



August 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Okay, I'm officially tired of focusing on what we're missing. Even though we're in the midst of a very serious pandemic, we are so fortunate for all we have to cope with this challenging situation. As a church we've got a lovely portico for holding outdoor worship. We've got incredibly creative and industrious members helping us connect by Zoom. Our communities have the latest in science and health to be figuring out how to keep us safe and each day we gain a better understanding how to deal with this vicious virus. We have telephones to keep in touch. We have face masks and hand sanitizer. We have television to offer us news or entertainment. Netflix and all these streaming options allow us to watch old shows like I Love Lucy, Cheers, and whatever frivolous pastimes you want.

On Saturday, July 25th we held the South Carolina Synod Assembly----a meeting of the 100 or so congregations of our state. Yes, it was virtual----but it was pretty amazing that we could connect with one another and even elect a new bishop. With great gratitude, we wish retiring Bishop Herman Yoos all the best in his retirement as we welcome our new bishop elect, Pastor Ginny Aebischer (who happened to be Bishop Herman's assistant these past 12 years). Pastor Ginny knows Good Shepherd and will certainly be able to help us as we move forward into the future.

The biblical lessons we've been reading recently on Sundays have certainly highlighted what a remarkable God we have. This Almighty One who comes in the flesh in Jesus teaches us what is truly important, encourages us to be both faithful and good to one another, and ultimately offers his life so that we will know that life with God is assured for those who know and love the Lord. So, I'm officially giving up the poor me thoughts. Yes, there are things that we can't do

right now----and, yes, social distancing is not ideal. But, let's decide to make the best of it and do all that we are able to do-----to enjoy the life that we've been given and try to help everyone find that same joy in each day. Life as we used to know it may return sometime in the future, but this is the day that the Lord has made----let's rejoice in it! Yes, we can be sad about what we want to do and can't-----but let's not let that hold us back from doing what we are able to do and finding joy in what's in front of us.

Pastor Craig

Good Shepherd Women

The Good Shepherd Women will not be meeting this month. The SC Women of the ELCA convention, that had been scheduled for August, has been cancelled. Also, the fall meeting of the Amelia Conference Women, that had been scheduled for September, has been cancelled. Please watch your bulletin and newsletter for the next meeting of the Good Shepherd Women.

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Buddy and Joyce Carter, Frances Barton, Ted and Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail and Carl Lindstrom, Ron Szymanski

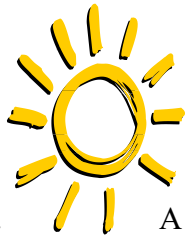
Friends and Family

Mary Wicker (Kevin and Diane Wicker), DeeDee Eason Burns, Rita Banks, Tammy Long, Clyde Frazier, Rebecca Ramsey and family, William Cummings (Kathie Whetsell), Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Laura Spivey, Charlotte Witingham, the family of Lisa O'Quinn (Janet Szymanski), Bob Michel (Eleanore Gloeckler), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Lori Nolte, Kathy Janney, Caroline Werntz, Debra Jones (the Risters), James Casella

Sunshine News :

The Lutheran Men in Mission will not be meeting until further notice.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the blood drive held recently at Good Shepherd in July. total of 48 units was collected. The next blood drive at Good Shepherd will be Monday, September 14, 2020.



Congratulations to Madison Strickland and Haleigh Gamble! They are recipients of scholarships from the Doscher/ Fellers Fund, which will help with their educational expenses. Both Madison and Haleigh will be attending Charleston Southern University this fall.

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list that is printed in the bulletin, please fill out a prayer request form, found in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to thewickers@lowcountry.com.

The loose and special designated offerings for August will support the Pee Dee Indians of the upstate. We are helping the Pee Dee Tribe build a multipurpose building on 14 acres that was donated to the tribe. The building will be used as a free medical clinic, an occasional shelter for the homeless, a place for children to come for tutoring and play in a safe environment and a nice building to use for meetings and gatherings. There will be a small area set aside as a museum of their heritage. Chief Peter Parr and the entire tribe are very excited about what we are doing. One of the Chief's statements about our efforts this year was, "You just can't out do God."

This is not a budgeted item, but you can help the PeeDee Indians by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**PeeDee Indians**" on your offering envelope.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of August are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak.

**** Note:** The cost of Sanctuary Candles is \$20 per month. Please place a check in the offering plate to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church designated "**Sanctuary Candles**".

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug. 2	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Sunday, Aug. 9	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Church Council Meets
Sunday, Aug. 16	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	11:00 AM	Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. Aug. 22	10:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, Aug. 23	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Sunday, Aug. 30	10:00 AM	Worship Service

SERVING IN AUGUST

Lay Reader	Gail Lindstrom
Grounds Care :	Carl and Doug Lindstrom
Council Devotions	Doug Lindstrom

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In July !!!

****Note:** *If you are unable to serve during your month, please be responsible and ask someone to substitute for you.*

Thank You :

I wish to extend my personal gratitude and thanks to all the folks at Good Shepherd for their prayers and support during this time of my loss of Lisa.

It's a very tough time for me, but know that my faith is strong and I lean on God for my ultimate support and comfort. A special thanks to Shannon for the kind words, they mean very much to me. Also a special thanks to the Risters, the Gilgens and the Wickers for the kind memorials. The entire Good Shepherd family is never far from my mind.

With the Holy Spirit in my heart, Jesus at my side, my hand is in God's hand as he sets me out to embark on the next steps in the journey of the plan he's laid out for me. Thank you so much, one and all.

