



September 2020

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## From Your Interim Pastor :

Hard to believe that school is starting and fall is upon us. Back in March when we called a halt to our normal operations, I don't think any of us thought it would go on this long. But we've adapted to a new normal which continues to evolve. Even as we cannot see the end yet, your church leaders are beginning to think of how we can function in a more robust manner. Restaurants are beginning to function with new guidelines, so maybe we will find ways to enjoy that men's fish fry and women's spaghetti dinner. With adjustments we are planning a "trunk or treat" event for our children. And whether we use Zoom or socially distanced gatherings for Bible study and other meetings---life needs to go on.

Last May I began proposing some ideas to the council for your next permanent pastoral leadership. It has taken a few months for conversations to begin, but at the August meeting council members had a good discussion which begins what will likely be a lengthy process. Our new bishop begins her new position in September so she currently feels like she's drinking from a large firehose, but before long she will be able to assist us in the process. We don't want to rush things as this would be a very difficult time to transition to a new leader. As your interim pastor, I will continue to provide guidance for the council and service to the congregation for the foreseeable future.

But now, I'd like to invite all your creative thinking. As we move into fall and winter, celebrating the holidays and continuing as church will require adjustments to keep us all safe. But as we're learning more about this disease and becoming more accustomed to the required precautions, let's all try to imagine what we are able to do. We're looking for your ideas and creativity---maybe

to start new traditions even as we hope for an end to this plague. Talk to your leaders. Send any of us an email. We need all our best thinking to be the church in this unusual time.

Finally, I want to give thanks that everyone has seemed to stay safe. We are all suffering some kind of virus weariness or depression. While Georgia and I have been making the best of it, we have now cancelled or postponed a number of planned travels and activities. We're hoping to at least visit Georgia's 96-year-old father and other family in September---but it's been tough---and even when we do travel, it will be with special precautions. We need to help one another as this continues. Keep up those contacts. Remember that the building may be closed, but the church is still open! We are the church to one another and our community.

*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 and Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail and Carl Lindstrom, Ron Szymanski, Eleanore Gloeckler

### Friends and Family

Mary Wicker, the family of Rosie Gallman, the family Rev. Gene Copenhaver, the family of Tony Yount (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, Glenn LaRoche (Janet Szymanski), Bob Michel (Eleanore Gloeckler), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Lori Nolte, Kathy Janney, Caroline Werntz, Debra Jones (the Risters), Pamela Holmes (Amy Rusnak), James Casella

## Sunshine News :

**Just a reminder** - Please note the date and time change for the church council meeting this month:  
**Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.**

Also, for those that are participating in the Confirmation Class, it will be held on **Sunday, September following the worship service.**



The **Red Cross** will be coming to Good Shepherd two times during the month of September. The blood drive on Monday, September 14, is the regularly scheduled community blood drive. The blood drive on Thursday, September 24, is a memorial drive coordinated by the Catterton family in memory of Marshall Catterton. Donors can come to one of the drives to donate, but not both, so come out and give the gift of life. Make an appointment through the Red Cross. (Appointments are highly recommended.)

**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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com).

**The loose and special designated offerings for September** will support **Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas**. LFS places children in loving foster and adoptive homes, provides comprehensive services to adults with special needs, aids veterans in regaining their independence, helps refugees acclimate to life in a new country and counsels families in their time of need. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help LFS by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for **"Lutheran Family Services"** on your offering envelope, or by selecting **"Lutheran Family Services"** on our on-line giving program on the church website.

**The Sanctuary Candles for the month of September** are given to the glory of God by Bob and Gloria Ferris.

**\*\* 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"**.

## More Holy Humor:

(by: Cal and Rose Samra – Heavenly Humor, pg. 136)

I think that I shall never see  
A church that's all it ought to be.  
A church whose members never stray  
Beyond the straight and narrow way.  
A church that has no empty pews,  
Whose people all pay their dues.  
A church whose members always sing,  
And flock to church when bells ring.  
Such perfect churches there may be,  
But none of them are known to me.  
But still we'll work and pray and plan  
To make our own the best we can.



*-Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley, St. Rocco's Church, Martins Creek, PA.*

## Financial Report For August 16, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 1,055.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 58,661.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 33	\$ 52,151.00
Pee Dee Indians Fund, month-to-date	\$ 298.00

*Relax and make it a*

# **Labor (free) Day !!**

**September 7, 2020**

*this year!*

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## **SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Angela Crosby
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Marie Wilson
<b>Grounds Care</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Council Devotions</b>	Shannon Guess

### **Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In August !!!**

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

## **Good Shepherd Women**

The Good Shepherd Women will be meeting this month on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will have a brief business session followed by a Bible study.

## **Thank You :**

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for gifting me a scholarship. I truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you for the continuous support, love, and prayers throughout my years.

