



June 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Your church council, out of an abundance of caution, is continuing to keep the church building closed, at least until June 14. Regrettably, the number of infections in the Walterboro area has increased and we still have too little testing available. We are looking at the best advice for when and how to open the facilities, but in the meantime, remember that the building is closed but the church is open!

The analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) details how one couple—a pastor at a local church and his wife—contracted the virus and unwittingly may have helped spread it to 26 others, which ballooned into a cluster of 61, of which four people died. The analysis mirrors past reports detailing—with painful precision—how just one case of COVID-19 can quickly spread within communities or cities.

I'm especially perplexed by the suggestion that singing in indoor spaces is especially a concern for spreading the virus. Water droplets project much further when singing or speaking loudly. Similarly brass or wind instruments can cause the virus to spread further. At least I think we can have organ and piano music----and maybe if we're creative, we can prerecord some music that people can hum along to.

We will get through this----and every day we seem to learn more. But in the short term, please wear a mask when in public, especially indoors, and wash those hands thoroughly and frequently. Along with patience, please keep in touch with your friends and fellow members. Acts of kindness are the tonic that will keep us healing and healthy.

Speaking of health, on Tuesday, May 26th I'm having my second knee replaced. I expect to be with you for Zoom worship

on May 31st, hopefully seeing you from church, but if not, from my home. Kevin Wicker will help those of you who need assistance in figuring out the Zoom program. I know some of you don't have electronic capability, but even if you just have a phone, you will be able to join in. We'll keep the worship short enough that you can take a few minutes just to say hello to others. We'd appreciate your feedback after we try this to determine what we'll do in the future.

Please continue to pray for one another and for our nation and world. Stay safe!

Pastor Craig

Thank You :

On behalf of Nixville Baptist Church, I would like to thank you for the generous support of the tornado victims. On Monday morning, April 13, 2020 a tornado with 165 mile an hour winds came through Hampton County. There were over a hundred houses affected in this disaster. The tornado claimed five lives in our county. These families lost everything they own. Even the ones that did not lose their home have suffered great loss.

We have had tremendous support throughout the region. Nixville Baptist Church and Hampton Rec Center and the Bull Durham building in Estill have provided relief supplies to these families in need. We have fed over 600 people on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the tragedy of this tornado will go on for months upon months.

After the immediate needs are met for the families, we will continue with the restoration process. Many families had no insurance. These funds will help us to rebuild their homes and bring back some sense of normality to their lives. There has been a committee established (Tornado Relief Fund) to assess the needs of these families for the distribution of funds.

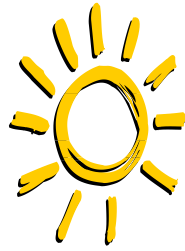
Again, thank you for your heart of giving in this time of need. The Lord bless you for your generosity. Most of all, keep praying for the restoration of these families lives through this tragedy.

Pastor Allan H. Kircher
Nixville Baptist Church

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 June. We hope that the men will be able to meet in July



Applications for school scholarships are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for those students in our congregation who are pursuing either an associate degree or a bachelor degree. Please contact Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **July 1**.

Thank you to everyone who supported the May Red Cross blood drive here at Good Shepherd. A total of 52 units was collected that day. The next blood drive at Good Shepherd will be Monday, July 13, 2020, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Congratulations to Morgan Dandridge and Madison Strickland! Both Morgan and Madison are graduating from Colleton County High School. Morgan plans to attend Converse College in the fall, while Madison will be attending Charleston Southern.

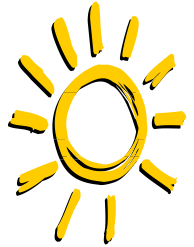
If you would like to place someone on the prayer list that is printed in the bulletin, please fill out a prayer request form, found in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to thewickers@lowcountry.com.

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

Sunshine News : (Continued)

The loose and special designated offerings for June will support the SC Synod **Covid-19 Relief fund**. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by designating your gift for “Covid-19 Relief” on your offering envelope or by selecting “Covid-19 Relief” in the **Tithe** giving program on our website.



Good Shepherd Women

The Good Shepherd Women will not be meeting this month. We hope to meet before the South Carolina WELCA convention in August. Marie Wilson and Diane Wicker will be attending as delegates from Good Shepherd.



SERVING IN JUNE

Grounds Care :
Council Devotions

Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Kathie Whetsell

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In May !!!

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

First Day of Summer!

June 20, 2020

Financial Report For May 17, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 1,092.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 34,617.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 20	\$ 31,607.00
Cristo Rey Appeal, month-to-date	\$ 210.00
Nixville Relief Effort, to date	\$ 1,174.00

Financial Corner:

Would it be proper to “ditto” last month’s report because all of the information continues to be timely and accurate? Let’s see. When we ceased having worship at the church, naturally our offerings went down because we all thought this would be short lived and we’d be back in a few weeks and could catch up on our offerings then. However, the virus has been persistent and we have continued to worship apart. In this month, we began receiving offerings through the mail, dropped off at the church, and through the online giving program Tithely.

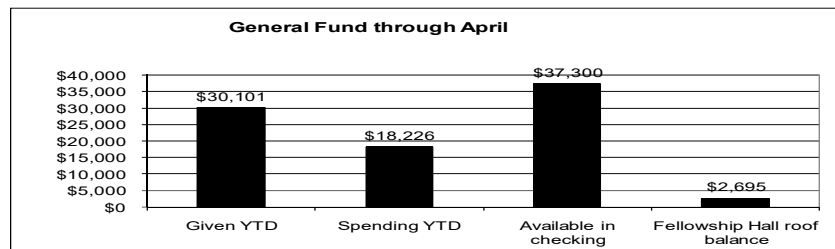
Although there are actually some cost savings from not having our worship and other activities at our facilities (electricity, copy paper, supply pastors when Pastor Craig is away, etc.), there are also cost increases (postage, Zoom on-line meeting program, etc.) and other costs that are pretty constant (property insurance, utilities, salaries, State and Federal tax withholdings, maintenance, etc.) So, your offerings are very much appreciated and continue to be vital as we carry on the ministry of Good Shepherd through these difficult times.

