



March 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Having completed the travels I had scheduled prior to coming to Good Shepherd, I'll finally be here several weeks in a row. With Sundays and mid-week services we'll settle into a routine. During Lent I will plan to be at the church on Thursdays as well as Sundays. Please feel free to contact me at other times. Email is usually most effective at prcraig@aol.com but my cell is 843-288-1500 for emergencies.

The midweek theme your Worship Committee chose is the "Seven Deadly Sins". Using the book, "Whatever Became of Sin", we'll explore the challenges to living faithfully and the seductive temptations that lead us away from God. We'll try to have some fun with our topics along the way. We'll also be learning parts of a new liturgy, Holden Evening Prayer. It's got some beautiful musical parts which I think you'll really love. Plan to come Thursdays and have some soup!

The rest of the church schedule is also heating up. We'll be doing confirmation classes once a month with a number of teens and some eager adults. We'll be using the book, "Baptized, We Live (Lutheranism as a Way of Life)" by Daniel Erlander along with other materials. We'll also be offering First Communion class on April 1st (no fooling) as part of Wonderful Wednesdays. There is no magical age that's right for first communion. I encourage parents to talk with their children----when they express an interest is when it's probably the right time. Remember the first disciples didn't fully understand what was going on at the last supper. Holy Communion is more about being in a relationship with God----knowing God's love for us through this tangible meal. I'm happy to talk with any of you that are wondering if now is the right time. Sign up will be through Wonderful Wednesdays.

I'd like to commend you for the many invitations you've extended to friends to come (or come back) to Good Shepherd. We've got some newer participants in worship. Your challenge is to get to know those who visit and invite them into the activities of the community. It's always easy to hang out with friends, but make a point to introduce yourself to someone you don't know. From now to Easter is prime time for connecting with those who may be new to Good Shepherd. Your welcome smile is important!

One last note----the choir I have sung in the past 10 years at Lord of Life Lutheran in Bluffton has a tradition of doing a Cantata every Advent and Lent. They have agreed to bring this year's musical, "Come Touch the Robe" to Good Shepherd on March 29th at 5pm. This is a beautiful and moving story in word and song of how various people encountered Jesus by coming into contact with his robe. It will be about 45 minutes in length so even with light refreshments after everyone will get home before dark. I hope you will plan to come out and be truly blessed by this beautiful story. And yes, I will be among the singers!

Pastor Craig

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, Eleanore Gloeckler, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris

Friends and Family

Mr. & Mrs. M. Nettles, Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Bunch, the family of Gladys Mosandel, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Laura Spivey (Janet Szymanski), Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Jean Strickland (Theresa Crosby and Ray Strickland), Margaret Hoff (Amy Rusnak), Roxanne Lane, Mary Wicker, Ben Wicker (Kevin and Diane Wicker), Patti Lohr (Angela and Kevin Crosby), Lori Nolte, Caroline Werntz, Kathy Janney, the family of Betina Adams (the Risters), John Corley, DeeDee Eason Burns, Rita Banks (Kathie Whetsell)

Sunshine News :

On **Thursday evenings during Lent, beginning March 5**, we will gather in the parish hall for a soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by worship in the parish hall at 6:45 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For the soup suppers, there will be sign-up sheets for each week. We will need 4 soups, 2 breads, and 2 gallons of tea (one sweet, one unsweet) each week. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.



There will be **no altar flowers during March** because of Lent.

It is time now to order Easter lilies! If you are interested in placing an Easter lily in the church for Easter Sunday, please fill out the order form, found in this newsletter, and return it, along with your payment, to the church. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 15.**

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 Good Shepherd Women will hold a **spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. You can dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from the women. Proceeds will benefit various outreach projects of the Good Shepherd Women.

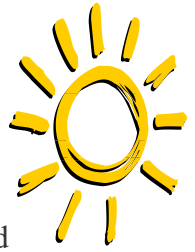
On **Sunday, March 29**, the choir of Lord of Life Lutheran Church will perform their Easter cantata, "Come, Touch the Robe," at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The program will begin at 5:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served after the program. Save the date, and plan to join us!

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of March are given to the glory of God by Janet Szymanski.

**** 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 annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Watch the bulletin for further information.



The loose and special designated offerings for March will support our **Lutheroad Day Camp** at Good Shepherd this summer. **Lutheroad** is a day camp led by counselors from **Lutheridge** that will be held July 20 through 24. Lutheroad is a fun-filled week for our children who have completed grades Kindergarten through Fifth. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help offset the **\$4,500 cost** of Day Camp by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Lutheroad**" on your offering envelope.

