



July 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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From Your Interim Pastor :

“More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. . . .” Romans 5:3-4

Endurance is a good word for the situation we're in. I could be speaking about Good Shepherd being in a prolonged interim situation----or we could be thinking about our pandemic which seems to show no sign of letting up anytime soon-----or I could be referring to the tensions in our current political climate where there is so much adversarial tension and a near stalemate in Congress. Some of you are also facing personal situations that have required incredible endurance. It was so good to see Frank Wilson at church on June 21 after so many months of medical challenges. Others of you have your own challenges.

Endurance is part of what we do as people of faith. We know that all these things are in God's hands. Our prayer and our daily task is to keep the faith, to do the things that are the marks of a Christian believer, to look with hope even when things seem pretty desperate. For those who came to church the first Sunday we gathered in person, I was so impressed with your willingness to comply with what your council had laid out as guidelines to keep everyone safe. A few didn't want to wear a mask, but kept extra social distancing out of respect for others. In discussion after worship, some felt it would be much easier to hear and understand me if I was not masked. That would have been possible since I was 10 feet or better from anyone during the actual service, however, I wanted to model the behavior we were asking of everyone. Leaders lead by example as well as by words. We'll continue to refine how we do worship over the next weeks.

Our current world situation could lead many to be depressed. If you are feeling down, be sure to reach out to friends, family, or your church family. We need to help one another so that our suffering does produce endurance, which the scripture says brings character, and in turn yields hope. Together we can look forward to better days ahead----and to making the most of the blessings we have today.

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.

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

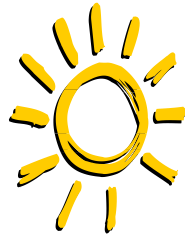
Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Buddy and Joyce Carter, Frances Barton, Ted and Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail and Carl Lindstrom, Ron Szymanski

Friends and Family

Margaret Hoff (Amy Rusnak), Mary Wicker (Kevin and Diane Wicker), DeeDee Eason Burns, Rita Banks, Gene Whetsell, Tammy Long, Clyde Frazier (Kathie Whetsell), Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Lori Nolte, Caroline Werntz, Kathy Janney (the Risters), Mr. & Mrs. M. Nettles, Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Bunch, the family of Gladys Mosandel, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Laura Spivey, Maria Rodriguez, the family of Lisa O'Quinn (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Theresa and Ray Strickland), Bob Michel (Eleanore Gloeckler), Kathryn Peer (Nancy Peer), the Nixville community (Ellen Brinson)

Sunshine News :

Lutheroad Day Camp has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully, we will be able to have day camp return next summer.



The Lutheran Men in Mission will not be meeting in the month of July. We hope that the men will be able to meet in August

The Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be here on Monday, July 13, 2020, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come out and give the gift of life!

We will start a **new prayer list** in July. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue to have someone on the prayer list, please fill out one of the forms found in the newsletter or in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You can also email your prayer requests: thewickers@lowcountry.com

The loose and special designated offerings for July will support the **Doscher and Fellers Education and Outdoor Ministry Fund** for the purpose of supporting the spiritual and educational growth of the Good Shepherd members and associate members through institutions of higher education and Lutheran outdoor ministries. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help the Scholarship Fund by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Scholarship Fund**” on your offering envelope.



The Sanctuary Candles for the month of July are given to the glory of God by Frank and Marie Wilson in memory of Carolyn Wilson.

**** 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**”.

Financial Corner:

With five months of 2020 behind us, we are thankful to say that our finances are doing well. Despite the downturn of our economy, and the complete change in how we are being “churched” during these uncertain times, your faithful gifts to Good Shepherd are allowing us to continue our ministry, and to build our reserves.

