

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:

#### Sitting on the Sidelines



As we head into fall, many folks in our region get excited for a new football season. Whether they're cheering on the Fisher Bunnies or the University of Illinois Fighting Illini at Memorial Stadium, the view from the sidelines can be exciting. And, if you're on the team, then the view from the sidelines can be exhilarating or gut-wrenching, depending on how your team is doing or what play you just made or flubbed.

Sometimes, though, sitting on the sidelines is less a metaphor for a watching great game or being part of a team than it is a metaphor for being left out. Many people with

depression feel like they are on the sidelines of their own life – just watching things happen around them, but not fully participating. Other folks have found themselves sidelined by powers beyond their control: an important project was taken away or given to someone else; a loved-one's diagnosis puts all of the attention on them, making you feel forgotten or your needs go unmet; a decision made by others that affects you directly leaves you reeling. Sitting on the sidelines isn't always a good thing.

Sitting on the sidelines is also a bad idea when our participation is needed. If a player is injured and unable to get out on the field, then their talents and skills are missed on the team. All the team can hope is that they heal quickly and that someone else can fill the gap in the meantime. Now, if that player is simply feeling lazy or doesn't feel like playing, that's a different story. I'm guessing that the coach would have some choice words!

In life, we can be sidelined by others or by circumstances. We can also sideline ourselves. How often have we thought, "I don't want to get involved." or "That's not my problem."? Sometimes that's true; it's not our problem or none of our business. Sometimes, though, our participation is necessary despite our reluctance. The challenge is figuring out the difference.

Recently, the state of Florida decided new standards for the teaching of American History, particularly with regard to the teaching of African American history, the history of slavery, the effects of the institution of slavery, and ongoing racial injustice, prejudice, and inequity. It may surprise you to learn that a few African Americans were included on the committee that made

these decisions. It may not surprise you, however, to discover that their contributions to the discussion were ignored, belittled, or sidelined.

Although this made the news, it is sadly not new. The sidelining of people of color, of parts of history that make some white folks uncomfortable, and even current realities faced by a large percentage of the American population has been practiced for decades.

Which means that we can't sit on the sidelines of this issue. We can't leave this as "someone else's problem" or say we don't want to get involved. For the sake of justice, the sake of our country's future, the sake of what is right and good and Christ-like and loving, we need to stand up and speak up. To not allow, to the best our abilities, the voices of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) people to be silenced or sidelined – for any reason! – but especially when it comes to our collective history.

It's clear that Jesus was someone who stood up for sidelined people. Again and again, he spoke up, got involved, invited in, advocated for. In Jesus' ministry, he continuously and effectively brought sidelined people into the center of the field, holding them up as examples of faith, images of the kingdom of God, and part of God's family: Zacchaeus, the Canaanite woman, children, Mary Magdalene, Matthew and Peter and Thomas, Paul(!), and many others besides.

As followers of this same Jesus, it is my hope that we never sideline others. And that when we do, we confess and repent and seek reconciliation and a better path forward. It's also my prayer that we won't sit on the sidelines ourselves - that we'll be actively engaged in the work of justice, in the life of this congregation and in what God is doing in this place. After all, we're not on the team to sit on the bench!

And, from day to day, whether we're actively engaged in God's work or resting on the sidelines between plays, we will have a front row seat to what the Holy Spirit is doing. And that, my friends, is exciting indeed!

#### With Spirit,

Pr Lynette Chapman

By the way: Getting off the sidelines to advocate for others often starts with learning. There are lots of beautiful ways that you can start educating yourself. Our local library offers a great selection of books about African American history, anti-racism, and white supremacy. There you can find lots of great books, from Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist* to Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy* and Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility*. I also personally recommend two books also available in our church library: James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* and Lenny Duncan's *Dear Church*. We also have copies of the 1619 Project articles that were first published in the New York Times.

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### Page 3 WORSHIP NEWS



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday September 24 9:00AM

Summer Camp and Sunday School songs will be part of this relaxed outdoor worship. Bring a chair, bring a friend, bring your dog! All are welcome as we sing, pray, and celebrate together.



**Barbie Tuttle**: With sadness, we have accepted Barbie Tuttle's resignation. Because of ongoing health concerns, Ms. Barbie is unable to continue as our Nursery person, but she is planning to continue as part of our congregation. We have been deeply blessed by her ministry among us and she will be missed in this role. However, we are grateful that she and Tom are planning to continue as part of our community.



#### Welcome Fenella Theodore!

We welcome Fenella as our new worship pianist and choir accompanist. She is a graduate

student in piano at the University of Illinois and we are delighted that she's becoming part of our team. Please make her feel welcome!

