

The Shepherd's Call

Observing a Good Lent

Observing a good Lent means many things. During the season that begins with the Imposition of Ashes we give ourselves time to repent, reflect on scriptures, worship, pray, fast, and give alms. As mentioned a few weeks ago in worship, fasting may include turning away from cynicism or hatred. These days limiting time on electronic devices can be a form of fasting that helps us devote time to other life-giving practices to enhance faith. Through penance and prayer, we are given an opportunity to put aside our sins and failures enabling us to move forward in God's grace. All of these actions are intended to deepen our understanding of God's redemptive acts. Listed below are several ways to assist you in observing a good Lent. As a community of faith, we can support one another in this time of renewal.

- Lenten Devotional materials are available on the table immediately outside the Sanctuary doors. Feel free to pick up your copy today. Wendell Berry is an American novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, and farmer from Port Royal, Kentucky.
- There are two opportunities for worship each Wednesday.
 - 12 Noon Community Service at Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1065 Tommy's Road. A light fellowship lunch is provided.
 - 6:15 pm Dinner at GSLC and worship at 7:00 pm. The theme is At the Name of Jesus. Various Lutheran pastors will lead the services.
- Holy Week offers an opportunity to intensify our understanding through drama and proclamation of the Lord's passion and death to awaken in us the power of the cross and resurrection.
 - Palm Sunday-Passion Reading of the Gospel of Matthew
 - Service of Healing on Holy Wednesday, 7 pm
 - Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
 - Good Friday, 7 pm
 - First Service of Easter, April 12, 7 am
 - Easter Breakfast served by LMM
 - Easter 10 am
- Guided Meditation at the NC Museum of Art on Thursday, April 2. We'll arrive at the museum at 11:30 am to have lunch at the Iris Cafe. At 1 pm we will meet a docent who will take us a brief tour. Then for 20-30 minutes we'll wonder in the main gallery and each participant will select a painting or sculpture that says something to them about God or their relationship with God. The group will go back to each one so we can briefly share about that piece of art. Plan on spending the day in this lovely setting with friends from GSLC and Pastor Liz Houndzel's UMC churches. The group size is limited to 10, four from each church. If there is an overwhelming number we will see if we can change our reservation. We will carpool--it will be about \$20 for lunch plus a tip for the docent.

I invite you to create time in your daily schedule to hear the call of God to observe a holy Lent.

In Christ,

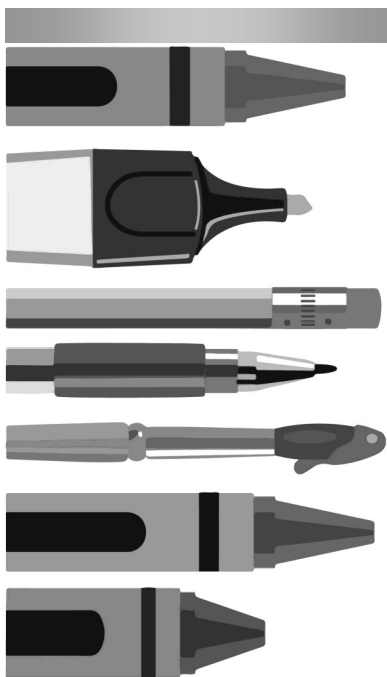



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Special points of interest

- Easter Lilies will be available to order soon!
- Let the church office know if you or someone you know needs a CD of the church service mailed each week.
- How about the new look for the newsletter?
- Find information about Personal Care Kits inside!



Protestant Preschool and Kindergarten

GSLC supports the Protestant Preschool and Kindergarten generously throughout the year. We are delighted to house this ministry in our building and to partner with other churches in our community.

On Sunday, March 22, the congregation will have an opportunity to make a special gift to the work of PPK.

The churches in our community that support the Protestant Preschool and Kindergarten are:

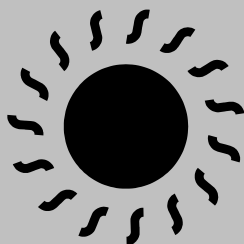
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- First Presbyterian Church
- St. Luke United Methodist Church
- St. Paul United Methodist Church
- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

March Stewardship Nugget: "You have not fully lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." -John Bunyan

Camp Agapé Dinner Club

Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm is an opportunity to support Camp Agapé in Fuquay-Varina, NC. It is \$35 per person or \$245 for a table of eight. Let's go! Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with others.

