



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



ONE WINTER NIGHT FEBRUARY 2-3



Join us here to help
alleviate homelessness.

www.gslc-cu.org

A Cold Night for Hope

A woman – we'll call her "Hope" – came into our office at Good Shepherd this week, asking for help. It was -5° F at the time. She was living in her car, eating at local soup kitchens, and waiting for an appointment with social services so that she could get connected and get back on her feet. We gave her some food that she could eat without cooking it and I took her to the gas station to fill her tank. When we got

to the pump, she got out to pump the fuel, and I saw that she had only a thin coat, no gloves or hat, just sneakers. I was able to direct her to empty tomb for warmer clothes, but in that moment, I convinced her to get back into her car and I pumped the gas for her.

I don't know if we'll see her again. And I don't know her full story (and if I did, I'd still have to ask for permission to share it). But, standing there at the gas pump, in my warm winter clothes and coat and boots and gloves, still freezing, I couldn't imagine what she was going through. She was hopeful and grateful and had faith that she'd recover from this period of her life. But I was devastated for her. And I wish she had a phone number so I could check in on her.

Our community does a fairly good job of helping out neighbors without addresses, people who are living in their cars or couch-surfing from friend to friend or relying on our local shelters. One local agency, C-U at Home, works tirelessly to get folks into permanent housing, give them the tools and resources necessary to make their lives sustainable, and support folks who have found themselves without a place to call their own.

On Friday, February 2, we'll set up an encampment in front of our church building. Tents, parked cars, maybe even a couch will crowd under the big cross. Several of our members will be participating in C-U at Home's One Winter Night event, sleeping outdoors for one night in the cold to raise money and awareness for those who must sleep outdoors lots of nights. We'll also take the opportunity to learn about homelessness in our country, pray for those who are without shelter, and experience for ourselves some of the discomfort people like "Hope" feel every day.

I hope that you can participate in this event – either by supporting one of the overnight sleepers, coming to the outdoor worship service that evening, or watching the documentary "Lead Me Home" (available on Netflix) or something similar on your own at home. Together, we can give some hope to people like "Hope".

In Christ,
Pr. Lynette Chapman

Ways to Participate in GSLC's One Winter Night encampment:

- **SLEEP OUTSIDE** for all or part of the night; you must provide your own sleeping bag, etc. Some tent space may be available. You may also choose to sleep in your car.
- Support our sleepers; **DONATE** to GSLC memo One Winter Night. The sleepers will be outside approximately 12 hours. We're suggesting donations of \$5-20/hour or \$60-240. You can drop by with in-person monetary donations, too.
- **BRING FOOD** for those sleeping out. Since we won't have cooking supplies, plates or silverware or anything, please keep it simple and basic. Sandwiches, pre-packaged snacks, etc.
- Join us for a short **PRAYER** service/devotion at 6 PM.
- **DROP BY** to connect, learn, even see where folks without addresses have slept on the Good Shepherd property.

Unless the weather is particularly severe, everything will be outside – so dress warmly.

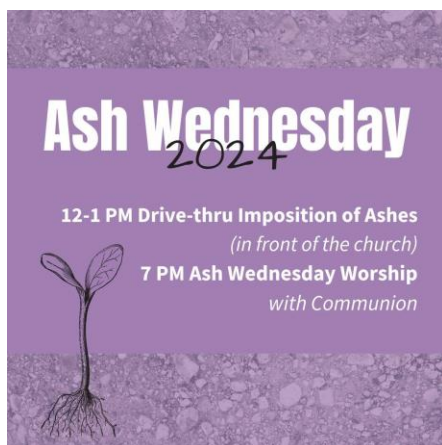
WORSHIP NEWS

FEBRUARY

February 4th – Healing Service; includes anointing and prayer for healing and a skit based on the gospel

February 11th – Bold Women's Sunday/Transfiguration of our Lord

**February 14th
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services at 7 PM**



February 25th – Jason's Last Sunday/Meal and Reception following worship

MARCH

March 10th – Faith and Science Sunday

March 24th – Palm/Passion Sunday; brunch following worship in the Fellowship Hall

