



February 2021

## The Shepherd's Staff

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### From Your Interim Pastor :

Can you believe Lent is already coming this month? It seems like we've barely put away the Christmas decorations. Of course, Easter comes pretty early this year on April 4. Right now, it appears we'll be able to have Easter services, but certainly still with heightened safety protocols. But we're still making adjustments to keep everyone protected. The tradition of Shrove (or Fat) Tuesday with a pancake supper and sausages will have to happen in our homes this year. We'll have a brief Zoom service at 7 pm to mark the occasion. We will be doing an in-person Ash Wednesday service (also Zoomed) but then our Thursday midweek events will all be virtual this year.

For Lent this year the Worship Committee concurred with my suggestion of a focus on the Lutheran Catechism, which is teaching the basics of our faith. On the five Sundays of Lent prior to Palm Sunday we'll look at the Ten Commandments. On Thursday evenings we'll have Zoom gatherings focusing on the creed, the sacraments, and the Lord's Prayer. For those unable to Zoom we'll have the Sunday sermons and summaries of the Thursday presentations available by email or mailed to those who normally receive those.

We have ordered a number of copies of Luther's Small Catechism for those who want to use the book to follow along. They will be available to pick up in the church narthex. Those who grew up in the Lutheran church will find some of this will jog old memories. For those from other traditions, the catechism is a basic summary of Christian teachings which will serve as either a refresher or an introduction to the basics of the faith.

On another note, we're beginning to see the roll out of the Covid vaccines. Georgia and I have a Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> appointment for the first shots. So far, the process has been a bit chaotic, but let's exercise some patience for this mammoth undertaking. The vaccines are our pathway back to some semblance of normal. Having gone through this pandemic, the "new" normal may be adjusted from what we remember. We move into the future confident of God's leading and hopeful for that new day.

Peace and grace,

*Pastor Craig*

### Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 10:00 am via Zoom. The main topic of discussion was starting back with Wonderful Wednesday. It was decided that Wonderful Wednesday would start back on Wednesday, February 24, meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. A letter will be sent out to parents in early February with more information. The Adult Bible study will also start back when Wonderful Wednesday begins.

The Confirmation class will meet next Sunday, February 7, following Worship and the Congregational meeting.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, March 27. Further plans will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Lutheroad Day Camp** is scheduled for the week of July 19- 23, 2021. "Save-the-date" postcards will go out in February to potential campers. Registration forms will be available in April.

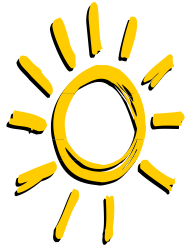
The next meeting of the Christian Education committee will be Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 am via Zoom.

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## Sunshine News :

Tithe sheets for 2020 have been mailed out to anyone that made a contribution to Good Shepherd. If you made a donation and did not receive a tithe sheet or if you received one that has an error on it that needs correcting – please contact me at:

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**Sign-up Sheets** for various volunteer opportunities in 2021 are now in the narthex. Please check them out and consider volunteering.

**Sunday, February 7**, 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. Suggested food items: cans of fruit cocktail, whole kernel corn, and cut green beans, boxes of saltines, bags of rice, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, and peanut butter.

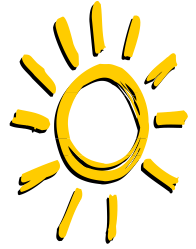
There will be a **congregational meeting** after worship on Sunday, February 7, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a spending plan for 2021.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 13, 2021!** The Good Shepherd Women is sponsoring a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** to support various outreach projects of the women. This event is **carryout only** from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per plate and the meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and a dessert. Tickets may be purchased from Faye Rister, Amy Rusnak, Marie Wilson, or Diane Wicker.

**Wonderful Wednesday** returns on Wednesday, February 24. Masks will be required of all participants, and social distancing will be observed. We will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month through May from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A light meal will be served. Classes will be offered for children and adults.

## Sunshine News : (Continued)

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 Diane Wicker. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to [thewickers@lowcountry.com](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com).



**Our loose and special designated offering 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**".

## Thank You!

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Red Cross blood drive in January. A total of **52 units** were collected. The next Blood drive will be Monday, March 8, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

It is with gratitude that we express a tremendous "**thank you**" to the **Lommen family** for the extremely generous gift to our Social Ministry Fund in memory of Arden and Mary. Church Council will be evaluating ways to use this gift wisely for the benefit of others.

## SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Lay Reader	Amy Rusnak
Communion Assistant	Marie Wilson
Acolyte	Riley Guess
Ushers	Shannon Guess
	Dean Brinson
Grounds Care	Doug Lindstrom
Council Devotions	Kevin Wicker

### 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.*

## Altar Flowers for February

February 7:	Dean and Charlotte Brinson
February 14:	Shannon Guess
February 21:	<i>Lent- no flowers</i>
February 28:	<i>Lent- no flowers</i>

*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."*

## Financial Corner

Wow! **What a year 2020 was!!** Financially, we had a solid year. Our total General Fund donations were down about \$7,000 from 2019, but with the impact of Covid on our donors and church, that may be considered a minor miracle. And, we were able to exceed the needs of our 2020 Spending Plan for Ministry and repay ourselves almost \$27,000 to the Wallace Fund.

So now we are ready to embark on 2021. Your Council has approved a **2021 Spending Plan for Ministry** and we will have a **Congregational meeting following worship on February 7** to act upon that motion from Council. As much as 2020 was a year of change and challenge, we hope 2021 will be also, but for the better. So, our Spending Plan for 2021 will be one of preparing to resume our Ministry to a little more "normal" mode of operation.

As you continue to prepare for this New Year, **please consider your gifts to the Ministry of Good Shepherd when you are preparing your household budget.** As the Sunday School song goes, "I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together. The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple, the Church is not a resting place, the Church is the people. Yes, **WE are the Church together!**" Without our tithes of Time, Talents, and yes, financial gifts, we can't be the Church in our community.

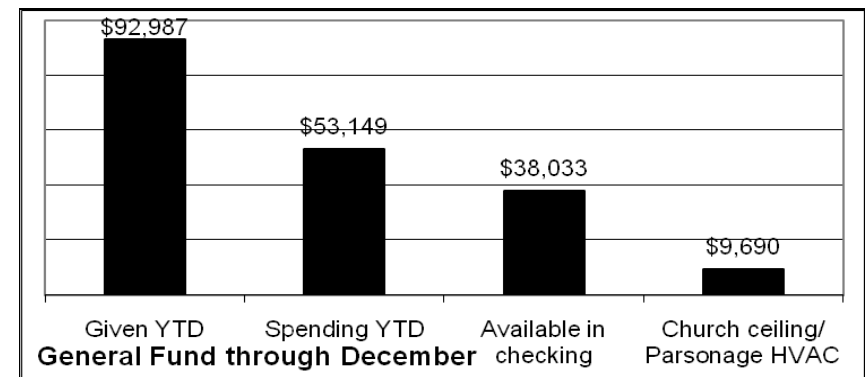
Thank you all so much for your continuing support of the ministry of Good Shepherd. As always, if you have questions concerning the finances of Good Shepherd, please give me a call.

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

Kevin

### December offering and gifts :

General Fund	\$ 10,885
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 200
Flowers	\$ 275
Candles	\$ 20
Scholarship Fund	\$ 35
Wallace Fund	\$ 560
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 2,940
Wreaths	\$ 100
Poinsettias	\$ 240
Christmas Eve (Special Gathering)	\$ 300
Maintenance Fund	\$ 90



## **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

### **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), Rick and Kathy Janney (the Risters), Dalton Shealy (Kevin Wicker)

### **Lent Has Begun: 5 Ways Your Family Can Prepare for Easter**

Posted by Kylee Bowman on Feb 25, 2020 9:13:44 PM

#### **1) Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services**

Ash Wednesday traditionally marks the beginning of the Lenten season, where people are called to remember and repent of their sins as they receive ashes in the sign of a cross on their foreheads with the reminder to either "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or to "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Throughout biblical history, the act of adorning oneself with ashes denoted sorrow, especially for one's wrongdoings.

#### **2) Menu Adjustments**

Most people associate Lent with a time to give up sweets but there are many ways your family can fast from food this season.

#### **3) Intentional Fasting**

There are things other than idols that your family can fast from. Perhaps each family member can choose something that they deem as a distraction to better serving one another and the Lord

#### **4) Devotions & Activities**

If you don't already do regular family devotions, this is a prime opportunity to make it happen.

#### **5. Decorate For Easter**

Prepare your home for Easter with reminders inside and out of the celebration of God's greatest miracle.