**Linda Pein:** Linda Pein has decided to step back from leading the bell choir. She will, however, continue as our church organist. For the time being, the bell choir will be led by volunteers.

**Deacon Jason Fisher:** Deacon Jason has returned from his sabbatical with gratitude for the 3 months of time to learn, reflect, refresh, and grow. He will share pieces of his time away with us over the next few months in a variety of ways.



#### FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES RETURNS!

Join us for refreshments after each worship service on Sunday mornings. Enjoy time to share lemonade, cookies, donuts or coffee and conversation with other GSLC members.



#### PREPARING FOR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you love Jesus? Do you like kids? Would you like to be a Sunday School

Teacher? We have a small but dedicated group of volunteers who lead our Sunday School classes weekly. We're hoping to gather a few more folks to help out.

Currently, we have three groups of kids: K-2, 3-6, and 7-12. Where is your passion?

If you would like to work with any of our groups, please talk to Deacon Jason Fisher. See page 13 of this month's Scroll for curriculum info.

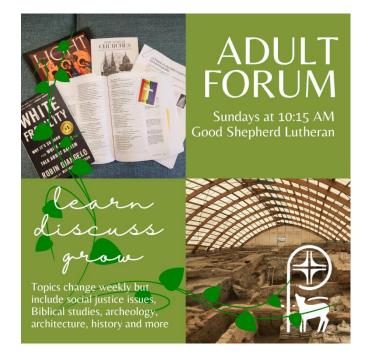


Barbie's departure, With Ms. the Nursery Sub-Committee will be searching for a new Nursery Worker in the next few weeks. If you know of anyone who would like to apply for this position, please contact Amy Chamley. In the meantime, Ms. Raylynn Chapman will continue as substitute Nursery Worker alongside our wonderful volunteers.



Cross+Gen returns this fall with more engaging learning experiences for all

ages. Join us September 10, October 1, November 5, and December 3 for a variety of topics. All Cross+Gen Gatherings have time for conversation, creativity, and action. All are welcome!



Adult Forum returns with a wonderful lineup of topics for the fall. This is adult Christian education that includes a wide variety of genres, including Biblical studies, environmental stewardship, social justice issues, and more.

**September 17** – Lutheran World Relief Sunday Where do the school kits go and how are they making a difference?

**September 24** – Why Liturgy? Constancy and Change over 2000 years.

**October 8** – Green Ideas for your Own Home: Things You Can Do Every Day

**October 15** – Psalms: Praying, Pleading, Cursing, Praising - Pastor Cinda Brucker

**October 22** – Communicating with Your Health Care Provider - Sandy Reifsteck-Rueter, Good Shepherd Parish Nurse

**October 29** – Church Architecture and the Reformation of Space - Pastor Lynette

## **SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC**



10:15 AM All welcome!

#### BEGINNING AGAIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

"To dwell" means "to spend time in". Our Dwelling Together group spends time in supportive conversation; they spend time in scripture; and they spend time in prayer. Join them 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!





#### GSLC PIECE MAKERS UPDATE Next gatherings: Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 Noon-3PM

GSLC Piece Makers met for the first time on Tuesday, August 14. There were 5 of us in attendance. We were able to do some organization of our space, cut pieces for quilts, rip seams where needed (Thanks Cinda) and begin creating blocks. In total, 15 hours were logged to report to both Thrivent and LWR. It was a very productive first day. We have received donations of quilt tops, fabric and needed tools.

If you are interested in donating items, check our list located in the narthex and leave them in the donation area under the coat rack.

Contact Lois McConomy (217-899-1985, <u>mcconomy.lois@gmail.com</u>)or Jodi Davis (217-840-5078, <u>jodidavisillini@yahoo.com</u>) to confirm your attendance or for more information.

Monetary donations can be made to GSLC with Piece Makers in the memo. THANK YOU for your support of this very important mission.

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



#### SAVE THE DATE! FALL FUN FEST Sunday, October 8, 11AM-2PM

Tell your family and friends to save the date and plan to join us in front of the church for pumpkin decorating, a variety of games, a pumpkin selfie space, a bounce house, and other activities. We will also have Jurassic Grill and Kona Ice food trucks there. Kids can wear their Halloween costumes if they wish.

This is being held in conjunction with the WELCA bake sale (see separate article on that). In case of rain, we will shift activities to the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer for a shift to help at the event or with set-up on October 7. Contact Nancy Holm at <u>nlholm@comcast.net</u> or 217-778-9270 or Kim McFarland <u>kjsipe0@yahoo.com</u> or 217-377-9927 if you have any questions.