March 28th – Maundy Thursday 7 PM – Communion at the altar rail

March 29th – Good Friday 7 PM

March 31st – Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at 7 AM; Festival Service at 9 AM

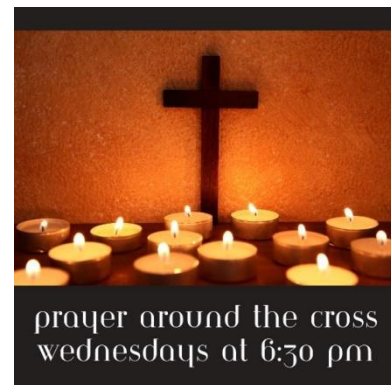
**Midweek Lent –
Holden Evening
Prayer around
the Cross -**

6:30PM

Wednesdays

February 21, 28;

March 6, 13, 20



prayer around the cross
wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for a simple soup supper at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. You can sign up in the narthex to bring soup or a side or to help with clean-up.

Then, at 6:30, using Holden Evening Prayer as our main framework, we'll gather around the Cross for scripture, prayer, and contemplation.

Bell rehearsal will precede worship; Choir rehearsal will follow worship. Table Talk discussion questions will be provided during dinner if folks want to explore faith together.

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS

There will be a light meal served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30-6:15 PM on Wednesday evenings during Lent before the church service at 6:30.

We are asking for volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, clean-up, bringing soup or a side dish such as crackers, bread, rolls, etc. for the meals. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the dates, look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.



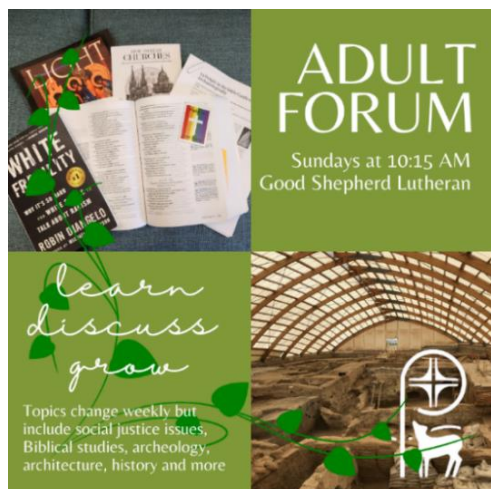
INTERESTED IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Sign-up at this link:
[Sunday School Teachers](#)



Cross+Gen
February 4, 10:15AM
Fellowship Hall

Topic for Cross+Gen is Hagar and Ishmael. Each gathering offers engaging learning experiences for all ages with a variety of topics. All Cross+Gen Gatherings have time for conversation, creativity, and action. Everyone is welcome!



February 11 - *New Testament Archaeology*
by Pastor Lynette

February 18 - *Mindful Eating for Health and Planet* by Cindy Shepherd of Faith in Place; a GSLC Green Team effort. First Sunday in Lent.

SAVE THE DATE SPRING CANTATA PERFORMANCE

Members of GSLC along with members of other ELCA congregations will be performing a spring concert **Sunday, May 5, 3:00PM at Good Shepherd**. Rehearsals will begin in February, see Julia Hartman for more information.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

“To dwell” means “to spend time in”. This small group spends time in supportive conversation, in scripture, and in prayer. **Join them 2nd through 5th Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome!



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP
Thursday, February 22, 6PM
GSLC Choir Room

All are welcome! Feel free to invite anyone who may be battling, recovering from, or has family or friends living with a cancer diagnosis.



GSLC PIECE MAKERS
Tuesdays Noon-3PM

Calling all hands! No sewing, ironing or cutting skills required. The only skill you need is the ability to sit, tie knots and enjoy fellowship!