Until next month: peace, joy and good health.

Kevin

April Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 7,392
Wallace Fund	\$ 320
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 280
Nixville Tornado Relief Fund	\$ 1,174
ELCA Clean Water	\$ 100
Lenten Offering	\$ 240
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 50
Lutheroad	\$ 100
Easter Lilies	\$ 20



LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

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

Friends and Family

Margaret Hoff (Amy Rusnak), Mary Wicker, Ben Wicker, the family of Gene Soult (Kevin and Diane Wicker), DeeDee Eason



Burns, Rita Banks, Gene Whetsell, Tammy Long (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 (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Theresa and Ray Strickland), Bob Michel (Eleanore Gloeckler), Kathryn Peer (Nancy Peer), the Nixville community (Ellen Brinson)

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

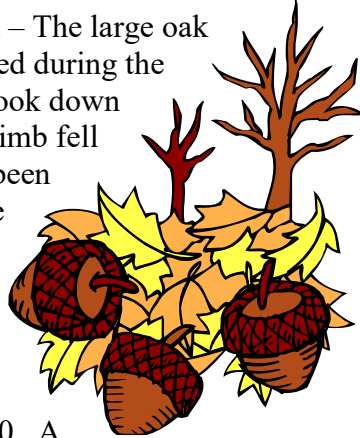
Sunday, June 14	All Day	Flag Day
	5:00 PM	Church Council Meets (via ZOOM)
Saturday, June 20	All Day	First Day of Summer
Sunday, June 21	All Day	Father’s Day
Monday June 22	10:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline

*****Note : ** All in-person events at Good Shepherd have been cancelled through at least June 14. The church council will meet on Sunday, June 14, via ZOOM, to evaluate the situation at that time and make a decision. We will try to keep everyone updated through various means such as email, the website, and phone calls.***

Property Committee Activities – April/May 2020

Parsonage roof update – We have received the Claim documents and a check from Church Mutual to cover the cost of replacing the parsonage roof. The check is in the amount of \$11,643.20. Meanwhile, all temporary shingle work has been completed. (Thanks to Pastor Craig for donating a bundle of shingles to be used for this purpose and to Dean Brinson for donating the roofing tar.)

Tree damage in the parsonage yard – The large oak tree behind the parsonage was damaged during the storm of April 13. A tree company took down two large branches and later another limb fell from the tree. All of that debris has been disposed of. The property committee has received permission from the City to remove the tree due to the damage. The remainder of the tree will be removed from the property when the tree contractor is available. The total cost of the job will be \$1,700. A discussion of the tree with Church Mutual revealed that the tree is not covered in our policy. It would only have been covered if it fell through the house and had to be removed.



Azalea trimming – the azaleas are being cut back after blooming and as time allows. Thanks to Charles Rister and his crew of Carl Lindstrom and Dean Brinson for doing all of this work.

Parsonage moisture barrier – We lack about 300 square feet to complete and will complete this work as the corona virus subsides.

Balance of the parsonage work – The balance of the work in the parsonage is on hold pending the corona virus subsiding.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

General Fund

Given by:

Eleanore Gloeckler

In Memry of:

her father's birthday

May Council meeting notes : 05-17-2020

- The meeting was held using the Zoom on-line meeting program and was attended by all members of Council and Pastor Craig.
- The Council members received reports from Pastor Craig, Finance, Christian Ed, WELCA, Worship and Music and the Property Committee.
- Council approved a recommendation from Christian Ed to cancel the Lutheroad Day Camp for this summer due to concerns of the corona virus, and restrictions placed on camp activities by NovusWay.
- Council approved a recommendation from Christian Ed to provide a partial scholarship to three confirmation students of Good Shepherd who will be attending Campfirmation Camp at Lutheridge this summer as part of their confirmation training.
- Council was informed by Property that we have received a claim check for replacing the roof of the parsonage as a result of the wind damage during the storm on April 13. Some shingles have been replaced by members and the Property Committee will seek bids for this work.
- Council approved the removal of the oak tree in the back yard of the parsonage as a result of wind damage during the storm on April 13. A permit has been granted by the city to remove the damaged tree. The Property Committee will secure a contractor to remove the tree.
- Council approved continued cancellation of worship services through their next meeting on June 14. Meanwhile, bulletins and sermon text will continue to be sent out each week as well as information about services at St. John's in Beaufort and our own services by way of the computer video program Zoom.

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

Father's Day !



June 21, 2020

June Birthdays :

June 3	Dean Fralix
June 4	William Brinson
June 6	Lloyd Smyly Loren Weihemuller
June 8	Hugh Wilson
June 9	Douglas Fraser
June 10	Jackson Lord Ron Szymanski
June 11	Nancy Peer
June 12	Weston Williams
June 14	Amy Rusnak
June 15	Dean Brinson Samantha Knapp
June 18	Jon Carpenter
June 21	Buddy Carter
June 22	Cleo Gartner
June 23	Lisa Lord Richie Johnston
June 30	Joe Epple Ryan Barton



June Anniversaries :

June 3	John and Linda Gilgen Jamie and Melissa Connelly
June 4	Doug and Ellen Brinson
June 19	Joe and Julie Epple
June 22	Pastor Rich and Marge Johnston
June 25	Kevin and Diane Wicker
June 27	Ernie and Cleo Gartner

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