

The Shepherd's Call

"It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Psalm 139:13-14

There is much in life that goes against this pronouncement God has made about you. Our society too often says that you are wonderful if you are rich, young, thin, physically energetic, happy, and a thousand other things which appear in television and advertising. Many are made to feel of little value because they don't measure up. Can you hear this word of God, "wonderfully made," in spite of all the other voices?

A woman, who was an elder and wheelchair bound, went to a church retreat in which the participants considered the gifts God had given them and how they might use these gifts for others. She had been persuaded to come in spite of her fears. Two days passed and the depressing thought of being of no value in her condition plagued her. She left the retreat discouraged. She felt others had much to give and she had nothing.

Ten days later she called the pastor with a new spirit in her voice. She remembered that she could use the telephone, and asked if she could be in contact with others through this means.

She now knows most of the members of the church. She remembers their birthdays, anniversaries, and other important happenings in their lives. She calls many regularly to share in their joys and their misgivings. She again celebrates the gift of her life and the gift of her ability in conversation. Many in the parish know that she is "wonderfully made."

Remember you are a gift from God. God has placed you on the earth and given you all that makes you a person. Even your history is a part of what has shaped you—as God says, "wonderful are your works."

During this time when we are not sure how to respond to the world around us or what gifts we have or what we need to acquire to face new demands, let's help each other remember we are wonderfully made as children of God.

Pastor Janice



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Special points of interest

- You can sign up online to receive electronic announcements if you have e-mail!
- There is information about using Zoom to access our online meetings throughout this newsletter.
- During July, some improvements were made to the office, so this issue of the newsletter is a little delayed. September's should be on time!

Council Members

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Erika Forsleff

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Christian Education

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Evangelism

Sue Peacock

Outreach

Lisa Douglas

Fellowship

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Mike Barnhart

Property

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Joe Miller

Sunday Worship on Zoom in August

To join Sunday worship at 10:00 AM, go to www.zoom.us and click on “Join a meeting” and use the following information:

Meeting ID: 851 3418 4075

Password: 681196

You can also call in with the toll number 1.646.558.8656

Monday Bible Study on Zoom in August

Monday Bible Study-meets online at 7 pm. This summer the group has been studying Acts of the Apostles. We will be doing that for a few more weeks. Anyone may join the group at any time

Go to www.zoom.us and click on “Join a meeting” and use the following information:

Meeting ID: 811 7818 1929

Password: 074496

You can also call in with the toll number 1.646.558.8656

Wednesday Vespers on Zoom in August

Each Wednesday at 7 pm there is a Vespers service online. A recorded version is posted on the same day for anyone who can't join the Zoom meeting. It is a great time to check-in, come into the presence of God, hear the word, and pray.

Go to www.zoom.us and click on “Join a meeting” and use the following information:

Meeting ID: 830 3098 6014

Password: 616019

You can also call in with the toll number 1.646.558.8656

Remember! You can use your home or mobile phone to call in to the Zoom meetings!

Music Ministry Notes—August 2020

Friday Night Hymn Sings

Every Friday night at 7 I lead a hymn sing on Zoom. We usually sing hymns that pertain to the upcoming Sunday's readings. The hymn texts are posted on screen, so no hymnal is necessary. I also provide a little background to the author and composer of the hymns when available.

The Zoom meeting information for the Hymn Sings is:

- **URL:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74986617707?pwd=ZFdZYUdldlFkQWpUdjJWams3RFpmZz09>
- **Meeting ID:** 749 8661 7707
- **Passcode:** 028523

If you do not have access to the internet or the Zoom app, you may phone in to hear the audio portion of the meeting and speak to the attendees (this is a toll call) by using the following phone number: 1.646.558.8656.

Please let me know if this applies to you and I will be sure to get the words to you by postal mail. I can be reached anytime at 919.920.4687 (call or text).

Because of the time lag between participants we sing "muted", which means only you will hear you, so don't be shy! Come join us as we sing some favorites.

Mike Nault

Congregation Council Meeting

The Congregation Council will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 11:15 am.

Our council has worked hard during the last five months.

Need to write a note to one of the staff?

E-mail Pastor Joanna: PastorJoannaGSLC@gmail.com
E-mail Maureen Keathley: goodshepherdsec@ncrrbiz.com
E-mail Mike Nault: nault1959@gmail.com

August Bible Readings

August 2: Pentecost 9

- First Reading: Isa. 55:1-5
- Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21
- Second Reading: Rom. 9:1-5
- Gospel: Matt. 14:13-21

August 9: Pentecost 10

- First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18
- Psalm: 85:8-13
- Second Reading: Rom. 10:5-15
- Gospel: Matt. 14:22-33

August 16: Pentecost 11

- First Reading: Isa. 56:1, 6-8
- Psalm: 67
- Second Reading: Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Gospel: Matt. 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23: Pentecost 12

- First Reading: 51:1-6
- Psalm: 138
- Second Reading: Rom. 12:1-8
- Gospel: Matt 16:13-20

August 30: Pentecost 13

- First Reading: Jer. 15:15-21
- Psalm: 26:1-8
- Second Reading: Rom. 12:9-21
- Gospel: Matt. 16:21-28

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

Keep up with GSLC Online

There are many ways to keep up with Good Shepherd online. Check us out at:

Our Web site:

www.goodshepherdgoldsboro.org

Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdGoldsboro

Sign up for our online announcements:

www.goodshepherdgoldsboro.org/worshipcommunity

Laundry Love

Early in 2020, the Evangelism and Outreach chairs at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina read an article in Living Lutheran that discussed offering laundry services for low- and no-income community members. Intrigued by this idea, Sue Peacock and Lisa Douglas asked around Goldsboro, NC., and found out that there was already a faith-based group doing just that.