As our young people are learning about Jesus' life and teachings, the adult class of our **Wonderful Wednesday** program has been studying "**Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith**" over the past six weeks. Thus far we have studied the AME, Assemblies of God, Baptist and Mennonite Churches. Our class is made up of folks from various faith backgrounds including Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene and Lutheran. All are welcomed to join us on Wednesday evening as we continue learning about our neighbor's faith. Classes begin about 5:45 p.m.

Lutheroad Day Camp will be coming to Good Shepherd the week of July 20-24, 2020 (Monday- Friday). Applications will be available in April. The cost per child will be \$60.

Applications for camp scholarships are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for children attending one of the Novus Way Camps this summer: Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, or Luther Springs. Please see Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **May 1**.

Theresa Crosby and Ray Strickland, together with their parents, request the pleasure of your company at the celebration of their union on Saturday, April 4, at 6:00 in the evening at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A small reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA

The Good Shepherd Women met on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the church. Amy Rusnak was the hostess for the evening. Diane Wicker presented the first session of a Bible study, "We are Called!" The minutes of the January 2020 meeting were reviewed, and the treasurer's report was received as information.

Business :

1. **Lenten supper:** There was no information at this time.
2. **SC Women of the ELCA convention:** June 12 & 13

Registration forms were shared with those present. Amy Rusnak and Marie Wilson have agreed to serve as delegates to the convention.

3. **Planning for Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, March 21

Plans were made for the spaghetti dinner to be held on Saturday, March 21. The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, a variety of homemade desserts, tea, and water. Final details will be discussed at the March meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting for the women will be Monday, March 2, at 6:00 pm. Faye Rister will be the hostess, and Diane Wicker will lead the Bible study.

Diane Wicker, Secretary



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 17, 2020

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am. The committee will be discussing plans for the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as other items. During Lent, Wonderful Wednesday participants are collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantry. The goal is to collect 250 items.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Mar. 1	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
Monday, Mar. 2	6:00 PM	Good Shepherd Women Meet
Tuesday, Mar. 3	10 AM-Noon	Food Pantry
	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Mar. 4	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Thursday, Mar. 5	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper / Service
Saturday, Mar. 7	10:00 AM	Christian Education Meeting
Sunday, Mar. 8	2:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Begins
	8:00 AM	Lutheran Men Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	11:00 AM	Church Council Meets
Monday, Mar. 9	1 -7 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, Mar. 10	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Mar. 11	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Thur., Mar. 12	4:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper / Service
Sunday, Mar. 15	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:30 AM	Deadline for Easter Lily Orders
	11:00 AM	Confirmation Class
Tues., Mar. 17	All Day	St. Patrick's Day
	10 AM-Noon	Food Pantry
	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Mar. 18	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Thur., Mar. 19	All Day	First Day of Spring
	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper / Service
Sat., Mar. 21	5:30 -7 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, Mar. 22	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, Mar. 24	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Mar. 25	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Thur., Mar. 26	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper / Service
Sunday, Mar. 29	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	5:00 PM	Cantata (Lord of Life Choir)
Tuesday, Mar. 31	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Apr. 1	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Thur., Apr. 2	6:00 PM	Lenten Supper / Service
Sat., Apr. 4	10 AM-Noon	Easter Egg Hunt
	6:00 PM	Crosby/ Strickland Wedding

SERVING IN MARCH

Ushers :	Carl Lindstrom / Kevin Wicker
Lay Reader :	Tara Brinson
Altar Guild :	Diane Wicker
Communion Asst. :	Amy Rusnak
Acolyte :	Riley Guess
Offering Tabulators :	Kevin Wicker / Garrett Brinson
Grounds Care :	Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Council Devotions	Angela Crosby
Women of ELCA : (hostess)	Faye Rister
(Bible Study)	Diane Wicker
LMM : (program)	Jon Carpenter
(meal)	Winfield Simons / Kevin Wicker

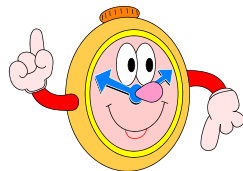
Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In February !!!

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

Daylight Savings Time :

“Will Daylight Savings Time be Eliminated?”

What President Trump is arguing for is permanent **daylight saving time**, essentially **eliminating** the "fall back" of clocks in November. This would mean the United States stays on summer hours all year round. Some states, including Hawaii and most of Arizona, do not observe **daylight saving time** at all. (Forbes.com –March 11, 2019)



DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

General Fund

Given by:

Anonymous Donor

In Honor of:

Doug Brinson



First Day of Spring !!!