The Piece Makers quilting group of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been busy

creating quilt tops for worldwide distribution through Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

These quilt tops bring Jesus' love to people in need as well as physical comfort and warmth. There are now several quilt tops that are "fit to be tied." **The group will set aside a date in the near future for tying these quilt tops so please keep checking the weekly Shout Out.**

For questions about this mission or the Piece Makers group in general, please contact Jodi Davis or Lois McConomy.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

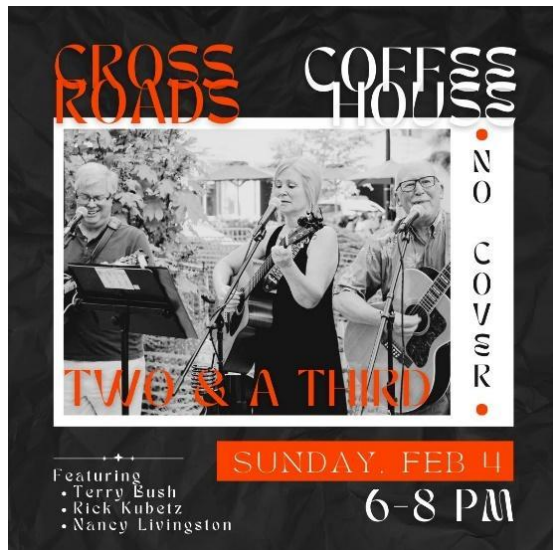


TRIVIA IN THE AFTERNOON
Sunday, February 25, 3-5PM
GSLC Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars to join members from GSLC, St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's, and Grace Lutheran Church for a fun afternoon of trivia. All ages are welcome. Jason Fisher will be our emcee. **Sign up at:**

<https://gslc.breezechms.com/form/2c7bf561>

Form a team of 6-8 friends and family members or join a group that afternoon. No fee except we ask you bring a snack to share. Soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee will be provided. Hope to see you there!

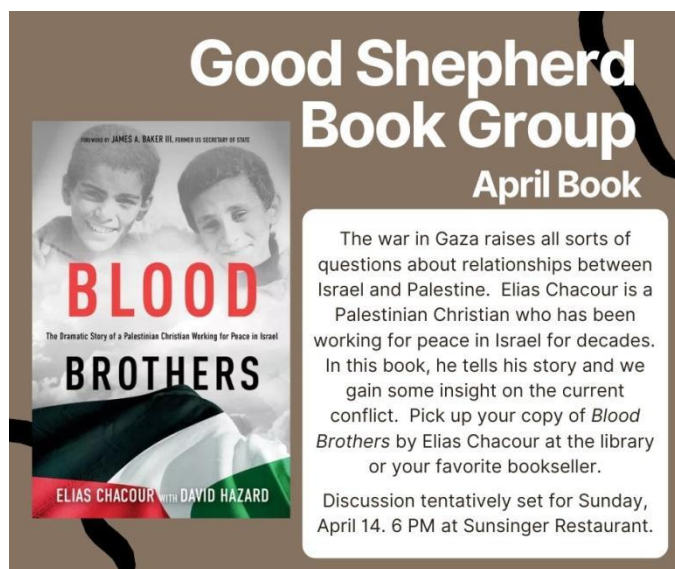


CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE

Sunday February 4

6-8PM

GSLC Fellowship Hall



SAVE THE DATE!

GSLC Book Group for April is tentatively set
for Sunday, April 14, 6PM
@ SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



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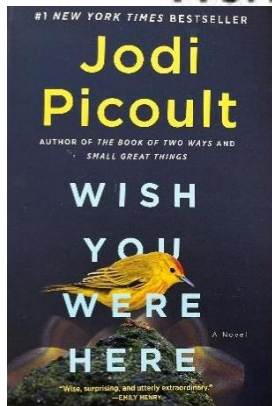
CU @ HOME

One Winter Night, CU @ Home's annual
fundraising event, is scheduled for
February 2nd-3rd

Join us at GSLC and sleep outside, donate,
bring food, join us in a short prayer service,
or just drop by! **We'll gather at 6pm on our
front lawn** for a short prayer service and all
are welcome to set up camp for the night to
raise awareness and funds for our friends
without addresses. **See page 2 of this Scroll
for more info on how you can participate at
our encampment.**

For more information about One Winter
Night:

[https://p2p.onecause.com/onewinternight/
team/good-shepherd-lutheran-church-4](https://p2p.onecause.com/onewinternight/team/good-shepherd-lutheran-church-4)



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
February 8, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

Wish You Were Here
By Jodi Picoult

This story takes place during the pandemic. The main character, Diane O'Toole, leaves on a vacation to celebrate a promotion just before her thirtieth birthday. Her boyfriend, a medical intern, is unable to go because it is all hands-on deck at the hospital. The trip is not refundable, so he insists she go. She finds herself completely isolated with the borders closed. It is a story of the resilience of the human spirit in the moment of a crisis. Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions. Book for March is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.



