



February 2020

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

I write to you in the last days of my nearly month long travels in South America. By the time you read this I'll be safely back home and fully engaged with Good Shepherd. This had been a long planned trip but I'm sorry it came so shortly into my time with you. It has been a wonderful trip, starting in Buenos Aires for 3 days, then a 15 day cruise around the southern tip of the continent, and up to Santiago, Chile. We saw beautiful scenery in Patagonia, stood at the end of the Pan American highway just south of the southern most city in the world, walked among breeding penguins, and most importantly made new friends as we learned about other cultures and ways of living.

Later this month we will all begin another journey----the journey of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday falls a bit later this year on February 26 as Easter isn't until April 12. The lenten season is a period of penitence and reflection, 40 days in length (Sundays aren't counted as Sundays are always a celebration of the resurrection. The Sunday lessons follow Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem and the inevitable confrontation with the Jewish and Roman authorities. Like all journeys we'll hopefully learn some things along the way. Some people choose to give something up for lent. That's a matter of choice. If you choose to give something up, the whole point is that each time you want that item or activity, it reminds you of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. That's a sacrifice we can never hope to duplicate---but may enhance your spiritual discipline.

One of the other practices of lent is to "bury" or exclude all alleluias from our worship. On Sunday, Feb. 23rd we'll have the

children help to "lock up" the alleluias. Anyone have a good chest or wooden box for that purpose?

This year as we journey through lent, we'll also journey from the darkest time of the year to light. On March 8th daylight savings time will arrive. So by Easter, a sunrise service might be really early! But as Christ is a light to the world, we love the coming of light and all that it means. The earth comes alive as if it were testifying to the truth of resurrection. Here in the low country spring is magnificent with all of it's hopefulness. I look forward to spending this Lenten and spring season with you as we grow in Christ and God's great love for us.

Pastor Craig

Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA

The Good Shepherd Women met on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the church. Diane Wicker was the hostess for the evening and had devotions. The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were reviewed. The treasurer's report was received as information.

A hostess schedule through the spring was developed; the fall schedule will be decided later. Diane will lead a Bible study, "We Are Called!", through to June for our devotional time. The women will continue to send \$50 per quarter to the synodical women's organization as support.

The 2020 SCWELCA convention will be June 12 & 13 at St. Philip's Lutheran, Newberry, SC. Diane will bring registration forms to the February meeting for those who are interested in attending.

Monthly activities were discussed for the upcoming year. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Cost will be \$10 per person, dine-in or carry-out. We will apply for Thrivent Action Team funds to help cover the costs of supplies. Proceeds will be used for various outreach projects. Planning for this event will be done at the February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2020. Amy Rusnak will be the hostess, and Diane Wicker will be the Bible study leader.

Sunshine News :

Sunday, February 2, is Super Bowl Sunday for the NFL, and it's time for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** at thousands of locations across the country, including Good Shepherd. All food items and monetary gifts collected at Good Shepherd on Souper Bowl Sunday will help support our food pantry.



Confirmation classes will begin in February and meet once a month through the spring. The first confirmation class will be Sunday, February 23, after worship.

Mark your calendars! The Good Shepherd Women will be having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm here at the church. Watch the bulletin and the March newsletter for more details.

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 February will support our **Lutheran Retreat Centers in South Carolina**, which consists of **Camp Kinard** (Batesburg-Leesville, SC) and **Coastal Retreat** (Isle of Palms, SC). The mission of SCLRC is to provide places of hospitality where congregations, communities and individuals can experience a Christian environment to renew faith, foster fellowship, build memories and encounter the glory of God's creation! This is not a budgeted item, but you can help support the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Retreat Centers**" on your offering envelope.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of February are given to the glory of God by Shannon and Billy Guess in honor of Riley's birthday.

**** 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**".

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The men began the new year with a great meal prepared by Bob and Charles and a program by Kevin based on a quote by the Minnesota Vikings quarterback, Kirk Cousins; "**win or lose today, God is still on the Throne. I take comfort in that.**"

We came out of the gates strong by setting the date for our annual **Spring BBQ for Social Ministry to be held on Saturday, April 18**. So, mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details.