Carpooling will be available and we need to reserve our place by March 5 to ensure seating. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:50



Vital Information for Your Everyday Life

- Did you know you can listen to the church services online? Each week we record the service and post the audio recording online on the next business day. Go to <http://goodshepherdgoldsboro.sermon.net/> to listen there. You can also like and follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdGoldsboro/> to keep up with updates we post there!
- The twentieth of each month is always the deadline for newsletter submissions. To see your submissions in the April 2020 newsletter, please get it to the church office by Friday, March 20. Additionally, when submitting items to be included in the Sunday bulletin or weekly announcements, please give the text you wish to be published to the church office by noon on the Thursday prior. Thank you for your help!
- Please don't forget to turn out the lights and secure all of the doors when you leave the church!
- Having trouble hearing when you attend worship at GSLC? Don't be shy about it—we now have four devices that can assist your hearing. If you would like to try one, please talk to one of the ushers or John Lenk.
- Please let one of the ushers or the church office know if you need a large print bulletin. Our Parish Administrator would be happy to reproduce more large print bulletins each Sunday.

Opportunities for Fellowship

- On March 1 everyone is invited to After Church Dutch Treat at Mimmo's
- The Concert Choir from Gardner-Webb University will be performing on Friday, March 6 at 7 pm at First Baptist Church, 125 S. John Street, Goldsboro. This is another great opportunity to hear some fine music with others from our community.
- The Women of the ELCA will meet on March 10 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for devotions and refreshments.
- The quilters will be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief at 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 12. All are invited to come and join them in helping to keep the world warm this winter!
- On Sunday, March 15, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's anniversary will be celebrated during worship and followed by a pot luck dinner.
- The men of the church will meet on Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 AM for breakfast, fellowship and study. All the men of the church are welcome to attend these monthly meetings.
- Birthday Fellowship is on Sunday, March 22 following worship, hosted this month by Jackie Lane. We will be celebrating the birthdays of our members and friends born in March. Stick around on the fourth Sunday of the month and party!
- The Sunday Class studying *Growing Young* continues to meet for lively discussions regarding church growth and creating a climate of welcome at 9 am. New participants may join at any time. Pastor has an extra copy of the book.
- M.A.P. Moving Ahead Prayer will resume on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. It will be suspended during the season of Lent so folks can participate in the evening meal and Lenten worship service.

Easter Lilies Are Coming Soon

Easter Lilies will soon be available for purchase to be used in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Lilies are again being purchased through Literacy Connection of Wayne County this year.

The cost will be \$12.00 per plant.

Order dates and forms will be available soon. Keep an eye on your Sunday bulletins for more information and order forms.

March Worship Assistants

March 1

Lay Assistant: Karin O'Donnell

Reader: Lisa Douglas

Greeter: Alexa Barnhart

Ushers: Mike Barnhart, Bryan Yonke

Altar Guild: Barnhart

Counter: Barnhart

March 8

Lay Assistant: Harry Mitts

Reader: Susan Money Penny

Greeter: Susan Money Penny

Ushers: Mike Barnhart, Dean Nelson

Altar Guild: Barnhart

Counter: Barnhart

March 15

Lay Assistant: George Strunk

Reader: Madge Groll

Greeter: Claudia Ball

Ushers: Ricky Ball, Bryan Yonke

Altar Guild:

Counter: Ball

March 22

Lay Assistant: John Lenk

Reader: Beth Gettle

Greeter: Sherle Palmer

Ushers: Ken Ritt, Kyle Vonnahmen

Altar Guild:

Counter: Ritt

March 29

Lay Assistant: Madge Groll

Reader: Sig Schaberg

Greeter: Virginia Cheatham

Ushers: John Lenk, Kyle

Vonnahmen

Altar Guild:

Counter: Elam

March Bible Readings

March 1: 1 Lent

First Reading: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Matt 4:1-11

March 8: 2 Lent

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

Second Reading: 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 15: 3 Lent

First Reading: Exod 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

March 22: 4 Lent

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 29: 5 Lent

First Reading: Ezek 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

Second Reading: Rom 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



Merci—Thank You—Danke

Thank you to Mike Nault for organizing the outing to the National Lutheran Choir Concert. It was a lovely evening of holy music in a holy space.

Many thanks to Karin O'Donnell for preaching on Bold Women's Sunday and to all the bold women who volunteered to assist from the Women of the ELCA.