March 19, 2020

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The men's meeting began with a delicious meal prepared by the Lindstrom Brothers and a program by Charles. In business, the men discussed plans for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. As in years past, the men will be preparing the meal.

As a reminder, don't forget to bring your **aluminum cans** to church to support our Social Ministry program and mark your calendars for the **upcoming BBQ on Saturday, April 18.**

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday morning, March 8, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Jon will have the program, and Winfield and Kevin will have the meal. All men of the congregation, and their guests, are welcomed to join us.

Financial Report For February 16, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 2,146.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 13,596.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 7	\$ 11,062.00
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, month-to-date	\$ 64.00

A Special Musical Event at GSLC (Sunday, March 29th, 5 pm)

Encounters with the Healer, the Servant, the Lord of Easter, Unique in concept, soaring in spirit, and with music, text, and narration by Pepper Choplin, **“Come Touch the Robe”** allows us to encounter the Christ of healing, glory, authority, humility, and victory. This work uses the simple garment that Jesus wore as a thematic device to recount the interaction of those who were with Him during His last days on Earth. To a suffering woman, His robe conveyed divine healing. On the mountaintop, the robe shone and filled the disciples' eyes with His glory and authority. When Jesus laid His garment aside in the upper room, it displayed His humility as a servant. At the tomb, the grave clothes He left behind help us experience His resurrection and the victory over death. It is through these personal, touching moments that our hearts are fully prepared to meet Jesus in an intimate way, allowing us to experience the healing, the glory, and the power of Christ, and rejoice in the stirring celebration of the resurrection of the Lamb of God.

The choir of Lord of Life Lutheran Church of Bluffton brings us this special Lenten opportunity. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special treat!

Financial Corner:

January was a good month, financially, with **General Fund gifts** being greater than expenses. (I don't know much about accounting, but that has to be the first rule for making an accountant happy.) "Gifts greater than Expenses" also allows us to build some cushion in our checking account balance, which is probably the second thing that makes an accountant happy. ☺

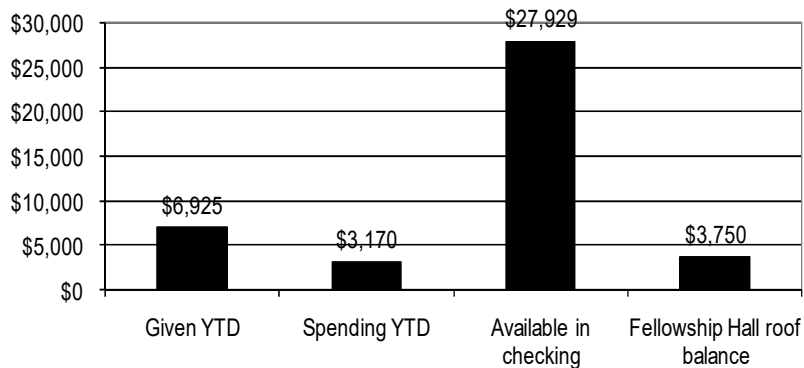
Our **Wallace Fund** continues to grow as we pay off the debt of the fellowship hall roof. We will need to continue growing this fund in order to complete some of the repairs needed to the parsonage as well as our other facilities.

Until next month, I hope to see you in church.
Kevin

January Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 6,925
Wallace Fund	\$ 310
Social Ministry / Food Pantry	\$ 308
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 112
Flowers	\$ 135
Candles	\$ 20
Lutheran Homes of SC	\$ 134
Large Print Hymnals	\$ 102
Lutheroad	\$ 50

General Fund through January



March Birthdays :

March 1	Mason Alberts
March 2	Tyler Westbury
March 3	Donnie Eason
March 5	Garrett Brinson
March 8	Andrew Hitchens
March 10	Haleigh Gamble
	Hannah Gamble
March 13	Maria Rodriguez
March 14	Winfield Simons
March 15	Frances Barton
	Charlotte Brinson
	Jeremiah Johnston
March 20	Barrett Lord
March 21	Charles Rister
March 23	Eddie Sineath
March 29	Candace Fralix



March Anniversaries :

March 25 Kevin and Angela Crosby



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Easter Lily- Order Form

If you would like to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate. There are two options with the price listed for each option. Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd. You may pick up your Easter lily following the service on Easter Sunday. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 15, 2020.**

Given by _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ Single bloom: \$20

_____ Double bloom: \$25

Payment enclosed Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____