



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

On Big Cats and Little Invitations

A couple of weeks ago, my husband and I did a mini road-trip to Terre Haute, Indiana. We do these occasionally. We take a day off and drive somewhere within a couple of hours, explore things there and along the way, visit lesser-known parks and museums, eat local food, and enjoy both the scenery and the time together. Terre Haute may not seem like the ideal destination for a road trip, but it is close to the attraction we were most interested in seeing: The Exotic Feline Rescue Center.



What can I say? We like cats. We like conservation. We like people who are trying to make a difference in the lives of wild animals. We didn't know exactly what we would find. It could have been depressing or disturbing. But it wasn't. These big cats (mostly tigers, but also a couple of lions, mountain lions, leopards, and other smaller species) were well cared for. They were housed in large habitats and treated with both (distanced) affection and deep respect. The keepers were knowledgeable and thoughtful in how they explained the sometimes sad histories of the animals. All in all, it was a moving and educational experience. And, if you like big cats, I'd recommend you check it out yourself.

That was easy, wasn't it? I have now told you a true story of a personal experience and invited you, if you are interested, to check it out yourself. And maybe you disapprove of keeping any kind of animal in a cage or wouldn't travel to Indiana if I paid you. But, generally speaking, you'll keep that to yourself and even if you told me, we could agree to disagree. After all, my experience is still valid, even if you don't want to share it.

But what if we applied this same scenario to inviting people to know Jesus? Or to come to worship at Good Shepherd? Or even just to come to buy their pumpkins in our parking lot? That can seem more intimidating, can't it? We are fine telling others about our experiences at a new

restaurant or about a fascinating museum we stumbled across, but we're sometimes reluctant to talk about our church.

But, when we tell folks about our church, we can speak from our own experience: "I love my church." "I feel like I'm with real people who are trying to make a difference." "I've made really good friends there." "Our pastor is a decent preacher and keeps her sermons fairly short." "The music always lifts my heart." Whatever is true for you, you can share it. You can tell your story and invite others to check it out themselves. And, if they're interested, maybe they will. If they're not, then they'll either tell you about their church or nod politely. At worst, you might get a comment about why religious people stink and you can agree that every religious person you know is also someone who gets it wrong sometimes. None of us are perfect. (That's why we need God's grace!)

This fall, we have three separate opportunities for you to invite folks to check out Good Shepherd – outside of worship! These are also opportunities for you to volunteer, to help out, and to engage visitors with your stories and with invitations to learn more about Good Shepherd themselves. The Fall Fest on October 18th, the month of Pumpkin sales, and the Pet Blessing on October 11th are all chances for you to speak from your experience, to reach out to friends and family and neighbors with an invitation, and to – ultimately – open a door for someone new to experience God's love here at Good Shepherd.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Information about these events is in this newsletter and will be in other publications, too. Help out, speak from your heart, and watch the Holy Spirit work through you.

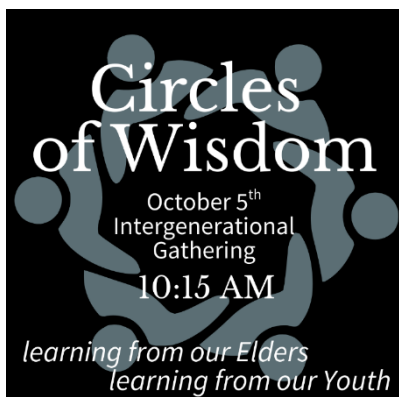
In Christ's love,
Pastor Lynette Chapman

WORSHIP NEWS

October 5th – Lutheran World Relief Quilt and School Kit Blessing/ Elder's Sunday

October 26th – Reformation Sunday/ Name Tag Sunday

November 2 – All Saints' Sunday
(Please let the office know names of anyone you want remembered on this day)



**October
Intergenerational
Gathering: Circles of
Wisdom**

**Sunday, October 5
10:15AM**

Join us around
“campfires” in the Fellowship Hall as we share wisdom one generation to another. Verses from Proverbs will start us off, but we’ll also share stories – with elders learning from youth and youth learning from elders.

All are welcome!