As we begin this new year, don't forget our **Aluminum Cans** project for Social Ministry. Charles and Bob are going to take the lead of that effort this year. Thanks to Carl for dedicating so much time to this ministry in recent years. (This ministry began many years ago by Arden Lommen.) If you need a can pick-up, let us know.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday morning, February 9, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Charles will have the program, and Carl and Doug Lindstrom will have the meal. All men of the congregation, and their guests, are welcomed to join us.



Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, January 11, to discuss plans for the spring. A canned-food drive will be held during Lent for our Wonderful Wednesday participants. The food collected will help support our food pantry.

The date has been set for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on Saturday, April 4. Planning for the egg hunt will be done at our next meeting.

It was noted that Lutheroad will be returning to Good Shepherd for the week of July 20- 24, 2020. "Save-the-date" postcards will be mailed in February to those who participated last year and are eligible to attend this year. Applications will be available in April. The cost per child will be \$60.

Guidelines and application forms were reviewed for the Doscher / Fellers camperships and scholarships. Campership applications will be available beginning March 1.

The next meeting for the Christian Education Committee will be Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am at the church.

Council Meeting Notes :

- The meeting was opened with prayer by Amy Rusnak.
- Bishop Yoos and the members of Council had a wonderful conversation about the life of Good Shepherd.
- Council officers for 2020 were elected; Jon Carpenter (chair), Angela Ferris (vice chair), Shannon Guess (secretary), Doug Brinson (financial secretary) and Kevin Wicker (treasurer).
- Council received reports from the Mutual Ministry, Christian Ed, and the Property Committees.
- Council approved the use of Doscher/Fellers Scholarship funds to offset the cost of our confirmation students to attend “Campfirmation” at Lutheridge this summer.
- Council members volunteered to conduct interviews with leaders of our community. These interviews are part of the early stages of our “Call Process” as we develop our Congregational Profile. Some of the leaders that will be contacted are our Fire and Rescue Director, County Council Chair, County Administrator, a school Principal, Senator and city Mayor.
- Council continued their conversation of producing a church pictorial directory this spring.
- Council approved the proceeds of Souper Bowl Sunday going to our food pantry ministry.
- Council approved May as emphasis month in support of Cristo Rey Lutheran mission congregation. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.
- The meeting was closed with devotions by Dean Brinson. Your Council members are Angela Crosby, Dean Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Doug Lindstrom, Garrett Brinson, Kathie Whetsell, Amy Rusnak, Shannon Guess and Kevin Wicker.

Financial Report For January 12, 2020

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 1,580.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 2,101.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 3,870.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2020; week # 2	\$ 3,161.00
Lutheran Homes of SC, month-to-date	\$ 96.00

Financial Corner:

By the time you read these comments, we will be well into the year 2020, but it’s time for us to look back at our financial results from 2019, and to look forward to our Ministry Plan for 2020. As you can see from the graphs below, December was a month of very generous giving for our General Fund and for our other ministries like Social Ministry and Special Gathering. We finished the year with gifts exceeding spending, and we’re off to a good start in 2020.

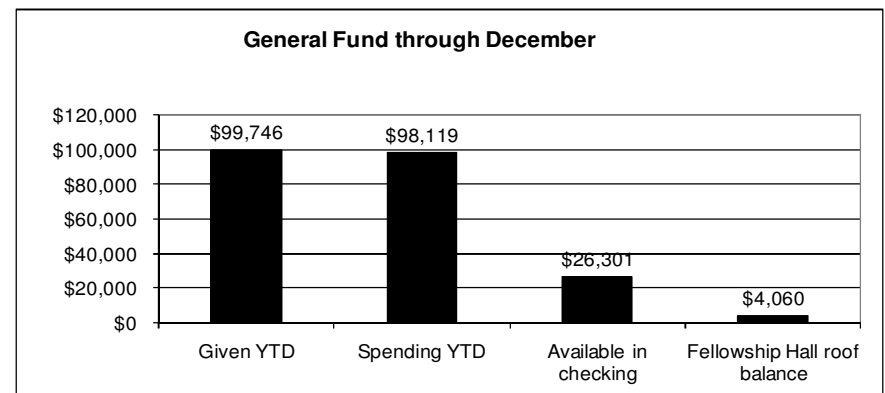
In January, at our congregational meeting, the members of Good Shepherd approved the Spending Plan for our ministry in 2020. While there were reductions in some areas of our ministry, there are increases in others. If you would like a copy of the 2020 plan, let me know, or get one from the church narthex.

