JULY 29, 2018

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW ...

If you are a guest, have a prayer request or want more information about Good Shepherd, please take a moment to complete a connection card found in the pews. Place your card in the offering plate during the collection.

Things to Do

Farewell Reception for David Harrison

Sunday, immediately following the 9:45 am worship service Join us for cake and coffee as we say farewell and thank you to David for sharing his musical gifts with us as Good Shepherd's Interim Music Director.

Christmas in August

Sunday, August 5 We will kick off August with an off-season Christmas celebration including carols and cookies! We are looking for cookie bakers to share their cookies on this special day. Please send your recipes to *lois@gslchurch.org*, and then bring in a dozen or two to share on August 5. We will also be collecting school supplies and hygiene items for Families Together. See the list of needed items in the back of this bulletin.

Summerfest

Sunday, August 12 Morning worship services will feature the children of Good Shepherd performing "o CHICKEN of LITTLE faith." With singing, acting and costumes, this adorable story about having faith in God is sure to be uplifting for all! Worship with communion will be held, as usual, at 5:30 pm.

Fraud Watch Brunch & Learn (sponsored by Older Wiser Lutherans – OWLs)

Saturday, August 18, 10:00-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall If you are 55+, join us for a presentation of materials produced by AARP with the purpose of preventing fraud against older Americans. A light brunch will be provided. Registration is required; RSVP on The City or contact Kris Allsbury at *krisallsbury@gmail.com* or 919-616-4451.

Children and Youth

Preschool Registration Is Ongoing Our preschool provides a nurturing place for 1-5 year old children to learn. Find out more about our preschool and registration at *gslchurch.org/preschool* or contact Deanna Klimek, Preschool Director at 919-846-5060.

Things to Know

Summer Sermon Series - Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer Sundays, August 19 – September 2 Each Sunday, we will highlight a chapter or two from Rowan William's book, Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer. By focusing on each of these four elements of ancient Christianity, we find the foundation for our living faith.

Bluegrass Worship

Sundays, August 19 – September 2 While the order of worship remains the same, the lively music during Bluegrass Worship will have you tapping your toes and maybe even clapping your hands!

Food Barrel supports the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC Needs: canned fruits, vegetables, meat, and soup (pop-top cans and low sodium a plus!), whole grain pasta, brown rice, dried beans, cereal, peanut butter, Pedialyte, infant cereal, diapers, wipes, fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, crackers, popcorn, sugar-free pudding cups, hygiene items, household items, and paper products. *Please - No loose glass and plastic jars of baby food.* Thank you for helping our neighbors in need. Contact: Melinda Hawkins, *MelindaDHawkins@yahoo.com*.

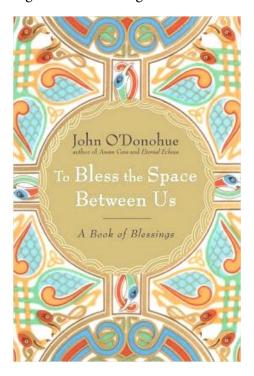
More information on upcoming events at can be found at *www.gslchurch.org* and in the Friday Faithprints e-newsletter. If you do not receive Friday Faithprints and would like to, check the box on your connection card to receive church-wide emails or contact the church office at *info@gslchurch.org*.

Recommended Reading This Week from the Pastors of Good Shepherd

To Bless the Space Between Us

by John O'Donohue

There is a deep human need for marking certain transition moments in our lives. We have a desire to surround them with prayer. Make them sacred. Make them holy...even if they don't feel holy in the moment. Celtic poet and author John O'Donohue has created a book of blessings for the many moments in human life. From birth to divorce, from awakening to past trauma, to simply giving thanks for the gifts that a day has brought, O'Donhue's thoughtful spiritual pen asks God's grace, mercy, and peace upon all these moments so that, even if it is difficult to see in the moment, we may one day acknowledge it all as blessing. Not bliss, but blessing.



I have used these blessings for funerals, weddings, tragedies, and everything in between. I think you will find them as enlightening and lovely as I do. -PT...

Share Your Gifts Sunday/Christmas in August - August 5

As we celebrate our gifts through worship and music, we are looking for cookie bakers to share their cookies on this special day. Please send your recipe to *lois@gslchurch.org* and then bring in a dozen or two on August 5. We will also be collecting school supplies and hygiene items for Families Together.

Back to School Supply Drive

Book Bags (Large & Small) Kleenex
Blue and Black Pens Chapstick
#2 Pencils Hand Sanitizer
Colored Pencils Varying sizes of Ziploc

Markers bags

Crayons High lighters
School Glue 8oz Dry Erase Markers

Glue Sticks Wide and College Ruled

Kid's and Adult Scissors Filler Paper

Erasers 1 Subject Notebooks

3 Subject Notebooks 5 Subject Notebooks 1.5 inch 3-Ring Binders 2 inch 3-Ring Binders Pencil Sharpeners Pencil Bags

Compass/Protractors

Rulers

Hygiene Kits for Teens

Girls

Travel sized: Boys

Deodorant Travel sized:
Hand Sanitizer Deodorant
Lotion Hand Sanitizer

Facial Cleanser Lotion

Body Wash Facial Cleanser Kleenex Body Wash Compact Mirror Kleenex

Neutral Colored Hair Ties Compact Mirror
Neutral Lip Gloss or Shaving Cream
Tinted Chapstick Chapstick

Mascara Small Toiletry Bag

Small Toiletry Bag





A refugee is an individual with a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion. He or she has generally fled to a neighboring country, as a result of persecution, fear, and loss of home country protection.

In recent years, the US has resettled on average 70,000 refugees across the country. This year, less than 17,000 individuals have received resettlement services, and thus protection, from US agencies. While refugee arrivals are lower than average this fiscal year, there is a great need for community support, welcoming hearts, and integration systems. The Circle of Welcome is a new Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) initiative that has been developed to engage both faith and community groups in the successful integration of refugees into communities in the United States. This initiative is anchored on a close partnership between LIRS, local resettlement partners such as Lutheran Services Carolinas, and volunteer teams from faith and community groups throughout the state. Welcoming the stranger and caring for their needs is a calling that is shared by most faith traditions and people of good conscience. Perhaps now more than ever, there is a critical need for private support for resettling refugee families and walking with them as they rebuild their lives.

Please consider joining Good Shepherd's journey to learn more about this crucial need in our own backyard, and how we, as a congregation, can help this resilient refugee population find a place of belonging in Raleigh, North Carolina. For more information about how you can become part of The Circle of Welcome Program at GSLC, please contact Monica Lavery at monicalavery.lcsw@gmail.com. For all other questions pertaining to Lutheran Services Carolinas, as well as individual volunteer opportunities with the refugee

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Our Mission

Growing a Christ-Centered Community through Life-Changing Service

Our Values

+ Embracing All God's Children + Connecting with God and Others + Developing Life-Long Disciples + Serving with Compassion