In Christ's Love,
Ron Szymanski

Financial Report For July 12, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 1,498.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 49,474.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 28	\$ 44,249.00
Doscher/ Fellers Fund, month-to-date	\$ 110.00

Christian Education:

Confirmation classes started back in July. The next confirmation class will be Sunday, August 16, after the worship service.

The Christian Education committee has not met since March, but hopes to meet by early September to discuss other education opportunities.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Food Pantry

Given by:

John & Linda Gilgen

In Memory of:

Lisa O'Quinn

More Holy Humor:

(by: Cal and Rose Samra – Heavenly Humor, pg. 15)

A mister and a bus driver reached the Pearly Gates together and were assigned their quarters. The minister got a dilapidated shack in a farm meadow; the bus driver, a home in an elegant neighborhood.

The pastor went to St. Peter and said, "While on earth I preached to thousands of people and tried hard to follow all the commandments. What an exemplary life the bus driver must have led!"

St. Peter responded, "During your sermons, most everybody slept, but when the bus driver worked, everybody prayed."

- **Rev. Dr. James L. White, Christ Church, Rockville, Maryland**



Financial Corner:

When you receive your newsletter, we will have completed seven months of 2020 with six months of the finances "in the books" for our church. During the month of June we returned to worship on the grounds, although outside the sanctuary, while we continued to transmit our services on-line through the use of our Zoom program.

Of note during the month, Bethel Presbyterian Church made another very generous donation to our food pantry, putting us in a good position when we reopen the pantry. Shannon has sent them a note of appreciation, but if you know anyone at Bethel, tell them thanks for their continuing support of this ministry.

Also, you'll note that with the donations from June, we have reduced the "debt" from the Wallace Fund for the fellowship hall roof to about \$1,900.

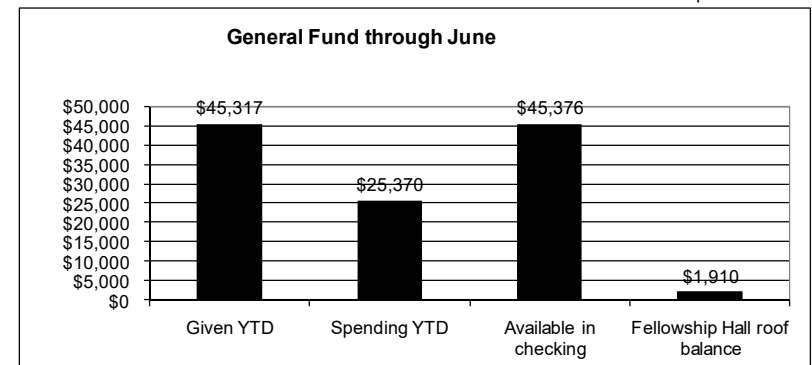
Thank you all so much for your continuing support of the ministry of Good Shepherd.

Until next month: peace, joy and good health. And, I hope to see you outdoors or on-line for church.

Kevin

June Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 8,645
Wallace Fund	\$ 410
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 1,080
SC Synod COVID-19 Relief	\$ 120
Nixville Tornado Relief	\$ 50
Candles	\$ 30



July Council meeting notes : 07-12-2020

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dean Brinson.

- The Council heard reports from Pastor Craig, Christian Education, Worship and Music, and Property.
- Dean reported that he is awaiting quotes from two contractors for the parsonage roof replacement and will report back to Council when he has those quotes.
- Dean also reported that several pieces of furniture, which he, Carl and Charles had been working on, had been picked up from the church for a family who lost their home in Nixville during the tornado.
- Council approved scholarships for Madison Strickland and Haleigh Gamble for the Fall school semester. Funds will come from the Doscher/Fellers Scholarship Fund.
- Council approved postponing the homecoming celebration, scheduled for September 13, until next September due to concerns about the Covid-19 virus.
- Pastor Craig reminded members that Confirmation Class will resume on Sunday, July 19, following worship. There are six confirmation students. The class will be held in the fellowship hall and social distancing and mask protocol will be followed.
- Council approved the following people to represent Good Shepherd at the 2020 SC Synod Assembly; Amy Rusnak, Jon Carpenter and Pastor Craig. The assembly will be held “virtually” using Zoom.
- Council discussed the progress of worshiping outdoors and by Zoom. After the discussion, they decided to continue with the current practice until an improvement is seen in the number of cases on our area.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Craig.

Your Council members are Angela Crosby, Dean Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Doug Lindstrom, Garrett Brinson, Kathie Whetsell, Amy Rusnak, Shannon Guess and Kevin Wicker.

August Birthdays :

August 2	Ray DeLonge Sandy Alberts Marge Johnston
August 3	John McCullough
August 4	Caroline Reynolds
August 8	Pastor Norton Rosebrock
August 9	Rusty Mezel Donna Murphy Dalbert Reser
August 14	Rob Rusnak
August 15	Tara Brinson
August 16	Angela Crosby
August 17	Sara Avant Justine Murphy
August 18	Erin Johnston
August 19	Theresa Reynolds Barton
August 22	Eddie Wertz
August 23	Faye Rister
August 24	Merri Simons
August 25	Pastor Craig Boehlke
August 26	Pastor John Wertz
August 30	Sheree Avant Jaymie Strickland
August 31	Ernie Gartner



August Anniversaries :

August 3	Dean and Candace Fralix Jessica and Cody Williams
August 26	Winfield and Merri Simons



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