Drive-in Pet Blessing

**Saturday, October 11
10-11 AM**



All pets
(and their people!) are
welcome to walk up
for a blessing between
10 and 11 AM.
If desired, Pastor can
also offer a prayer and
blessing for a recently
departed pet.

No Cost.
Donations can be
brought for local pets
in need.



Join our handbell ringers!

**Contact
Leon Harrell
with questions.**

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
ALL VOICES WELCOME!**

GSLC Choir

SING
9am Sunday
Worship
GSLC Sanctuary
8:30am call time

REHEARSE
7-8pm
Wednesdays
GSLC Choir Room

**GOOD SHEPHERD
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God gave you a voice,
use it for His glory!

Join our choir!
Questions? Contact Julia Hartman



ADULT FORUM

**October 12 -
Champaign County
Environmental
Stewards**

Who are they and what do they do? Susan Monte, the Executive Director, will describe a local effort to establish a household hazardous waste drop-off site for our area, how it protects our environment, and how we can help. Susan will discuss other topics as a Green Team member at Grace Lutheran Church.

October 19 - Meet the ELCA: Learning More About our Wider Church

Pastor Lynette walks us through the organization of our church and how it affects what we do.

October 26 - Katrina Widholm

Katrina describes her new job at Good Shepherd. Learn how she can help us and how we can help her in our ministries.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

**2nd-5th Sundays
10:15AM**

Sit down for a chat, a conversation about a Bible passage, mutual support & prayer in the Small Group Room near the Library. Led by Sue Plisch.



GSLC PIECE MAKERS

**Tuesdays
Noon-3PM**

GSLC Quilt Room

No experience necessary. Most of our time is spent sorting, cutting, and ironing fabric. Jobs for every skill level! All are welcome! Contact Lois McConomy or Jodi Davis for more info.



**Join the men for coffee time!
All men are welcome!**



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, October 23
6PM**

**Small Group
Gathering 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.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

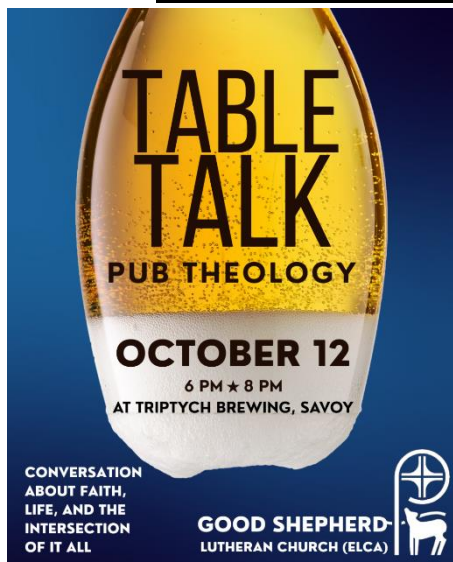


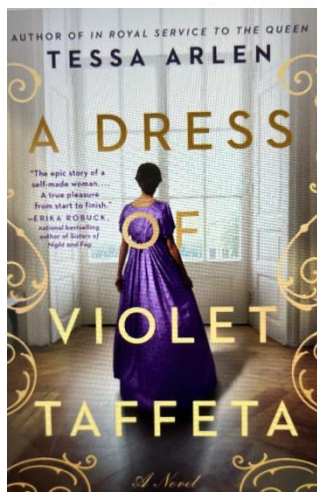
TABLE TALK PUB THEOLOGY GROUP

**Sunday
October 12
6PM**

**Triptych
Brewing, Savoy**

Join us as we engage in meaningful conversations about faith, life, meaning, identity, culture, current events and more. Come with questions, curiosity, and pull up a chair. No advance prep or reading is needed but be ready to engage with people of varying backgrounds, perspectives and life experiences. Non-alcohol options available. Questions? Want to submit a discussion topic? Talk to Pastor Lynette.

