

The Shepherd's Call

January 2020

From the Pastor

In response to the budget constraints that the church wrestled with during the last part of 2019—we are going “Learn to Love the ELW.” (Please read Mike Nault’s article on page 3.)

I for one am very glad to have a hymnal geek on staff. It is possible that I am more concerned about learning to lead from the ELW and the altar missal. The last time I used a missal was when the green ELW was “the” hymnal. I have almost always had every part of the liturgy in a notebook. Rest assured, I will be learning along with you. Here are my thoughts as we move forward by saving paper.

- Each Sunday, come early for the Hymnal Hacks at 9:45 am AND use the various ribbons to mark your hymnal before worship.
- Pew Bibles will be available and page numbers will be listed in the bulletin. Or bring your own Bible—you may prefer using something familiar. Or actively listen as the scriptures are read during worship.
- Be patient. There may be a few pauses in worship while we wait for everyone to find the page or more likely you will be waiting on me to find the page.

As mentioned, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book makes an excellent choice for devotional reading. The Psalms are in the beginning part of the hymnal page 335, the daily lectionary can be found on page 1121, and the Small Catechism begins on page 1160. All three of these make good basic devotional material.

Looking forward to the new year as continue the new liturgical year. May our ministry efforts blossom with joy and gratitude.

Pastor Joanna

Concerns of the Congregation

- Jonah Lee Miller made his entry into the family on November 22, 2019. Joe, Amy, and Cassidy are joyfully adjusting to the newest member of the family.
- Joyce Yonke is on the mend following her partial knee replacement and unexpected stay in the ICU.
- Lisa Douglas hosted Birthday Fellowship in December. Thanks for providing an opportunity to celebrate around some delicious refreshments.
- On Saturday, December 28 Mary Miller joined the church triumphant. We remember her family during this time of loss.
- On Sunday, December 29 Mason James Mignone was baptized. He is the son of James and Jen Mignone, grandchild of the Carvalho and Overcash families who are members of GSLC.

Worship Assistants

January 5

Lay Assistant: Madge Groll

Reader: Dean Nelson

Greeters: Richard and Brenda Wilkens

Ushers: Bryan Yonke, Dean Nelson

Acolyte: Annika Forsleff

Crucifer: Paige Neiman

Altar Guild:

Counter: Barnhart

January 12

Lay Assistant: John Lenk

Reader: Jeff Neiman

Greeter: Claudia Ball

Ushers: Mike Barnhart, Ricky Ball

Acolyte: Paige Neiman

Crucifer: Annika Forsleff

Altar Guild: Barnhart

Counter: Ball

January 19

Lay Assistant: Alex Wingate

Reader: Jay Killian

Greeter: Lesley Killian

Ushers: Jay Killian, John Lenk

Acolyte: Annika Forsleff

Crucifer: Paige Neiman

Altar Guild:

Counter: Elam

January 26

Lay Assistant: Harry Mitts

Reader: Erika Forsleff

Greeter: Sherle Palmer

Ushers: Ken Ritt, Kyle Vonnahmen

Acolyte: Paige Neiman

Crucifer: Annika Forsleff

Altar Guild:

Counter: Ritt

Birthday Fellowship



Birthday Fellowship is on Sunday, January 26 following worship. We will be celebrating the birthdays of our members and friends born in January. Stick around on the fourth Sunday and party!

Volunteers are Needed!

Birthday Fellowship needs volunteers to host the monthly gathering after worship on the fourth Sunday of each month. It is suggested that options be made available for those who are gluten free and diabetic.

January Stewardship Nugget

“Use your God-given gifts to serve others.”

Unknown

Prayer Group at Good Shepherd

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. If you are interested in becoming a part of this or need more information please contact the pastor:



pastorjoannagslc@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

- January 5, after worship: After Church Lunch Bunch
- January 9, 9:00 AM: Quilts
- January 14, 1:30 PM: WELCA
- January 14, 5:30 PM: Fellowship Committee
- January 14, 7:00 PM: Mutual Ministry
- January 18, 7:00 AM—10:00 AM: Lutheran Men in Mission
- January 26, after worship: Birthday Fellowship
- January 30, 1:30 PM: Prayer Group



January 5: 2 Christmas

First Reading: Jer 31:7-14

Psalm: 147:12-20

Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12: Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isa 42:1-9

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matt 3:13-17

January 19: 2 Epiphany

First Reading: Isa 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

January 26: 3 Epiphany

First Reading: Isa 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-18

Gospel: Matt 4:12-23

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



The women will be working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief at 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 9. All are invited to come and join them in helping to keep the world warm this winter!