Much love,

Madison Strickland

## **DESIGNATED GIFTS**

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### **General Fund**

#### **Given by:**

Mr. Edd Wicker  
Mr. Emmett Wicker  
Ms. Edwina Wicker  
Lee & Anna Sease

#### **In Honor of:**

Kevin Wicker's Birthday  
Kevin Wicker's Birthday  
Kevin Wicker's Birthday  
Kevin Wicker's Birthday

### **Wallace Fund**

#### **Given by:**

Charles & Faye Rister

#### **In Memory of:**

"Dodie" Anderson

## **August Council meeting notes : 08-9-2020**

Doug Lindstrom opened the meeting with prayer.

- As part of Pastor Craig's report he indicated that he's begun to think of our services as we approach the holiday season with the Covid-19 virus still present.
- The next Red Cross blood drive at Good Shepherd will be on Monday, September 14. There will be another blood drive on Thursday, September 24, in memory of Marshall Catterton. Council approved three dates for blood drives for January, March and May of 2021.
- There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 30, following worship to vote on the replacement of the parsonage roof. The roof was damaged by wind in April, and an insurance claim was paid, but our church constitution requires congregational approval of the project because the amount of the contract is greater than 3% of our approved Spending Plan.
- Council members had a brief conversation regarding other repairs needed on the parsonage.
- Council began conversations with Pastor Craig regarding the call process.

Pastor Craig closed the meeting with prayer.

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

## **Christian Education:**

The Christian Education committee met Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 am via Zoom. Plans for the fall were discussed. At this time, we will not be starting back with Wonderful Wednesday, but the committee is planning other opportunities for children and adults. Watch the bulletin and the newsletter as events develop. The next Christian Education committee meeting will be Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am via Zoom.

## **Financial Corner:**

Financially, we have completed seven months of the year, and normally by the time we get to this part of the summer, we are experiencing a decline in giving to the General Fund. That summer decline is typical for most churches as members and friends go on vacations during the summer months. However, we are not experiencing that decline at Good Shepherd this summer. Our giving for June and July has continued steady following the first five months of the year. Members and friends are finding ways to give by bringing their gifts to our outdoor service, mailing them to the church, or taking advantage of the Tithely giving program on-line.

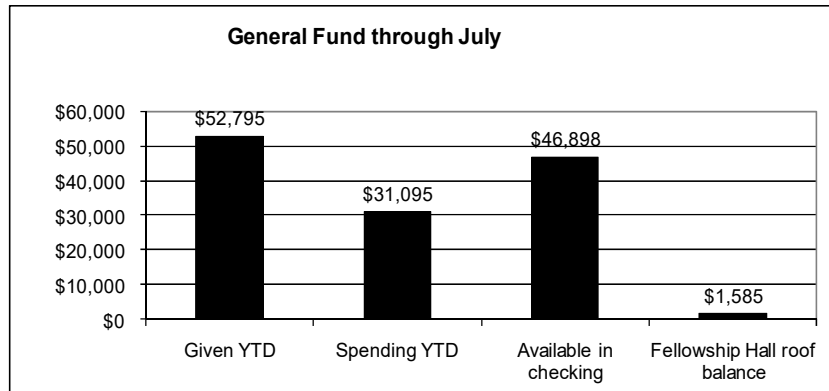
Thank you all so much for your continuing support of the ministry of Good Shepherd. As always, if you have questions concerning the finances of Good Shepherd, please give me a call.

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

Kevin

### **July Offering and Gifts**

General Fund	\$ 7,478
Wallace Fund	\$ 325
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 25
Scholarship Fund	\$ 260
Candles	\$ 20



# SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Birthday :</b> Raymond Riles	VJ Day <b>Birthday :</b> Abigail Alberts	<b>Birthday :</b> Raleigh Obenaus	<b>Anniversary :</b> Mimi & Eddie Wertz	
6 10:00 AM Worship with Communion	7 Labor Day	8 <b>Birthdays :</b> Good Shepherd Lutheran (1940) David Knapp	9 <b>Anniversaries :</b> Carl & Gail Lindstrom Pastor Craig & Georgia Boehlke	10 7:00 PM Church Council (Zoom)	11 Patriot Day	12 <b>Birthday :</b> Roberta McCullough
13 10:00 AM Worship Service	14 1-7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  7:00 PM Good Shepherd Women (Zoom)	15 <b>Birthday :</b> Melissa Murphy	16 <b>Birthday :</b> Carolina Jade Fralix  <b>Anniversary :</b> Patricia & Raymond Riles	17 <b>Birthday :</b> Whit Carter	18 <b>Birthdays :</b> Linda Gilgen Lucas Connelly Billy Guess	19
20 10:00 AM Worship Service	21 <b>Birthday :</b> Amber Casella	22 First Day of Autumn  10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23 <b>Birthdays :</b> Matt Ferris Georgia Boehlke Pastor Rich Johnston	24 2-7:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  <b>Birthdays :</b> Alison McCullough Jamie Connelly Gaby Thomas	25 <b>Anniversary :</b> Holger Obenaus & Cindy Newman	26
27 10:00 AM Worship with Communion  Confirmation Class after worship	28 <b>Birthday :</b> Amber Dobson	29	30 <b>Birthday :</b> Jessica Williams  <b>Anniversary :</b> Hope & Lloyd Smyly	1	2	3 10:00 AM Christian Education (Zoom)