Laundry Love of Goldsboro is a non-profit group that holds a “wash” event at several local laundromats. They provide all the needed supplies and money to wash and dry laundry for any client who needs it, with no income screening. Many of their clients are homeless.

Pre-COVID, they offered an open-door night once per month. Post-COVID, they have moved to an appointment only model, with less clients, but offered every Monday night. Laundry Love is sponsored and supported by several area churches. Sue and Lisa had reached out to their director and made initial contact about becoming involved. Before this could be brought before the Council, COVID hit.

A few weeks later, Laundry Love sent an email requesting any help that Good Sheppard could provide. A drive-by no contact drive for donations of food, water, clothing and bedding, money, and supplies was held on June 13. A large amount of supplies, clothing, and food and hygiene bags were prepared and delivered to the event that next Monday. In late June, they asked if we could bring them more bleach. A second drive was held on Sat July 18th. At that time, we collected about 15 containers of bleach and packaged 48 one-gallon bags of water and snacks. We have also raised over \$250 in cash donations.

During this time of social distancing, this has been a wonderful way for our church to directly support the most vulnerable in our community while following all safety recommendations.

Lisa Douglas & Sue Peacock

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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 card or call from their church family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the church office for their contact information.

Thanks from the Soup Kitchen

The Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro gratefully acknowledges your generous gift of \$400 and the bananas. to our program of Feeding the Hungry.

Your concern for the poor and needy is sincerely and deeply appreciated.

Doricia L. Benton
Director

August Birthdays

5 Nicholas French
7 Laura Getz
7 Susan

Money Penny

9 Jeff Neiman
11 Cheryl Zunker
12 Stephanie

Knutson

17 Mandi Overby
18 Bella Franklin
20 Andrew Forsleff

August Anniversaries

Doug and Trisha
Hammes
August 4, 2001

Floyd and Joanne Clark
August 8, 1987

Jerry and Sara Peters
August 15, 2009

Ken and Penny Ritt
August 16, 1970

Jack and Norma Snyder
August 21, 1982

Kelvin and Sue Peacock
August 22, 1981

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

- During the month of August, we are not prepared to receive visitors. Please call ahead so that Maureen or Pastor know you are coming.
- The Pastor will be in the office during the morning. There will be some Zoom meetings when she is out of the office. (The church computer does not have a camera.)

August 2020 Prayer Concerns

- Betty Murray's son David is having difficulty with an infection around his heart. He will have surgery in the near future.
- Sig Schaberg has been moved to the Brian Center.
- Charlie and June Hoyle
- Carol Elam recently had a flare with MS. She is at the Brian Center for rehab before she returns home. (The Elams' new address is: 5410 Wayne Memorial Drive, Pikeville, NC 27863)
- Mary Franklin continues to recover from hip surgery and repair on a torn muscle.
- Karin O'Donnell has her approval interviews with the NC Board of Ordained Ministry on August 7.
- We give thanks for the safe return of Jonathan McDonald following his tour of duty in the Middle East.
- The Ritts' daughter-in-law Elisa is being treated for thyroid cancer.
- Alex Wingate's brother Billy had his heart surgery and is now gaining strength daily.
- A friend of Susan Money Penny, Marty Cheeder, is being treated for pancreatic cancer.
- Pastor's friends in Panama, Linda and Billy Motley. Billy has not been able to get a humanitarian flight from the US back to Panama. He came to help his daughter with a particularly bad case of post partum depression.

Thank You!

- Many thanks to Harry Mitts for faithfully serving as President of Council over the last three years. We are grateful for your service.
- Many thanks to the GSLC painters, Mike Barnhart and Ricky Ball. The office suite looks fantastic. The Neiman Moving Company did an excellent job of shifting the furniture in the offices and around the church. Thank you for your hard labors.

WELCA School Kits



Our WELCA group of Good Shepherd is supporting Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise. We are asking for items to be used in School Kits. Please help us by donating any of the following:

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 ½" eraser

You can drop off your donations under the church's portico outside the red doors. Thank you so much for your support!

Pastor's Meetings

The NC Synod rostered leaders meet weekly each Wednesday from 11 am-12 noon with Bishop Tim and his staff.

They share pertinent updates regarding COVID-19, issues affecting churches, time for prayer, and conversation with colleagues. It has become sacred ground for all who lead the church.

The September newsletter deadline is Thursday, August 20. Thank you!

Tiny Poetry Corner
presents:

An August Midnight

by Thomas Hardy

I

A shaded lamp and a
waving blind,
And the beat of a clock
from a distant floor:
On this scene enter—
winged, horned, and
spined—
A longlegs, a moth, and a
dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there
idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its
hands . . .

II

Thus meet we five, in this
still place,
At this point of time, at
this point in space.
—My guests parade my
new-penned ink,
Or bang at the lamp-glass,
whirl, and sink.
"God's humblest, they!" I
muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets
that know not I.

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Online/Phone Worship Sundays at 10:00 AM
Online/Phone Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 PM
Online/Phone Evening Vespers Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Online/Phone Hymn Sing Fridays at 7:00 PM
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.