Women of the ELCA



WELCA BOOK CLUB

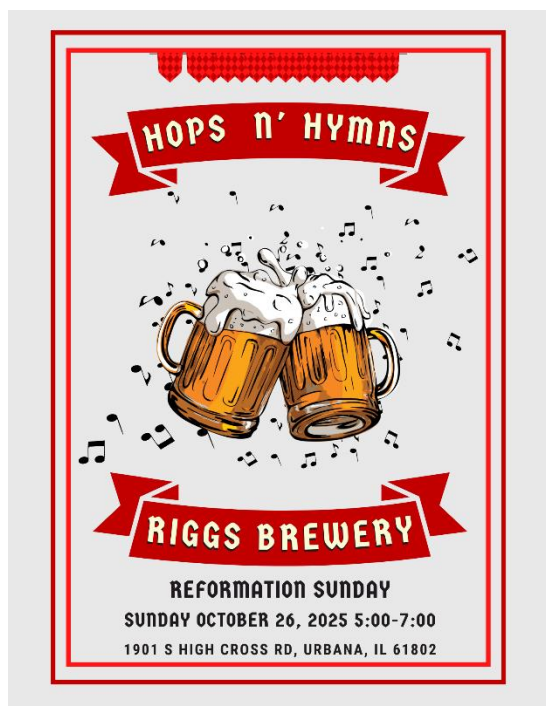
**Thursday
October 9, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room**

***A Dress of Violet
Taffeta*
By Tessa Arlen**

This is the true story of Lucy Duff Gordon, who has talent in working with fabrics and textures, and dominated by men who try to control her and use her for their own gain. She is known as the British fashion designer Lucille. After being deserted by her wealthy husband, Lucy is desperate to survive. She uses her courageous innovations in Belle Epoque fashion to support her own little girl. Lucille knows it is an uphill battle, as a single woman is not supposed to succeed on her own. Her life changes in 1912 when she becomes one of the 706 people to survive the sinking of the Titanic. She could never have imagined the effects the disaster would have on her career, her marriage to her second husband, and her legacy.

Questions, contact Jan Nuss.

Book for November will be *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray.



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We use studies from *Gather Magazine*. Extra copies of the study are in the church hallway near the restrooms.



LWR SCHOOL KITS & QUILTS UPDATE

There will be a blessing during the church service on Oct. 5 of the school kits, personal care kits, and quilts that Good Shepherd members have assembled for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, made school bags and/or quilts, packed the kits, or donated funds for supplies or shipping costs.

The items will be taken to the Synod Ingathering in Thomasboro on Oct. 25. They are then sent around the world as well as to several areas in the US where people are in need.



WELCA BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 18

Hello Bakers! Please help WELCA support local charities such as Empty Tomb and LSSI by baking your favorite recipe and bringing it to church for the bake sale.

Public Health Department guidelines: each item should be packaged with a label attached with your name or initials, name of the item, and main ingredients.

List major allergens: nuts, peanut butter, eggs, milk and milk products. **Package** 4 to 6 cookies, cupcakes, or something similar in one package. **Not acceptable:** refrigerated items like cream pies, cheesecakes, etc.

Drop off at the church: Friday, October 17 from 4-6pm. You may also leave items in church kitchen labeled bake sale October 15 or 16, or day of festival before 11am.

Volunteers needed: Saturday 10am-2pm for set-up and during the festival. Sign-up sheets in the narthex. List what items you will bring for the sale if known.

Contact Doris Snyder with questions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



QUILT RAFFLE



The Peacemakers Quilting Group has been busy the past year. We've sewn and quilted about 50 quilts, with the majority being sent to Lutheran World Relief at the end of October. We're having a raffle for 2 quilts to raise money for shipping costs and quilting supplies (batting-the middle layer which is the most expensive part).

The quilts are on display in the Narthex. Purchase raffle tickets at church on Sunday, October 5th, or in the office (during business hours) until October 3rd.

Tickets prices:

**1 ticket - \$5
3 tickets - \$10
10 tickets - \$20**

The winning tickets for each quilt will be drawn on October 5th (winner does not need to be present).

Questions? Contact Rebecca Nef-Heffernan, Jodi Davis, Kara Greer, Lois McConomy or Jeanette Vetter.



ST. ANDREW'S MONTHLY SUNDAY DINNER

Sign-up using this link:

[click here for sign up sheet.](#)

Dips & Dippers Needed!

