPHERD TO HOST WELCA CONFERENCE

Good Shepherd will host the Midlands WELCA Conference on **Saturday, Oct. 15**, in the FAB.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and light refreshments will be served.

The Midlands conference has 20 churches, and we need all the women of Good Shepherd to come out and support our church.

For more information, call Karen Lucas at 803-730-7651.



*The Sandlapper Singers presents*

## MENTORS: A CHORAL CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7:30 P.M.**

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Sandlapper Singers are kicking off their season with a spirited celebration of the teachers and mentors who've shaped and guided us. Founding artistic director Lillian Quackenbush will return as guest conductor, leading the ensemble in a selection of her favorite works from seasons past. And new artistic director Dustin Ousley will incorporate meaningful pieces from his own musical training. Expect to be inspired!

Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church get a **20% discount** on tickets to this concert when ordering online. Use the code **3909Forest** at checkout to access the special rate. For online tickets, go to:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2567943>

For more information, visit [sandlappersingers.org](http://sandlappersingers.org).

## GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

In 2009, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church established a charitable foundation for the purpose of providing gifts through financial grants to organizations and individuals in need based on the interest earned from the endowment. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Foundation reached the exciting milestone of awarding the first grants in January 2015.

Grants have been awarded to Family Promise of the Midlands, Lutheran Campus Ministry, the Tanzania Diocese traveling ministry program, Harvest Hope and Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. The Foundation wishes to thank all of those who have helped to make this possible through annual gifts and bequests. These grants provide a wonderful opportunity for Good Shepherd to have a real impact in our community.

The Foundation Board is looking for more great projects to support. The **next round of grant applications is due to the Foundation by November 1, 2016.**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Foundation distributes grants to selected applicants who fall into one of four categories:**

- ◆ Community institutions and agencies to which Good Shepherd relates, and to the special programs designed for those who are in spiritual and/or economic need.
- ◆ Institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA and for missions of the ELCA at home and overseas.
- ◆ For GSLC members to attend an ELCA Seminary or other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people.
- ◆ For non-budgeted special projects of GSLC not normally funded by the congregation's annual budget.

The Foundation Board recognizes that the people of Good Shepherd know the needs of our community and encourages you to be part of this grant making process. Active members of Good Shepherd are invited to pick up an application on the table across from the office door and be a shepherd for the next grant cycle. Electronic copies of the application are also available from any Foundation Board member.

**Applications should be filled out and returned to the church office by November 1, 2016.** If you have any questions, please contact Teri Holmes, Foundation Board Chair, at [Terilyn.Holmes@providencehospitals.com](mailto:Terilyn.Holmes@providencehospitals.com).

**Good Shepherd Foundation Board:** Alice Buckner; Kathy Ferry; Teri Holmes; Mitch Uehling; Pastor Paul Wollner; Elizabeth McKenna

## DAY SCHOOL BACK IN FULL FALL SWING

Fall is here and we are really enjoying this weather. The children can finally play on the playground in the afternoon for longer than 10 minutes! It is so nice for them to get to run off some energy before they go home for the day. We are also having fun starting back-to-school activities. Our curriculum and enrichment programs are in full swing with emphasis on Christian values.

We would like to extend a warm welcome into our day school to the Maltba, Gambrell, and Rotereau families who have brought their precious children to us. I would like to send a special thank you to Ms. Julia Shadiid and Ashley Barnhill for their service they gave to the Day School. We will miss them greatly. I am also really happy to announce that we have two new teachers who have joined the Day School: Ms. Erra Roundtree, who is our older toddler teacher, and Ms. Nicole Albanese, our floater.



**Tria Brown, Day School Director**

## LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2016

### OCTOBER 2— 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **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 wicked will perish, but 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 message written from Paul 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 – 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **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, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend 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 the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

### OCTOBER 16 – 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **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**

Paul 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 a hateful 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 – 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### **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 is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has 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

#### **FIRST READING – Isaiah 1:10–18**

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, the Lord promises, they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

#### **PSALM – Psalm 32:1–7**

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

#### **SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12**

This letter of Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

#### **GOSPEL – Luke 19:1–10**

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

## WITH PRAYER

Mary Allen	Mary Dent	Louise Hayes	Doris McCaughey	Margie Slice
Loujean Baker	Marianne DeWerd	Beth Jirel	Margaret Moody	Virginia Stephens
Grace Boozer	Marian Dunlop	Barb Kent	Irene Poole	Dot Sterling
Molly Brady	Wilhelmina Edwards	Eula Livingston	Nell Reynolds	Jean Sundlie
Arthur Brown	Sarah Evans	Sara Loyd	Larry Robinson	Nancy Taylor
Bea Brown	Betty Fowler	Claire Mayer	Allen Shealy	Gloria Truluck
Ginna Caughman	Dot George			Melvin Wicker

### Relatives and Friends

Erna Allison—mother of Joey Allison

Jonathan Baker—son of Loujean Baker

Bennie Branham—father of Patty Branham

Adeline Ferry—mother of John Ferry

Millie Cooper—mother of Sandy Gundlach

Nilda Beaumont—mother of Beth Jirel

Henry Richardson—father of Amanda Snodgrass

Elke Smelser—mother of Michael Stallings

Bob Uehling—father of Mitch Uehling

Raynette Kempf—sister of Loujean Baker

Becky Shutz—sister of Amy Moyes

Lily Cummings—granddaughter of Bob & Alycia Fortner

Schuyler Carter—grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Hammond

Pete Smolen—son-in-law of Ginna Caughman

Cathy Sox—daughter-in-law of Mary Sox

Cole Reider—nephew of Todd & Penry Gustafson

Mike & Joyce Vanshrauss—family of Molly Brady

Tommy Alexander & family—friends of Shawn & Kathlyn Holt

Amy Cushman—friend of Cathy Milejczak

Sharan Laws—friend of Cathy Quinton

#### DEPLOYED

Mahesh Shukla, husband of Melissa Shukla

#### DEATH

Family of Clara Hunter

Family of Sarah Shealy



### SMALL GROUPS OFFER NEW EXPERIENCES

Are you ready for something new?

**A new experience?**

**A new way to grow in faith?**

**A new way to see Columbia?**

**A new way to grow in relationship with others at Good Shepherd?**

This month the Small Group Ministries Task Force will launch new small groups that will meet monthly between now and Lent. These groups will be led by Good Shepherd members, and the group leaders and participants together will decide what time and place works best for those involved.

**Beginning Sunday, Oct. 9, you will find an insert in your Sunday bulletin to sign up for these Small Groups.** You can also sign up online at [www.GSLC.com](http://www.GSLC.com) If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Snodgrass, Janet Lockhart, Deb Whitlow, or one of the pastors.

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**Oct. 2** — Blessing of the Animals

**Oct. 4** — Flood Commemoration Service

**Oct. 6** — Generation Celebration 7

**Oct. 14** — Fun Fridays

**Oct. 15** — WELCA Midlands Conference

**Oct. 23** — Council Elections

**Oct. 30** — Reformation Sunday



**Nov. 6** — All Saints Sunday

**Nov. 13** — Youth Sunday

**Nov. 13** — Veterans Day Luncheon

**Nov. 20** — Community Thanksgiving Service

**Nov. 24-25**— Office & Day School closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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