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

Kevin

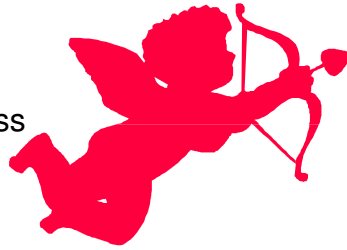
December Offering and Gifts

General Fund	\$ 11,037
Wallace Fund	\$ 725
Social Ministry / Food Pantry	\$ 919
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 145
Flowers	\$ 225
Candles	\$ 20
Poinsettias	\$ 20
SC Lutheran Magazine	\$ 60
Wreaths	\$ 100
Special Gathering	\$ 709



February Birthdays :

February 2	John Gilgen
February 4	Walter Fralix
February 7	Pat Ostendorf
February 9	Riley Marie Guess
February 11	Joyce Carter
February 13	Chris Carter
February 16	Mary Lommen
February 18	Cashwell Weihemuller
February 19	Grace Connelly
February 22	Doug Brinson
February 23	Mary Jo Smith
February 23	Ned Vendrick
February 23	Jennifer Carter Stone
February 24	Kim Lommen Perri
February 24	Parker Wertz
February 27	Cheryl Clayton
February 28	Jeff Lord



February Anniversaries:

None



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Share the Love!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Feb. 2	All Day 10:00 AM	Groundhog Day Souper Bowl Sunday
Monday, Feb. 3	6:00 PM	Good Shepherd Women Meet
Tuesday, Feb. 4	10 AM-Noon 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	Food Pantry Worship & Music committee, Choir Practice
Wed., Feb. 5	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Sunday, Feb. 9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Lutheran Men Breakfast Worship Service
Tuesday, Feb. 11	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Feb. 12	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Friday, Feb. 14	All Day	Valentine's Day
Sunday, Feb. 16	10:00 AM 4:30 PM	Worship with Communion Special Gathering Board Mtg
Monday, Feb. 17	All Day	Presidents' Day
Tuesday, Feb. 18	10 AM-Noon 5:30 PM	Food Pantry Choir Practice
Saturday, Feb. 22	10:00 PM	Newsletter deadline
Sunday, Feb. 23	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Transfiguration of Our Lord Confirmation class and Church Council Meeting (both follow worship)
Tuesday, Feb. 25	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Choir Practice Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
Wed., Feb. 26	N/A 7:00 PM	No Wonderful Wednesday Ash Wednesday Service

Flowers for February

February 2:	Shannon and Billy Guess
February 9:	Bob and Gloria Ferris
February 16:	Open
February 23:	Janet Szymanski

Please complete a "Flowers for Sunday" form, located in the narthex, at least one week prior to your designated week. Cost of flowers is \$45 each week. Place a check in the offering plate to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church designated "flowers."

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Ushers :	Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Lay Reader :	Angela Crosby
Altar Guild :	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Communion Asst. :	Angela Crosby
Acolyte :	Addison Crosby
Offering Tabulators :	Jon Carpenter / Amy Rusnak
Grounds Care :	Carl Lindstrom
Council Devotions	Dean Brinson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In January !!!

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

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, Betina Adams (the Risters), John Corley, DeeDee Eason Burns (Kathie Whetsell)

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Food Pantry

Given by:

Janet Szymanski
Doug & Ellen Brisnon
Hazel Brabham
Hazel Brabham

In Memory of:

Dorothy Ferguson
Dorothy Ferguson
Roy Brabham
Judy Broderick