St. Andrew's Dinner – October 5

Let's get dipping! We're looking for delicious dips and dippers to share with the folks at St. Andrew's. Whether it's **Carrots & Ranch, Apples & Caramel, Tortillas & Salsa, Pretzel Thins & Buffalo Chicken Dip, Pita Chips & Hummus, or Potato Chips & Onion Dip**—if you can dip it, you can bring it!

Sign up to share your favorite combo!
Drop off your goodies at **St. Andrew's** on **Sunday between 5:15–5:45 PM.**

Can't make it? Leave your items in **GSLC's kitchen by 4:00 PM** and **Agatha** will deliver them for you! Questions? Contact Agatha.

Let's make this a flavorful night of fellowship and fun!



PUMPKIN UNLOADING

**Saturday
October 4, 9AM**

Join us as we unload the semi full of pumpkins for our pumpkin sale benefitting our youth programs.

SIGN UP TO HELP SELL PUMPKINS

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway. Lots of help needed!

Maybe your kids can help after school!

Maybe your bible study group/youth organization/or another small group would be willing to help for an hour or two!

As long as at least one adult is present, kids are welcome to help. Our hope is to see many families involved in selling as this fundraiser directly benefits our youth programs and opportunities.



PRIDE FEST

OCTOBER 25, 2025

Help us live out our intention to welcome ALL in Jesus' name. Join Good Shepherd folks at the CU Pride Fest and Parade, Saturday October 25.

We'll meet at Good Shepherd at 12:15 and carpool to the parade route. If you want to meet us there, give Pastor Lynette your number so we can text a location once we're at the route. We'll plan to watch the parade and then wander the Fair for a while. All are welcome to help Good Shepherd show love and welcome and support to our LGBTQIA+ siblings!

**ALL ARE
WELCOME**



FALL FUN FEST

**Saturday, Oct 18
11-2**

Fun for the whole family!

at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2101 S. Prospect, Champaign (corner of
Prospect and Devonshire)

Join us for food and fun. The event is free and everyone is welcome!

- Live Music
- Pumpkin Sales
- Bake Sale
- Games
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Free Hot Dogs (while supplies last)
- Free Kona Ice (for the first 150 people)

**GOOD SHEPHERD
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Join the 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY ADVENT CONCERT

Hosted by The ELCA Choirs
of Champaign-Urbana
December 14, 2025

Sign Up Here

Sing with the ELCA Choirs at the Community Advent Concert. Multiple rehearsals are happening this fall. Concert on Sunday, December 14. Use QR Code above to sign up.

YOUTH NEWS



GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP

**Saturday, October 4
6-8PM**

7th-12th graders

Food. Games. Power tools. Seriously, please bring a drill if you have one as well as safety glasses. Pastor Lynette will provide safety glasses for those who need them. We'll be working on the bottle cap mural! We'll also spend time thinking about the year, brainstorming group service projects, and more.



YOUTH CLUB

**Saturday, October 25
4-6PM**

3rd-6th graders

Food. Fire (weather conditions permitting). Pumpkin games (if outdoors). Other games (if indoors). Friends are welcome!

RALLY DAY FUN





DIAPER DRIVE



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WHAT IS LYME DISEASE?

Lyme disease is an illness caused by *Borrelia* bacteria. Humans usually contract these diseases from the bite of a tick carrying this bacterium. Ticks that carry *Borrelia* bacteria live throughout most of the United States. But Lyme disease is common in the upper Midwest.

During warm weather, including summer and fall, people want to walk outside to enjoy the weather and stay physically fit. And this outdoor living at times comes with risk, such as a chance of getting bitten by infectious insects, such as ticks and their bacteria. Individuals are at risk of Lyme disease when they spend time where ticks live, such as grassy, brushy, or wooded areas. **BE AWARE OF THESE AREAS.**

Disease-related signs and symptoms overlap and look similar. A tick bite may look like a tiny, rash, itchy bump on the skin, much like a mosquito bite, and many people will not notice they have had a tick bite.

The symptoms of Lyme disease vary. They usually show up in stages, and the stages at times overlap, and it is possible that some people may not have the early stages.

Professional medical experts address that early symptoms of Lyme disease may usually happen within 3-30 days after a tick bite, and this is called early localized disease.