## Good Shepherd Book Group

Discussion: Thurs., Sept. 21 6 PM San Maru Korean Restaurant

September Book: Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

A memoir about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity.



MIGHELLE ZAUNER

MEET-UP AT OKTOBERFEST IN DOWNTOWN CHAMPAIGN

Saturday September 30, 3-5PM

Let's celebrate Oktoberfest together! All GSLC members are invited to meet to share some fun fellowship time. Sponsored by the Developmental Services Center of Champaign. Tickets: \$10 for ages 12+, \$5 for those under age 12.

Live music from The Polkaholics and Die Musikmeisters, playing festive polkas, waltzes, and traditional German music. German-style food from several of C-U's food trucks.

Look for a sign by the Will Call ticket desk for where our GSLC group will be located. *Wir sehen uns dort!* (See you there!)

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



#### ST. ANDREW'S CHAT & CHOW MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON

"Thank you so much for your support of St. Andrew's! Our Chat & Chow ministry is looking for volunteers and donations to help feed students on Wednesday nights. You can donate a full meal, a main dish, ingredients for a meal, or make a donation for us to buy supplies.

We have students who are vegetarian or vegan, but don't let that stop you!

If you are excited to provide a meal, reach out to Pastor Jon at pastor@lutherancampuscenter.org and we can come up with a plan on our end to make any meal work! "

St. Andrew's Meal Train Sign-Up: (https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4wmkg 5/)

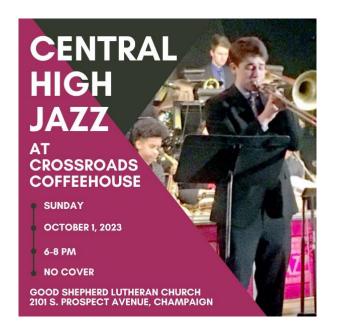


#### **GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS**

It's always a good time to do God's Work with Our Hands, but the ELCA encourages us to focus on efforts that help others during the month of September. This year, Good Shepherd has several projects in the works for God's Work-Our Hands.

We might offer a mini project on September 10<sup>th</sup> either during or after Cross+Gen; WELCA will gather folks together on September 17<sup>th</sup> to pack school kits; on September 24<sup>th</sup> our Sunday School kids and parents will go shopping for the food pantry; and on October 5<sup>th</sup> a small group will head to Feeding Our Kids to help sort and pack bags for students.

More information about these projects will be posted on our social media and sent out in our weekly Shout Out. And whether it's during September or any month, may we always be eagerly anticipating chances to use our hand to do God's work.



#### SAVE THE DATE Crossroads Coffeehouse Returning October 1 with fresh music, hot coffee, and good conversation.



#### JIM HACK MISSION FUND

Many of you are aware of and have been supporters of this meaningful

program Jim Hack and Pastor Velma envisioned years ago. Their idea was simple and straightforward, support youth in the Cristo Rey community and provide funds to allow a student to stay in school. Pastor Velma would manage the fund and help families cover costs of school uniforms, books, tuition, supplies, and food. Estimates were \$30 per month (\$360/Year) would allow a student to attend school and stay on a path to a successful and productive life. Jim had a vision of promoting this program and encouraging GSLC members and friends to support the young people of Cristol Rea with an ongoing effort. Last year you and others donated over 000 to this worthy cause. GSLC sends

\$9,000 to this worthy cause. GSLC sends these funds to Pastor Velma quarterly the first of October, January, April, and July.

Pledges for next year should be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email me your pledge amount or give me a call and I will be able to send Pastor Velma the first quarter allotment around October 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with El Salvador Scholarships in the memo line.

Please feel free to forward this message to others that may be interested. Just think what a dollar a day means for our friends and fellow Christians in El Salvador. Below is the annual report from last year. Any questions give me a call.

In His Service, Bob Clark Treasurer

Committee Members: Susan Hinrichs, Dylan Keene, Jenelle Keene, Marla Todd, Dean Olson Chair, Pastor Chapman, Deacon Fisher, Bob Clark Treasurer.

The Mission fund was established in 2013, By laws were amended in 2021 to create an additional fund named to honor Jim Hack and provide funds to support future mission trips. This year responding to a proposal to delete duplication, Council renamed the entire account <u>The Jim Hack</u> <u>Mission fund</u>. The committee may designate expenditures for any mission purpose, foreign or domestic.

The Thrivent & Habitat for Humanity partnership remains in place, but international activities were suspended during Covid. As a result, trips to El Salvador were not planned this year. The committee has discussed domestic trips in support of Lutheran Disaster Relief and is open to suggestions from members for specific ideas.

