



April 2021

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Easter always brings hope, but maybe this year more than normal. The slowness of spring 2021 seems to mimic the gradual, ever so slow decline of the coronavirus. We associate Easter with all things in bloom and perhaps this year the azaleas have even delayed to be able to help us celebrate. Having spent 36 years in Minnesota, it was fairly common there to even still have snow on the ground this time of the year. But in the low country, it seems all of nature gives testimony to the resurrection and new life. It's curious to me why some people so insistently doubt the resurrection when all around us there are signs of new life.

Some of the new life at Good Shepherd can be seen in two adult baptisms this Easter, four confirmations in May, the return of the Luther Road Day Camp for kids this summer, and the gradual opening up of more activities. In March the congregation voted to replace the heating and air conditioning units in the worship center----another sign of confidence in the future of our church.

In the months ahead the council will start more active considerations of our future ministry. Determining our future path may take some time, but as the virus subsides, we're ready to look forward with hope. The synod has offered a number of tools for guidance. Before long Bishop Aebischer will be meeting with our leadership and then with the whole congregation.

In the meantime I will continue to provide pastoral leadership. I'm optimistic that visitation and several of our activities can begin to move toward normalcy. Most of all, I

encourage you to get the vaccinations to help move us toward all that we desire. Easter is a time of resurrection----not just for a day, but as a new season. I think we're all more than ready.

Pastor Craig

Flowers for April

April 4	Janet Szymanski
April 11	Jon Carpenter
April 18	Open
April 25	Cheryl Clayton



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."

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

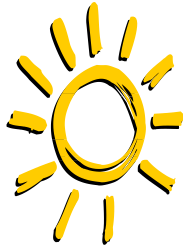
Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Joyce Carter, Frances Barton, Ted and Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail and Carl Lindstrom, Ron Szymanski, Eleanore Gloeckler, Kathie & Gene Whetsell, Ernie & Cleo Gartner

Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, the family of Lisa O'Quinn, Grace LaRoach, Michelle Rousch (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), William Cummings, Ashlyn Johnk, Tammy Long (Kathie Whetsell), the family of Kathy Janney, Rick Janney (the Risters), Dalton Shealy, Pete Gosnell (Kevin Wicker), John Green (Maria Rodriguez)

Sunshine News :

The **2021 Church Directory** is still available in the church narthex and church office. Due to Covid concerns, please let one of your Council members know if you would like one delivered or mailed to your home. Please, if you find errors in the directory, notify Kevin Wicker, preferable in writing.



We will start a **new prayer list in April**. 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 this newsletter or on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. You can also email your prayer requests: thewickers@lowcountry.com

Wonderful Wednesday will meet this month on Wednesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 28. We start at 5:00 pm and finish at 7:00 pm. A light meal is provided for all participants. Classes are offered for children and adults.

Our loose and special designated offering for April will support the **Clean Water** initiative to provide sources of clean, safe, drinking water for our sisters and brothers in our sister Synod in Tanzania. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help provide clean water systems in Tanzania by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Clean Water**” on your offering envelope.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of April are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Diane Wicker in honor of Mr. Edd Wicker and in memory of Mrs. Jane Wicker.

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March Council meeting notes : 3-14-2021

Kathie opened the meeting with devotionals.

1. Council approved the recommendation from the Property Committee to award the contract to replace both HVAC units in the sanctuary to Snelgrove's HVAC and to fund that project from the Wallace Fund. The congregational meeting to act on the Council recommendation is scheduled for March 21 following worship.
2. Property Committee chair, Carl Lindstrom, reported that the Committee will be bringing a checklist on proposed parsonage repairs to the next Council meeting.
3. Pastor Craig informed the Council that we will be celebrating two Baptisms on Easter Sunday and four Confirmations on Pentecost Sunday.
4. Pastor Craig also reported that Bishop Ginny Aebischer is holding a virtual meeting with Interim Pastors in the SC Synod to discuss a new transition process for calling a new Pastor or Deacon to a congregation. After that meeting, Pastor will discuss the document with the Executive Committee.
5. Amy reported that the Red Cross blood drive on March 8 resulted in 64 units of blood collected. Thanks to Doug L, Kathie and Diane for volunteering at the Blood Drive.
6. Amy also brought reports from the Christian Ed, WELCA, and Worship and Music meetings.
7. A sub-committee of the Council is working on policies for our current Social Ministry program and the newly founded Lommen Love Fund and will bring an update on those to the next Council meeting.
8. Doug Lindstrom reported on the status of the Food Pantry and asked for volunteers to assist in various responsibilities of that ministry.
9. Kevin reported that the new laptop computer has arrived and is being used for our Zoom worship services.
10. Council approved a request from the family of Mary Lommen to use the church and fellowship hall on Thursday, June 24, for a Celebration of Life for Mrs. Mary.

There being no other business, Pastor Craig closed the meeting with prayer. The next Council meeting will be on Sunday, April 11, at 5:00 via Zoom.