Dear GSLC,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$226.00 to support disaster response efforts. Your gift will assist with the costs of providing disasters services and/or providing direct relief, such as food vouchers, temporary housing assistance, or home repair supplies and equipment.

Yours in Christ,

Ted Goins, Jr.
President
Lutheran Services of the Carolinas.

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Holy Mission Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent contribution. Your check in the amount of \$100.00 has been received. The check has been deposited in to The Lutheran Grace Fund.

Dear GSLC,

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne, thank you for your donation of \$87.00. We know

there are many worthy causes in our community that you have contributed toward, so we certainly appreciate that you chose Habitat of Humanity Goldsboro-Wayne. Our mission is not to give away houses, but to give families an opportunity to build a better future for themselves—a future they can begin building on a new foundation of strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable shelter. Thanks for supporting this mission.

In partnership,

Matthew Whittle,
Executive Director

Dear Ronald McDonald House Friend,

Our family here at the Ronald McDonald House is so thankful for your generous donation of pop tabs. We recycle these to help support our overall mission of serving as a temporary home for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment from area medical facilities.

We serve as a "home-away-from-home" for up to 31 families a night and serve many more in our Family Room. Your support provides for both of the Houses in Greenville and enables us to provide the welcoming environment that our families so desperately need. The families at our Houses are truly grateful for your donation!

Thank you,

RMH Staff & Families

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our recent prayer concerns are with:

2/23/2020: Randy Cheatham

2/16: Rebecca O'Donnell

2/9: Billy Wingate, Jodiah Miller, Sharon Morgan

2/2: Rey Sarimento, Jacqueline Chow

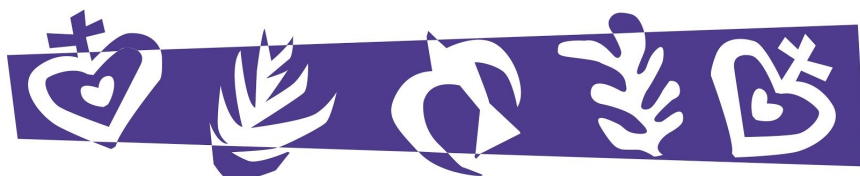
Our long-term prayer concerns are with: Dash Cheatham, Randy Cheatham, Patti Franklin, Dorina Fraysher, Calvin Fuller, Cynde Gillaugh, Eleonore Hinkson✝, Kathleen Howell, Donna and Joey Lanier, Joyce Luttenberger✝, Jack Overcash✝, Lisa and Craig Rice, Larry Ricke, Hans Schaberg, Gloria Schaberg

Military, Law Enforcement, and Firefighters: Trey Ball✝, Shane Dussault, Cameron Farrell, Robert Hunter, Jonathan McDonald✝

Youth and Students: Garret Boykin, Kristen Dussault, Annika Forsleff, Bella Franklin, Lexi Franklin, Lauren French, Nicholas French, Cassidy Miller, Phoenix Miller, Peyton Neiman, Paige Neiman, Chris Overcash, Kayla Overcash, Aaron Vonnahmen, Megan Woodard

Please remember our shut-ins and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We have several members who are homebound or in care facilities who would enjoy a visit, card or call from their church family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the church office for their contact information.

Chuck Jacobi✝ Martha Nay✝



HIPAA Notice

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations, unless the church office is notified of a hospitalization by a family member, we must assume that the person does not wish to receive pastoral visits or have the information listed in the bulletin, newsletter or e-mail communications. The church office can be contacted during office hours, by e-mail or phone or after hours by leaving message on the answering machine for pastor or staff.

March Birthdays

3	Amy Miller
5	Colter Swan
6	Bella Overby
13	Sarah Barnhart
14	Chris Boykin
16	Martha Nay
17	Charlotte Daly
19	Susan Jennette
19	Deborah Moody
22	Glenn Elam
23	Alexa Barnhart
24	Jerry Peters
25	Jacob McClish
27	Richard Wilkens