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A small but dedicated group of Good Shepherd members and friends continue to support Pastor Vilma and the Cristol Ray of Hope Scholarship fund at Lutheran Church in Sana Anna. This fund is administered by Pastor Vilma and provides money to assist students and families of the church with tuition, uniforms, books, for students and food for families of the parish.

#### Jim Hack Mission Fund August 1, 2022- July 31, 2023

Beginning Balance July 31, 2022: \$11,878.01 2022-2023 activities:

Scholarship Donations: \$8,969.00 Interest: \$4.62

Member Donations: \$500.00

#### Total receipts: \$9,473.62

Scholarship funds dispersed: \$8,400.00 Christmas gift to Cristo Rey Church: \$500.00 Western Union Transmittal fees: \$100.00

#### Total expenditures: \$9,000.00

Net yearly activities: \$473.62 Ending Balance July 31, 2023: \$12,351.63



#### Topic: Emergency Preparedness Emergencies can happen out of nowhere!

Our ability to survive is often determined by our level of preparation. Help take some of the unknowns out of the unknown by preparing a disaster kit today. Learn what you should include.

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#### **Basic Disaster Supplies Kit:**

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- <u>Water</u> (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- <u>Food</u> (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to <u>shelter in place</u>)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

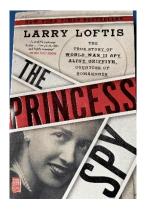
We shouldn't have to worry here in CU since we're a university town with healthcare, but look at Maui or what about the dust storms in other parts of country.

Would love for you to share with me if you decide to do this.

Sandy Reifsteck RN, Faith Community Nurse. GSLC

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WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 14 9:30AM GSLC Choir Room

#### The Princess Spy By Larry Loftis

This book follows the

hidden history of an ordinary American girl who became one of the OSS's most daring World War II spies before marrying Count of Romanones, one of the wealthiest men in Spain. The adventures of this spirited woman who risked everything to serve her country is an exciting spy novel.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions jannuss3@sbcglobal.net.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All women are welcome!

Anna Bible Study: Monday, September 11, 4:30PM

Ruth Bible Study: Tuesday, September 19, 9:30AM

#### Rachel Bible Study: Monday, September 25, 2:30PM

Each group meets in the Choir Room. We use the WELCA magazine, *Gather*. Copies available near the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway.



#### PACKING LWR SCHOOL KITS

#### September 17, 10:15AM During Adult Forum GSLC Fellowship Hall

We appreciate all of the school supplies and monetary donations that we received the past few months for LWR. One hundred and twenty school bags have graciously been sewn over the summer and are ready to be packed with supplies.

Thank you to all who sewed bags, helped put the cording in the bags, and/or donated supplies or money to this project. And a big thank you to Rebecca Nef-Heffernan for leading this effort.

We will be packing the school bags as a God's Work, Our Hands project. All church members are welcome to help. We will watch a few short videos about Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the importance of LWR kits before we pack the school bags. If anyone wishes to assist earlier with unwrapping the school supplies, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 8 am before the church service to assist with that so we can be ready to pack the school bags later.

Please contact Nancy Holm at <u>nlholm@comcast.net</u> or 217-778-9270 if you have any questions.



#### WELCA BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER Sunday, October 8, 10:15AM-2:00PM

WELCA will hold a bake sale fundraiser along with the Fall Fun Fest that the Fellowship committee is organizing that day. Cookies, breads, pies and more will be for sale. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex for those wishing to bring baked goods and/or sign up to help that day.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks. This is WELCA's big fundraiser for the year. The funds raised will be distributed to a number of non-profit groups in our area. Contact Nancy Holm at <u>nlholm@comcast.net</u> or 217-778-9270 or Patty Hart at <u>cookiedunker@comcast.net</u> or 217-714-5886 if you have any questions.



We welcome Tim O'Connell (Discipleship), Joe Chamley (Resources), and Jeff Young (Resources) as new members of our church council. Dan Corkery is also stepping up to help lead the Outreach Committee.

Given the increase in interest rates, our Stewardship/Finance team decided to move half of our reserve account (\$21,000) into a money market earning 5.1% and the remaining (\$21,000) into a 30-day CD, which will roll over until we need it.

The YMCA will not be returning this fall to Good Shepherd because of lower enrollment and consolidation of their program at the Y building. We like sharing our building and are interested in building additional income streams for our congregation. If you know of a group looking for a place, please talk to Bob Clark or Ash Waller or any member of the council.