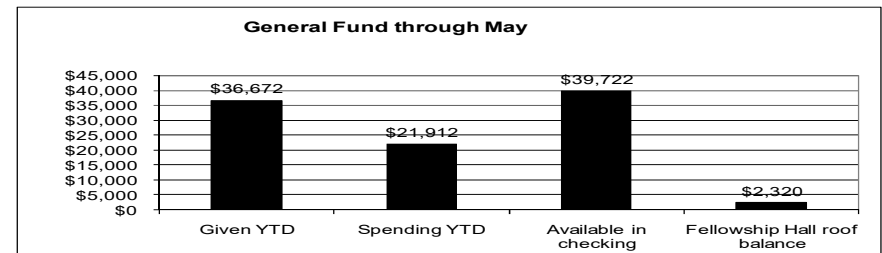
I’d like to mention just a few highlights. With five months of the year complete, we are well within our 2020 Spending Plan for Ministry. With the future unknown expenses for our properties, this is a very good place to be. We received \$535 during the month toward the **Cristo Rey Abundance of Grace** appeal. That money will be sent to the SC Synod in honor of **Bishop Herman Yoos** on his upcoming retirement. We continue to receive gifts to the Wallace Fund to pay down the debt on the **Fellowship Hall roof project**, which is now reduced to about \$2,300. And, we have awarded the contract to remove the damaged **oak tree** from the back yard of the parsonage for \$1,700.

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

Until next month: peace, joy and good health.
Kevin

May Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 6,571
Wallace Fund	\$ 325
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 540
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 100
Cristo Rey Abundance of Grace	\$ 535
Candles	\$ 40
Tree Removal	\$ 100



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Saturday, July 4	All Day	Independence Day
Sunday, July 5	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Sunday, July 12	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Church Council Meets
Monday July 13	1 - 7 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, July 19	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Wed. July 22	10:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, July 26	10:00 AM	Worship Service

SERVING IN JULY

Lay Reader

Rob Rusnak

Grounds Care :

Kevin Wicker

Council Devotions

Garrett Brinson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In June !!!

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

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Social Ministry

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memry of:

Lisa O'Quinn

Wallace Fund

Given by:

Charles & Faye Rister

In Memry of:

Lisa O'Quinn

Food Pantry

Given by:

Janet Szymanski

In Memry of:

Lisa O'Quinn

Thank You :

A special thank you goes out to the **Walterboro Elks Lodge** and the **Civitan Club** for their donations to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.



June Council meeting notes : 06-14-2020

- Kathie opened the meeting with an excerpt from Martin Luther on his response to the plague in his time.
- Much of the meeting was spent in conversation regarding resuming worship. The Council voted to begin outdoor service on Sunday, June 21 at 10:00 a.m. and to resume using the Zoom computer program for those wishing to participate in worship at home.
- Council also voted to have our Recording Secretary, Doug Brinson, send out mid-year financial statements to members and friends of Good Shepherd in July.

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



July 4, 2020

Financial Report For June 14, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 1,095.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 41,270.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 24	\$ 37,928.00
COVID-19 Relief fund, month-to-date	\$ 50.00

July Birthdays :

July 1	Phil Shaw
July 2	Theresa Strickland
July 3	Carl Lindstrom
July 8	Maria Patterson
	Ted Avant
	Sue Nussman
July 10	Ellen Brinson
July 15	Rebecca Alberts
July 17	Kris Wertz
July 18	Trent Connelly
July 19	Cam Wertz
July 20	John Gary McCullough
July 21	Erik Lindstrom
July 23	Mary Wicker
July 24	Melissa Connelly
July 27	Marie Wilson
July 30	Willie Cammon
	Shannon Guess
July 31	Kevin Wicker
	Amy Zielke



July Anniversaries :

July 1	John and Roberta McCullough
	Buddy and Joyce Carter
July 23	David and Samantha Knapp

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Prayer List July- September, 2020

Each week, Good Shepherd publishes a prayer list in the bulletin.

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list for longer than one Sunday, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. If you prefer, you can email your request to thewickers@lowcountry.com

To be prayed for:

Requested by:

Condition:

Please remove:

A **new** prayer list will be started every three months.