\*\*\* For the full article, visit : <https://www.veritasacademy.com/headmasters-blog/lent-has-begun-5-ways-your-family-can-prepare-for-easter>

## **Good Shepherd Women:**

The Good Shepherd women met on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 6:30 pm at the church. Diane Wicker had devotions and provided the meal. Plans were made for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Faye handed out tickets for the women to sell for \$10 each. Final details for the spaghetti dinner will be discussed at the February meeting.

The next meeting of the Good Shepherd Women will be Monday, February 1, 2021, at **6:00 pm** at the church. (Please note the time change.) The meal will be provided by Amy Rusnak.

## **Worship and Music**

The Worship and Music Committee met after the worship service on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Plans for the upcoming Lenten season were discussed.

It was decided that there would not be a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 16, due to concerns over COVID-19. Instead, we will all come together at 7:00 pm via Zoom for a brief devotional time in preparation for Lent.

The **Ash Wednesday service** will be held on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 pm at the church. The service will also be available via Zoom. We will have imposition of ashes and communion as a part of the service. The theme for Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, will be Luther's Small Catechism. The Sunday services will look at the Ten Commandments, and the midweek services will look at other parts of Luther's Small Catechism. For the midweek services, we will not have soup suppers. Instead, the Thursday midweek services will be at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**Lily orders** will be taken through the month of February. Information about Easter lilies can be found on the order form included with this newsletter. The deadline for ordering Easter lilies is **Sunday, March 7, 2021.**

The **Worship and Music Committee** will meet after worship on Sunday, February 28, 2021. We will be discussing plans for Holy Week and Easter.



## **January Council meeting notes : 1-10-2021**

Jon Carpenter opened with devotions and prayer.

1. Property Committee chair, Carl Lindstrom, reported on the progress of the church Heating/Air conditioning project.
2. In his report, Pastor Craig thanked the Executive Committee for taking the time to do his review after serving one year at Good Shepherd. Pastor Craig also reflected on the Christmas Eve service.
3. The Christian Education Committee report indicated that Wonderful Wednesday will resume on February 24 and will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month with Youth and Adult classes.
4. Doug Lindstrom reported that the Food Pantry turnout has been low and the Food Pantry team is looking at other ways to reach out into the community to help with food.
5. The 2021 Council officers were elected. Amy Rusnak will serve as Chair, Dean Brinson as Vice Chair, Jon Carpenter as Secretary, Kevin Wicker as Treasurer and Doug Brinson as Recording Secretary.
6. Council approved the 2021 Spending Plan for Ministry and set the date for the annual congregational meeting to approve the Spending Plan on February 7, 2021 following worship.
7. Council approved the purchase of study Bibles for First Communion graduates and Hymnals for confirmation graduates.

There being no other business, Pastor Craig closed the meeting with prayer. Next Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 21.

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

# Shrove Tuesday!

February 16, 2021

## ***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 7, 2021.**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Single bloom: \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Double bloom: \$25

Payment enclosed Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women meet. <b>Anniversary :</b> Natalie & Patrick Gamble	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b> 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry <b>Birthday :</b> John Gilgen	3	4 <b>Birthday :</b> Walter Fralix	5	6 10:00 AM Christian Education meets (via Zoom)
7 10:00 AM Worship with Communion/Souper Bowl of Caring followed by Congregational meeting & Confirmation Class <b>Birthday :</b> Pat Ostendorf	8	9 <b>Birthdays :</b> Riley Guess Ray Strickland	10	11 <b>Birthday :</b> Joyce Carter	12	13 4:30-6:30 PM WELCA Spaghetti Dinner <b>Birthday :</b> Chris Carter
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 10:00 AM Worship Service .	15 <b>President's Day</b>	16 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry 7: 00 PM Shrove Tuesday devotional (via Zoom)	17 7: 00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Communion	18 <b>Birthday :</b> Cashwell Weihemuller	19 <b>Birthday :</b> Grace Connolly	20
21 10:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Church Council (Via Zoom)	22 10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline <b>Birthdays :</b> Doug Brinson Mary Jo Smith	23 <b>Birthdays :</b> Ned Vendrick Natalie Gamble Jennifer Carter Stone	24 5-7 PM Wonderful Wednesday <b>Birthday :</b> Parker Wertz	25 7: 00 PM Lenten Service (via Zoom)	26	27 <b>Birthday :</b> Cheryl Clayton
28 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Worship and Music Committee <b>Birthday :</b> Jeff Lord	1	2	3	4	5	6