PUMPKIN UNLOADING Saturday, September 30, 9AM

Jason is looking for as many people as possible to help unload pumpkins for our annual Fundraiser. Donuts and drinks will be provided for the first shift (9-10:30) and Pizza will be provided for the second shift (10:30-12). Last year we had a lot of help and got done in record time. Everyone who helps will also get first dibs on a free pumpkin of their choice.

If you don't feel comfortable helping unload but would still like to help, see the sign-up sheet in the hallway at church to sign up for a shift to help sell pumpkins to our friends and neighbors this season.

## YOUTH EVENTS



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT IS BACK Friday, September 1, 5-8PM FIRST FRIDAY of every month.

Parents get a night to themselves while kids enjoy dinner and games. We accept FREE WILL donations for future youth trips and programs. RSVP with Jason the Wednesday before if interested.



#### COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT Friday, September 15, 5-9PM

Monthly community game nights will be the THIRD FRIDAY of every month. Youth and adults of all ages are invited to try games from Jason's collection. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Friends and neighbors are always welcome, along with any games you would like to bring and teach. New this year Jason will be giving away a game each month!



#### CANTEEN RUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Thursday, September 21, 6-8PM

Meet Jason at Country Fair Storage at 619 Country Fair Drive in Champaign by 6pm to join us as we distribute clothes, food, and hope to those in need.



We are always grateful for the parents and teachers who commit to being there for the young people at Good Shepherd. Your presence means more than you realize.

If you haven't taught before but would be interested in helping with some back up, reach out to Jason at <u>jason@gslc-cu.org</u> about helping with one of our age groups.

Maybe you taught a while ago and would like to jump back in, Jason is happy to get you copies of the curriculum for the lessons that most interest you.

Let Jason know if there is someone you think would make an amazing teacher for our Sunday School team so that we can continue to model faith for the young people in our care.



#### NEW ORLEANS GATHERING July 15 – 21, 2024

All those currently in  $8^{th} - 12^{th}$  grade are eligible to attend this amazing event that only happens every 3 years. Registration opens September  $15^{th}$  so contact Jason by Sunday, September  $17^{th}$  if your student is interested in attending. You can find more info at: <u>https://www.elca.church/gathering</u>



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year Jason will be teaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class using our CONNECT curriculum. Our time together will involve honest questions about faith and projects to help build it. Families can contact Jason if they would like a copy of the CONNECT Bible for their student to use at home.



#### HOLY MOLY LESSONS Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Students Pre-Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and a parent are invited to join us for some fun projects and lessons each week as we journey through the Bible using our Holy Moly curriculum. Parents will work together to teach the lessons with their children and encourage them in their creative art projects.



#### 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade will get to tackle some tough topics like: Canon, History of the Bible, Genres in the Bible, and Interpretation of the Bible. All while hearing from renowned Christian speakers, writers, and pastors. Each student will receive their own journal so they can keep track of the deep questions and insights from each lesson.

#### SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

	09/03/2023	09/10/2023	09/17/2023	09/24/2023
Acolyte	Levi Todd	Jake Brucker	Reid Bruggman	Donovan Dewing
Communion Assistants	Jim Manley Carol Manley Marla Todd	Dylan Keene Jenelle Keene Nancy McCowen	Samantha Fisher Nancy Olson Nancy Holm	Joe Chamley Rebecca Nef- Heffernan Tori Corkery
Reader	Dan Corkery	Joe Chamley	Dean Olson	Cinda Brucker
Chancel Care	Doris Snyder	Doris Snyder	Beth Followell	Beth Followell
Food Delivery	Doris Snyder & Carol Manley	Jenelle Keene	Jodi Davis & Vickie Wilson	Agatha Barnes
Flower Delivery	Laurie Johnson	Agatha Barnes	Dean Olson	Gail Block
Nursery	Jeremiah Todd	Tom Tuttle	Max Bruggman	Maria Dewing
Coffee/Donuts	N/A	Jim Manley/ Nancy Olson/ Kim McFarland	Becky Fisher/ Don Block	Laurie Johnson/ Don Block
Usher	Nancy McCowen	Eric Brucker	Tim O'Connell	Sue Plisch

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



#### **FIRST COMMUNIONS**





SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

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&

Mackenzie O'Connell



#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023



Pasha Jacobs





Pastor Pastor Emeritus Deacon Parish Admin. Asst. Parish Worker Treasurer Organist Choir Director Accompanist Custodian Parish Nurses

Lynette Chapman Edward D. Schneider Jason Fisher Traci Shepherd Marilyn Dudley Bob Clark Linda Pein Julia Hartman Fenella Theodore Dennis Lage Sandy Reifsteck Elizabeth Kakoma Celeste Coverdill

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

Deadline for Scroll is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

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

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