My Dear Good Shepherd Friends and Family, Thank You!

Thank you for a lovely blessing on my retirement as your parish worker. I am so grateful for all of you. I was touched that it started with the reading of one of my favorite verses, Romans 8:37-39. I especially feel God's assurance as I face cancer, because I simply insert the C word when I read the verses and I know that nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It has been a joy to serve these several years alongside all of you. The retirement celebration at worship on January 7, was very meaningful to me. I appreciate your thoughtful gift of a donation in my name to Lutheran Disaster Relief. That was very appropriate because at this time, I really don't need more stuff! I enjoyed the lovely wrist corsage, the *beyond beautiful* bouquet, and the delicious cake. I'll treasure the memories of that day and many other times we spent together doing God's work in this place.

Most of all, thank you for your support and friendship over all these years and especially for your caring and encouraging comments, advice, phone calls, texts, cards, hugs, and prayers, reminding me along the

Women's
Bible
Studies

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All groups meet in the
Choir Room; Anna Bible
Study Group is being
disbanded. Members are
encouraged to attend

Ruth or Rachel Bible Study Groups.

Ruth Bible Study:

Tuesday, February 20, 9:30AM

Rachel Bible Study:

Monday, February 26, 2:30PM

We use the WELCA magazine *Gather*. Copies are available near the WELCA bulletin board.

way of God's faithfulness. I have often been overwhelmed with your caring acts during this battle with cancer. Every single time I needed help, someone said yes.

I can never say thank you enough for rides to treatments, accompaniment at appointments, and your continued encouraging support along the way. Special thanks to the whole crew of you who have helped me downsize and move to Autumn Fields, get my house ready to sell, and so much more. I couldn't have done this without all of you. God Bless every one of you!!

Blessings and Joy,
Marilyn



Bouquet of flowers from the congregation

13TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS INTERFAITH CONFERENCE

**February 23-24, 2024
With Nadia Bolz-Weber**

REGISTER TO ATTEND

The Illinois Interfaith Conference is a FREE opportunity for people of all religious and non-religious philosophical traditions to join together to engage in critical questions about interfaith engagement on the college campus. All are welcome!

The Illinois Interfaith Conference will explore how we welcome one another into community together, and the ways that our many faiths, experiences, and identities can bring us closer together.

The conference will open on Friday, February 23 at the Lincoln Hall Theater (702 S. Wright St., Urbana) with keynote speaker Lutheran pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Nadia Bolz-Weber. Prior to the keynote, the Interfaith Conference will host a Friday night shabbat dinner.

On Saturday, February 24 at the University YMCA (1001 S. Wright St., Champaign), the conference will continue to explore how we work together to build inclusive and interfaith communities. The conference will conclude with a community project to provide critical resources to unhoused individuals in the Champaign-Urbana community.

VIEW THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

If you will need disability-related accommodations in order to participate, please email diversity@illinois.edu.



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:

In high school I challenged myself to read the entire bible and that process took me three years. The goal was not to simply say I did it, but in the hope that my life would be transformed by God in ways that were life giving to those around me. Did reading a couple of chapters of the bible each day help other people and the planet? I guess you would have to ask the plants, animals, and people I have met since that experiment.

Anton Thomas committed himself to drawing a detailed world map of 1,642 wild animals who also call this planet home. The project was titled “Wild World,” and took him three years to complete. In an interview he states:

“‘Wild World’ is a place that still exists; a world that can still be cared for, cherished, and protected. It may seem an idealistic portrayal of Earth, but it shows nothing that isn’t there. Every species, every habitat, is still with us. I want this map to inspire hope.”