EARLY STAGES SYMPTOMS:

Rash, Fever, Headache, Extreme tiredness,
Muscle aches and pains, Swollen lymph nodes

HOW IS THIS DISEASE TREATED?

Without treatment, Lyme disease can get worse and spread widely, and this is called disseminated disease.

The advice is that whenever an individual experiences early-stage symptoms, it is wise to seek medical advice as soon as possible, for early diagnosis and proper treatment can improve outcomes.

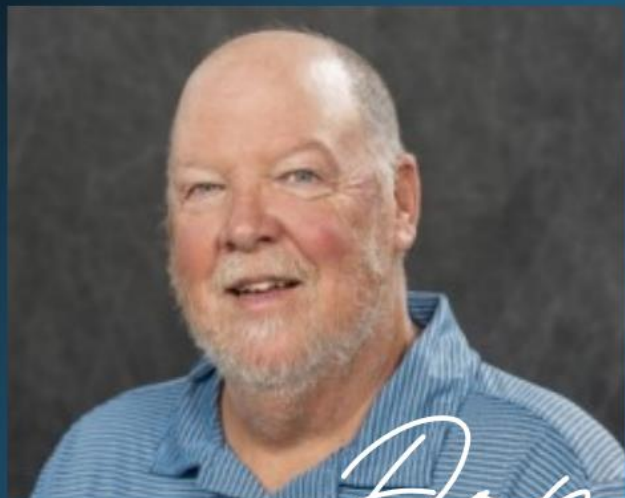
From Carle Health – Parish Nursing Division,
September 2025

Sandy Reifsteck RN, Faith Community Nurse,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

HOLY BAPTISM OF EZRA HARTMAN



Someone You Should Know!



Don

LIVE LOVE Volunteer Spotlight



**GOOD SHEPHERD
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Donald Block - How long have you been a part of Good Shepherd? 40 years.

Finish the sentence: Discipleship is..... Or Following Jesus means.....

Sharing Jesus's love with others

What are you passionate about? How did you discover that passion?

Passionate about helping others. Sharing what talents I have with others all the while knowing that Jesus loves us all.

You were recommended by Bob Clark of GSLC. Does that surprise you? What should people know about the community service work/work that you do?

Somewhat surprised. Helping out in the community is not hard just need to take that 1st step whether it be helping out after a hurricane or delivering furniture.

What is one thing you're deeply grateful for right now?

Family, health and God's love. I know more than one thing but it's hard to limit to one.

What about your work (volunteer or paid) is the most fulfilling to you?

Seeing people smile and appreciate us being there.

Why are you a part of this congregation?

Because our church family has been with us through the good times and the bad.

What is a favorite memory you have here at GSLC? Playing Goliath in a Sunday school play

Who do you think we should know more about here at Good Shepherd?

Julia our Music Director.

Someone You Should Know!



Jason

LIVE LOVE Volunteer Spotlight



GOOD SHEPHERD
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Jason Fisher- How long have you been a part of Good Shepherd?

I grew up just a few blocks from Good Shepherd and remember being baptized there with my mom, brother, and sister when I was 7 years old. We joined the church around the time I was in 2nd grade. I continued to worship with and serve alongside those gathered at Good Shepherd up through my graduation from High School. In 2007 my wife Samantha and son Zechariah moved back to Champaign and we have been a part of this faith community since moving back. All told 28 years - over half my life!

Finish the sentence: Discipleship is..... Or Following Jesus means.....

Discipleship is following in the way of Jesus. Allowing God's word to grow in us. Submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is a risky scary adventure into the life that truly is life not only for me but for those I meet.

What are you passionate about? How did you discover that passion?

Teaching through play. I love learning new things about this amazing world God is creating and I can tell there is an excitement inside me that wants to share what I am learning with others. In high school I had friends from another church that invited me to their house for bible study each week. I really enjoyed the fellowship and games with friends but could tell I came most alive when I was given the opportunity to lead a bible study for the group. Ever since then I've relished the creative process of finding exciting and joyful ways of teaching and learning together.

You were recommended by a Al of GSLC. Does that surprise you? What should people know about the community service work/work that you do?