March Anniversaries

Steve and Julie Swan

39 years on March 8

Amanda and Michael Daly

7 years on March 9

Lenten Worship Opportunities

Wednesdays at Noon

Best Grove Missionary Baptist
Church

1065 Tommy's Road, Goldsboro

Lunch will be provided

Wednesdays at 6:15PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

532 Country Day Road, Goldsboro

Fellowship Meal

followed by

Lenten Worship at 7:00PM

Pastors of the Coastal Conference

Tiny Poetry Corner: "Dear March - Come in -" by Emily Dickinson

Dear March - Come in -
How glad I am -
I hoped for you before -
Put down your Hat -
You must have walked -
How out of Breath you are -
Dear March, how are you, and the
Rest -
Did you leave Nature well -
Oh March, Come right upstairs with
me -
I have so much to tell -

I got your Letter, and the Birds -
The Maples never knew that you
were coming -
I declare - how Red their Faces grew -
But March, forgive me -
And all those Hills you left for me to
Hue -
There was no Purple suitable -
You took it all with you -

Who knocks? That April -
Lock the Door -
I will not be pursued -
He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied -
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come

That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame -

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

- We remember Alex Wingate and his family following the death of his brother.
- We give thanks and celebrate with the Miller family following the baptism of their infant son Jonah Lee on Sunday, February 16.
- Many thanks to Lisa Douglas for her contribution to the church of yard maintenance tools that will assist on work days.
- The Lutheran Men in Mission provided a lovely opportunity for fellowship on February 15. Thanks for getting folks together and supporting ministries in our community.
- Thanks to Mike Nault for organizing the trip to hear the Lutheran National Choir in Raleigh.

NC Synod

Would you like to know what is going on in the NC Synod? You can sign up for the Synod E-News through:

- Facebook—NC Synod, ELCA
- Twitter—@nclutheran
- Web page—www.nclutheran.org
- E-news directly in your inbox

Personal Care Kits

During this season of Lent, our WELCA group of Good Shepherd is supporting Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise. We are asking for items to be used in Personal Care Kits. Please help us by donating any of the following:

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x 40" and 52"x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Opportunities to Serve

- The quilters will be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief at 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 12. All are invited to come and join them in helping to keep the world warm this winter!
- March 12, 5:30 PM: Evangelism Committee
- March 15, after worship: Congregation Council
- GSLC is responsible for staffing the Soup Kitchen on the third Thursday of each month. The time commitment begins at 10:30 am and ends at about 11:30—12:00. There are no special requirements; a warm smile for guests while serving lunch is all that is necessary. A signup sheet for 2020 has been posted in the Narthex. The kitchen is located at 112 W. Oak Street.
- Did you know that Good Shepherd has an active prayer group? One of the members keeps a comprehensive list of prayer concerns and the group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Library. This month, that is March 26. If you are interested in becoming a part of this or need more information please contact the pastor: pastorjoannagslc@gmail.com
- **Ziplock Outreach Offering Ministry—ZOOM Bags**
 - Many times we encounter people who are requesting help for food, maybe while we are driving or in a parking lot. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do or how to help. These gallon sized bags are filled with items that could be of help to our neighbor.
 - We are collecting items for the bags. Please leave the items for bags in or on top of the pink plastic tote in the pantry off of the kitchen. If you want to pick up a completed bag, the big green plastic box in the fellowship hall is where the bags are kept and picked up at your convenience. Keep a bag or two in your car and it will be ready for when it is needed.
 - If you have any questions, please call the church office. A big thank-you for your prayers and participation in this ministry
 - List for ZOOM BAGS
 - Freezer strength gallon ziplock bags
 - Small bottles of water
 - Granola bars (not hard ones)
 - Cups of applesauce, pears, peaches, etc.
 - Individual containers of beans and franks, etc.
 - Small packs of tissues
 - Sandwich crackers
 - Small cans of Vienna sausages
 - Small containers of hand sanitizer
 - Plastic forks and spoons
 - Anything else that will not spoil and requires no cooking and has a pop top lid.

Office Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM—12:30 PM

Church Office Hours

Monday—Tuesday
8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Wednesday
1:00 PM—6:00 PM

Thursday—Friday
8:30 AM—1:30 PM

Important Reminder: Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to spring forward one hour or you will be late to church!

Pastor's Meetings in March

During Lent, Pastor will be traveling to other churches on Wednesdays to lead worship.

Pastor is attending the Boundary Training event on Monday, March 30, in Morganton, NC. She will be out of town Sunday afternoon and come home on Tuesday.

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Sundays at 10:00 AM
Sunday School classes at 9:00 AM
Everyone is welcome!

STATEMENT OF MISSION

GSLC is an inviting community of faithful believers in Christ Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and joyfully sharing God's love through word and action.