“God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.” - Genesis 1:25

Anton’s art is a reminder of the diversity and beauty that our Creator fills this planet with. I was blessed to be able to witness this diversity on my sabbatical last summer as I traveled out west. One of the projects I worked on during the sabbatical was a devotional centered around

caring for creation combined with Luther's Small Catechism. With the help of resources from [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#), I crafted a booklet as a gift that the congregation can use during Lent or during any other season of life.

There are 22 short devotions that cover the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles Creed, each one highlighting a different artist and then giving a challenge for you to create something in response to God's goodness. This helps us see faith in God not as a private thing, but as something that exists in relationship to ALL that God has made. It is also a reminder that the Holy Spirit is still creating through us in ways that are life giving. I will have copies of the devotional available outside the sanctuary before Lent for any who might find it helpful.

If used during Lent I would recommend starting after Ash Wednesday and spending two days on each separate devotion. Like Anton, my sabbatical helped me see that we cannot get lost in cynicism and despair about the state of the planet, but instead we need to be inspired by every living thing created by God. And all of that life lives and moves through Jesus the Christ. It is my desire that this devotional might stir us to care for our neighbors who not only live on the street, but in the trees and the rivers and the soil beneath our feet.

Brother in Christ,
Deacon Jason Fisher

A Word about My Resignation

St. Ignatius reminds us that we should remain ever open to the new ways God is inviting us to live our lives. Just as Pastor Lynette has been leading us in praying that we be open to the future the Holy Spirit is weaving us into, so I have tried to discern where God is calling me next. The decision to accept Bishop Busboom's invitation to serve as the Director for Evangelical Mission for our synod did not come lightly or quickly. The more I thought about sharing the hope and joy of Jesus with congregations across our synod the more it felt like the right next step on this journey of faith. Good Shepherd has always been a significant part of my faith formation and I am hopeful that God allowed me, in some small way, to contribute to discipling others in the way of following Jesus during my time at Good Shepherd. I will take with me all of the amazing memories and experiences God has blessed me with while we served together in Jesus' name. In the words of [Dag Hammarskjöld](#) "For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come. Yes!"

- Deacon Jason Fisher



YOUTH EVENTS



ONE WINTER NIGHT 6PM Friday February 2 - 6AM Saturday February 3

Calling all High School students and friends! We are having a Sleep-Out at Good Shepherd to raise funds and awareness for the ministries of CU at Home. Here are three different ways you could be involved:

- 1.) Bring a sleeping bag and tent to camp out on the church front lawn.
- 2.) Show up Friday to collect donations from those driving past the church.
- 3.) Invite friends and family to donate to our Good Shepherd group page.

Check out this link for more information:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/onewinternight/teams>



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Friday February 9 5-8PM

Jason will be hosting games and activities for kids 5th grade and younger at Good Shepherd with dinner provided. Just be sure to R.S.V.P. with Jason if interested. Free will donations will go towards future youth programs.



ALL FAMILY ICE SKATE Sunday, February 11, 1:30-4 PM U of I Ice Arena

Kids and families of all ages are invited to join Jason for some ice skating. R.S.V.P. ahead of time and Jason will cover the cost of admission and skate rental so you can save money for hot chocolate!



COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT Friday, February 16, 5-9PM GSLC Fellowship Hall

Come on out for another evening of board games and card games, or just hang out for the fellowship and snacks. Whether it is competitive, cooperative, or party games we have lots to choose from. Jason will have games for all ages and skill levels but bring some of your favorites as well.



CROSSWAYS CONFIRMATION CAMP

June 10-14

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Students 6th – 8th Grade are invited to this weeklong Confirmation Camp where each student will get to experience; "Wacky Olympics", a local water park, skits, visit the home of a faith tradition different than ours, and engage in mission work in the Rock Island/Moline area.

Crossways Confirmation Camp has been making disciples since 1989! Campers have the opportunity to grow in their faith and discipleship through engaging lessons, sermons, and Bible stories led by ELCA leaders from all over Central Southern Illinois Synod.

You can register online at crosswayscamp.org or see Jason or Pastor Lynette to get your 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student signed up to attend. Cost for this event is \$150 per person and Good Shepherd has scholarship money to cover the rest of the registration amount so that every student can attend.