Following God means our lives will always be full of surprises! I've been blessed to be surrounded by a community of disciples at GSLC that has modeled for me what service to our neighbors looks like. I have accompanied many people from GSLC to deliver beds, food, furniture, clothing, flowers, songs, and prayers to others. What I am most excited about and would want GSLC to know is the amazing ways God has transformed my heart when I have leaned into the relationships that have formed from that service work. In other words, I am learning that Jesus doesn't want us to just GIVE stuff to others, Jesus wants us to SHARE life with them. How can we lean into the work we are already doing and actually get to know the people we are taking food, clothes, and furniture to? That is the next step of discipleship that I would want others to know about the community service work God is doing through us.

What is one thing you're deeply grateful for right now?

Through a series of unpredictable events and meetings with people at Leadership Lab, The Crossways Conference, ELCA Extravaganza, and the Theology of Play Conference I was put in touch with people working at Sparkhouse which publishes much of the ELCA's Sunday School and Confirmation Curriculum. What I can only describe as the work of the Holy Spirit has landed me the opportunity to help craft the next wave of Confirmation Curriculum for Sparkhouse. I am extremely grateful for this chance to be playful and creative with how we teach and share the faith.

What about your work (volunteer or paid) is the most fulfilling to you?

As your Director for Evangelical Mission I get to visit congregations all over our synod and bring the joy of Jesus to worship services and evangelism meetings. The Holy Spirit allows me to be an encouraging presence among our siblings in Christ who are wrestling with where God is calling them to serve. I love challenging disciples to reorient their way from a scarcity mentality and a more biblical abundance of God's gifts mindset. Helping Jesus followers live from their baptismal promises, all of which should be good news to our neighbors.

Why are you a part of this congregation?

I continue to break bread with and fellowship with those the Holy Spirit gathers at GSLC because God continues to model Christlike service to our neighbor through those gathered there. I believe GSLC is on an adventure of inviting others into that life giving journey of following Jesus and I want to be a part of that.

What is a favorite memory you have here at GSLC?

Almost getting sent home from a lock-in during middle school because I was hiding in the sanctuary with a friend when I was supposed to be watching a movie in the narthex!

Yelling at my brother in the sacristy because he forgot one of his lines for the Christmas pageant and then having pastor Schneider come back into the sacristy and calmly let me know my mic was still on!

God's grace and a forgiving space at GSLC!

Who do you think we should know more about here at Good Shepherd? Who would you recommend that we interview/talk to?

Susannah Scaroni and her husband.

OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	10/05/2025	10/12/2025	10/19/2025	10/26/2025
Acolyte	Donovan Dewing	Andrew Todd	Logan Young	Declan O'Connell
Communion Assistants	Susan Hinrichs	Marla Todd	Carol Steinman	Jim Manley
	Becky Fisher	Joe Chamley	Dean Olson	Carol Manley
	Samantha Fisher	Cinda Brucker	Nancy Olson	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan
Reader	Becky Cook	Gail Block	Bob Coverdill	Tim O'Connell
Chancel Care	Alex Dewing	Beth Followell	Alex Dewing	Mary Szyszka
Usher	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Don Block	Sue Plisch	Susan Hinrichs
Nursery	Lisa Young	Carol Manley	Jenelle Keene	Samantha Fisher
Livestream	Darrell Hoemann	Amy Chamley	Jeff Young	Darrell Hoemann
Food Delivery	Gerald & Rosalyn Roosevelt	Don & Gail Block	Vickie Wilson	Nancy McCowen & Carol Manley
Food Packing	Tori Corkery	N/A	Carol Steinman	N/A
Flower Delivery	Deb Swanson	Gail Block	Dean Olson	Carol Steinman
Coffee/Donuts	Sally Widholm, Samantha Fisher, Patty Hart, Laurie Johnson	Becky Fisher & Jim Manley	Patty Hart & Nancy Olson	Kim McFarland & Jim Manley

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



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Keyboardist	Leon Harrell
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Bookkeeper	Dana VanDeveer Jones
Program Assistant	Katrina Widholm
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:00AM-3:00PM

Friday 8:00AM-Noon

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

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

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Paper copies are also available at the church.***