Music Ministry Notes January 2019

A huge Thank You to all our musicians! You made our Advent and Christmas worship experiences so special and meaningful. Our second Advent Lessons and Carols was a wonderful time entering into the mystery of Christ's coming, and the Bells and Choir on Christmas Eve made it a holy and blessed time for all of us.

We're all aware of the financial constraints affecting our congregation. In an effort to reduce spending, we will be working toward full use of the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal) for both hymns AND liturgy, and a much-reduced bulletin/worship folder.

While many of us were raised using a simple bulletin and moving from place to place in the hymnal, we've been "spoiled" by the late-twentieth-century availability of all-inclusive worship folders, which are without doubt the simplest way to worship. However, the "green" we will save is considerable, what with costs of paper, toner, copier maintenance, etc., and we WILL be "green" by eliminating all that paper waste.

We will ease into this practice; this month we will begin by eliminating the Readings and the Creed – starting January 5th you'll find copies in the pews of the NRSV Bible. The scriptures for each Sunday will be noted with the correct Bible pages in the bulletin. You are also welcome to bring your own favorite Bible with which to follow along. Or you can sit back and listen (the original way the Scriptures were handed down). As for the Creeds, each ELW will have a card in the back pocket with these texts.

Since I am something of a prayer book/hymnal "geek" (comes with the job, I guess!), beginning January 5th at 9:45 I'll be leading a pre-worship "Learning to Love the ELW" session each Sunday in the church. We'll discover the riches of material therein (including using the ELW for personal devotion), learn where everything is in the ELW, and address any peculiarities of that morning's worship. And look for "Hymnal Hacks", short informational blurbs about the ELW in each week's announcements! In sum, you'll be experts at the ELW in no time!

On a personal note: thanks to all of you for your most generous Staff gift! I'm humbled by your appreciation and support. Blessings upon all of you in the New Year!

In the Newborn Christ's Name

Mike Nault
Director of Music

The twentieth of each month is always the deadline for newsletter submissions.



To see your submissions in the February 2020 newsletter, please get it to the church office by Monday, January 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!



Annual LMM Dinner

The Lutheran Men in Mission will be serving its annual dinner on the evening of Saturday, February 15. Tickets will be sold in advance again this year. Check future newsletters and bulletins for information on meal time and ticket sale dates. The cost will again be \$10 per plate. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.



M.A.P. Moving Ahead Prayer Resumes

M.A.P. will resume each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Drop in on the way home or before choir to join the Pastor in the Sanctuary. If you can't stop in, pause what you are doing to offer prayers for our church; invite the Holy Spirit to guide and energize us. All are welcome.

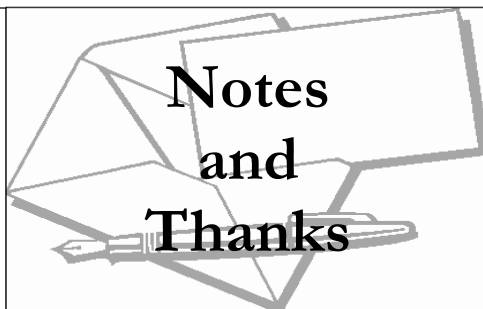
- Ricky and Trey Ball prepared and placed the luminaries on Christmas Eve. They were beautiful.
- The Altar Guild made several changes in paraments and worship appointments between Advent and Christmas as well as preparing items for a baptism.
- All the volunteer bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Thanks for offering greetings to all who passed by at Carlie C's.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. I am grateful to serve at GSLC and I look forward to opportunities to be in ministry with you and in the community. Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Pastor Joanna

Many thanks to those who helped decorate the Chrismon and Angel Trees: June and Charlie Hoyle, Sharon Morgan, Garret Boykin, John Lenk, and Mike Nault; and the Lutheran Men in Mission, who set up the trees and brought the decorations down from the attic. Thanks for helping make our Advent and Christmas special!



From Virginia

I very much appreciate the staff gift everyone gave us this year. It will come in very handy. It was very much appreciated!

Virginia Cheatham

From Susan Skaggs and Lily Meachen

Thank you for so faithfully sending Mom cards and bulletins from the church. She re-reads and reads again everything that comes for her in the mail.