Deadline to register is Sunday, March 31st. Pastor Lynette will be accompanying our students to this event.



NEW ORLEANS GATHERING

July 15 – 21

**Registration cost
of \$150 – Due
Sunday Feb. 11th**

We just received our Hotel Assignment for the National Youth Gathering this summer and we will be staying at the Wyndham French Quarter! This hotel only blocks away from the river walk, Bourbon Street, Canal Street, and the famous French Quarter. We are literally in the heart of New Orleans!

Registration prices increase after Valentines Day from \$425 per person to \$475 so we need to get your \$150 deposit by Sunday February 11th to lock in the lower rates. If you have any questions about the trip, you can contact Pastor Lynette, or go online to learn more:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering>.



FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

	02/04/2024	02/11/2024	2/14/2024 Ash Wednesday	02/18/2024	02/25/2024
Acolyte	Donovan Dewing	Pasha Jacobs	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Reid Bruggman	Jake Brucker
Communion Assistants	Dean Olson Nancy Olson Cinda Brucker	Dylan Keene Gail Block Joe Chamley	Lois McConomy Cinda Brucker Nancy Holm	Marla Todd Jeremiah Todd Rebecca Nef- Heffernan	Dan Corkery Nancy McCowen Jim Manley
Reader	Betsy Kakoma	Bob Coverdill	Steve McConomy	Lois McConomy	Tori Corkery
Chancel Care	Beth Followell, Sue Plisch & Alex Dewing	Beth Followell	Sue Plisch & Alex Dewing	Carol Steinman	Carol Steinman
Food Delivery	Ash & June Waller	Susan Hinrichs	N/A	Gloria Arizaga	Deb Swanson
Flower Delivery	Dean Olson	Deb Swanson	N/A	Betsy Kakoma	Jenelle Keene
Nursery	Amy Chamley	Jenelle Keene	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Lisa Young	Carol Manley
Coffee/Donuts	Jim Manley & Nancy Holm	Becky Fisher & Don Block	N/A	Samantha Fisher & Don Block	Nancy Olson & Don Block
Usher	Ash Waller	Don Block	Sue Plisch	Samantha Fisher & Aaron Jacobs	Eric Brucker

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at staff@gscl-cu.org to be added to our volunteer list.

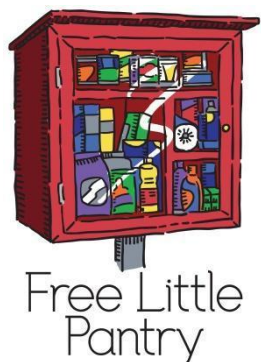


Just a reminder that lovely **prayer shawls** are on a rack in the Narthex which are just waiting to find a home. If you know of anyone who is in need a warm fuzzy reminder of God's love, please take a shawl to give to them. Blessings and prayers are attached for you to use when giving the shawl to a friend, family member, or stranger! Thanks to the folks who keep knitting and crocheting!



LOST AND FOUND

If you happen to be missing any items, please check our Lost and Found Box located on the bottom shelf of the table by the office door!



GSLC LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the GSLC little food pantry this winter. It has been used daily this past month and any non-perishable items that can handle freezing temperatures are appreciated. Items can be added to the little food pantry anytime daily, or dropped off into the basket inside the back doors across from the church office before 2pm (M-F).

The little pantry is located outside on church property between the front of the Fellowship Hall's brick wall and the sidewalk facing Prospect Ave. Thank you for helping!

Handbell
Choir
Rehearsals
Wednesdays
6:00PM



Join the Choir
Everyone is
welcome!


Choir
Rehearsal

Every
Wednesday
7:00PM



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Pastor Emeritus	Edward D. Schneider
Deacon	Jason Fisher
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Accompanist	Fenella Theodore
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

Office Hours
Monday– Friday
8:00AM – 2:00PM

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

Bulletin / Announcement / Shout Out Deadline is Wednesday at noon each week.

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Scroll, please contact Traci at staff@gslc-cu.org. Paper copies are also available at the church.