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

SERVING IN APRIL

Lay Reader	Shannon Guess
Communion Assistant	Shannon Guess
Acolyte	Riley Guess
Ushers	Amy Rusnak / Kevin Wicker
Grounds Care	Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Council Devotions	Garrett Brinson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In March !!!

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

Financial Corner

February was a pretty good month financially, as far as Februarys go. We continue to operate our ministries within our Spending Plan and below the level of gifts received. This is indeed good as we prepare for days ahead when our ministry will return to normal, as we continue to manage the Covid virus, and as we prepare for repairs and renovations to the parsonage and the Pastor's office.

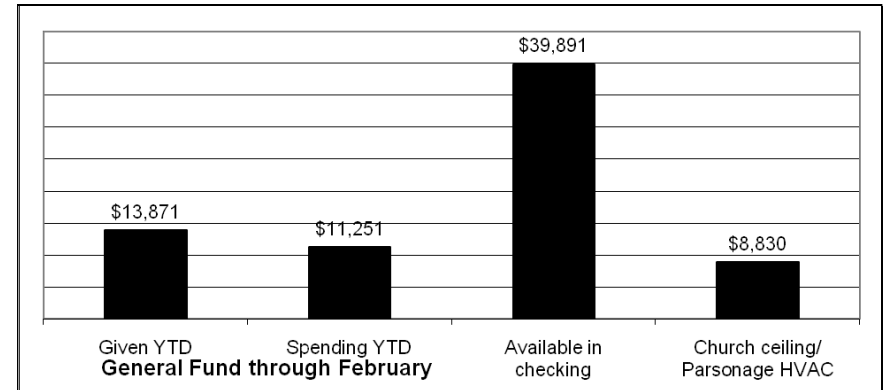
At their March meeting, Council members approved payment of the invoice, to remove the oak tree from the back yard of the parsonage, from the Maintenance Fund. As you recall, this tree was damaged in the tornado event on April 13 of last year.

Also, the Council approved a recommendation by the Property Committee to replace both heating and air conditioning units in the sanctuary with funding from the Wallace Fund. And, at the congregational meeting following Worship on March 21, the members of Good Shepherd approved the motion from Council to proceed with that project.

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 in person or on-line for church.
Kevin

February offering and gifts :

General Fund	\$ 6,359
Lenten Offering	\$ 250
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 50
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 100
Chrismon Tree Donation	\$ 83
Flowers	\$ 135
Candles	\$ 20
Lutheran Retreat Centers	\$ 100
Wallace Fund	\$ 260
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 632
Lilies	\$ 95
Maintenance	\$ 40



DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Lommen Love Fund

Given by:

Carol Lommen
Greg Lommen & Scot Walls

In Memory of:

Arden & Mary Lommen
Arden & Mary Lommen

General Fund

Given by:

Edd Wicker
Emmett Wicker.
Edwina Wicker

In Honor of:

Diane Wicker on her Birthday
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Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting of the Good Shepherd Women will be Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the church. The meal will be provided by Diane Wicker.

Christian Education:

Lutheroad Day Camp will be coming to Good Shepherd the week of July 19-23, 2021 (Monday- Friday). Applications will be available in April. The cost per child will be \$60. Please watch the bulletin and the website for further information.

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, 2021**.

The next meeting of the Christian Education committee will be Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 am via Zoom. We will be discussing plans for Lutheroad Day Camp.

Worship and Music

The Worship and Music Committee will meet after worship on Sunday, April 18, 2021.

Thank You!

Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help with the March Red Cross Blood drive. A total of 64 units were collected that day. The next blood drive will be Monday, May 10, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Prayer List April - June, 2021

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 Diane Wicker. 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.

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with communion <u>Birthday :</u> Lisa Mezel	2 7:00 PM Good Friday Service <u>Birthday :</u> Christine Peterson	3
4 10:00 AM Easter Service with Communion <u>Birthday :</u> Gloria Ferris <u>Anniversary :</u> Ray & Theresa Strickland	5 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women (in the Fellowship Hall) <u>Anniversary :</u> Ned & Alice Vendrick	6 10-Noon Food Pantry <u>Birthdays:</u> Chastity Patterson Charity Patterson Kathie Whetsell Diane Wicker Ilona Strickland	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Church Council (Zoom) <u>Birthday :</u> Mike Herrin	12 <u>Birthday :</u> Corson Wertz <u>Anniversary :</u> Marion & Gail Glover	13	14 5-7 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Anniversary :</u> Ted & Sara Avant	15	16 <u>Birthday :</u> Helana Strickland	17
18 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Worship & Music Committee <u>Birthday :</u> Madilynn Alberts	19	20 10-Noon Food Pantry <u>Birthday :</u> Christa Gilgen Martin	21 <u>Birthday :</u> Hagan Strickland	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23	24
25 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Confirm- ation Class	26 <u>Birthday :</u> Claire Hitchens	27 <u>Birthday :</u> Bobbie Smith	28 5-7 PM Wonderful Wednesday	29 <u>Anniversary :</u> Cheryl & Donnie Clayton	30 <u>Birthday :</u> Kirsten Paindiris	1 Deadline for Camp Scholarships