She has settled in well at our house and seems to enjoy most of her days here.

We had a big celebration for her when she turned 97 in November. All my siblings and their spouses came.

Her new church, Christus Victor, is very nice and reminds me of Good Shepherd.

I hope all of you at the church have a good Christmas and many blessings in the new year.

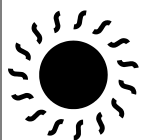
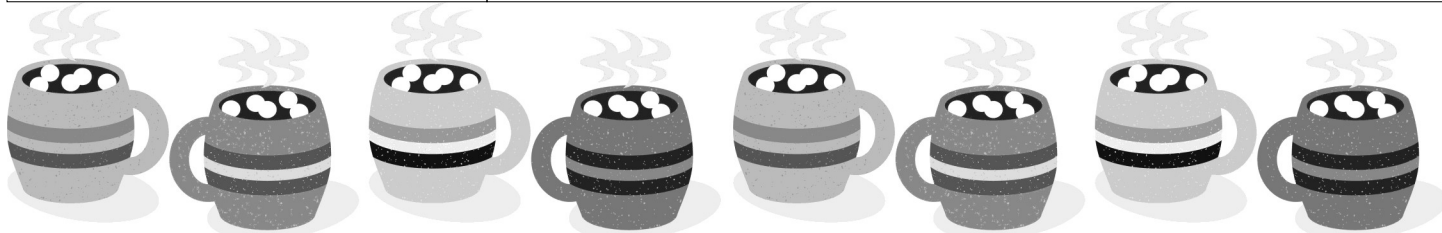
Sue Skaggs
Lily

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! Your generosity is truly humbling.

I'm looking forward to another great year with everyone here!

Maureen Keathley



Summer Camp at Agapé Kure Beach Ministries and Lutheridge/Lutherock

It's not too early to think about summer camp at one of the sites in the NC Synod. Camping offers opportunities for joy and growth in relationships with God. Send a grandchild, make a scholarship gift, and pass on the information. Information about the upcoming season and registration has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our recent prayer concerns are with:

12/29/2019: family of Ralph Meyer (friends of Sue Peacock)

12/15: Joyce Yonke

12/1: Lee Lane

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✙

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!



REMINDER: Please don't forget to **turn out the lights** and **secure all of the doors** when you leave the church!



1	Jennifer Farrell
2	Michael Knutson
4	Randal Boykin
7	Annette Woodard
8	Erika Forsleff
10	Gianna Apriceno
12	Ethan McMahon
13	Lisa Apriceno
16	Trey Ball
18	Joanna Stallings
21	Floyd Hinkson
23	Cassidy Miller
24	Eunice Utterback
25	Jack Overcash
30	Sue Peacock



Richard and Brenda Wilkens
33 years on January 3

Bob and Sandi Franks
43 years on January 30



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.

Expanding the Shepherd's Reach

In the gathering area of the Fellowship Hall there is a collection point for several ministries of the church. These ministries address needs in our community, the synod, and the world. You can find the current featured concerns on this page.

Is there a new initiative that you would like to suggest to the GSLC Outreach Committee? If so pass the information on. Please include the official name of the organization and why this fits into the mission of the church:



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.

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 such a person and give us a way of giving concrete help to our neighbor.

The youth 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 Spaghetti-Os, 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.

Thank you for your help!

Night to Shine-Community Volunteer Opportunity

On Friday, February 7, 6-9 pm at The Maxwell Center First Baptist Church in conjunction with the Tim Tebow Foundation will sponsor a prom night for anyone 14 years old and up. Guests are individuals with special needs. This event needs many volunteers to step up and assist with decorations, food, set up, to be a runner during the event, as well as clean up. Volunteers under 18 will need parental permission. Volunteers over 18 must have a background check (Done by the Tebow Foundation).

How can you help:

- Do you know someone who would enjoy attending? Contact the Pastor to get a Guest Registration form.
- If you would like to volunteer?
- Do you have a special skill to share like; fluency in American Sign Language, Special Ed. Teacher, or Healthcare Professional?

Contact the Pastor if you would like to assist with this event or know of a person who would enjoy attending this event.

Monthly Soup Kitchen Volunteers



GSLC is responsible for staffing the Soup Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The time commitment begins at 10:30 am and ends at about 11:30-11:50 pm. 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.

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WORSHIP WITH US!

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

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