



July 2021

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## From the Pastor :

You've probably heard the expression, "Thinking outside the box." As Good Shepherd begins its search process for a new pastor, that's exactly what is necessary. When your council met recently they looked at the cost of calling a full time pastor. The sticker shock was real. This church has had a long history of full time pastors, but in reality the last several years have been very difficult financially. Add to that a smaller membership than many remember and the conclusion of the council was that a full time pastor is no longer a realistic option. I would add that from my perspective serving you part time, I believe this congregation offers an excellent option for someone to serve effectively on a part time call.

Does that mean that this church is no longer viable? Not at all! It simply means that we will need to think differently about how we staff for this next chapter in Good Shepherd's history. For the past few months I've been sharing a number of possibilities with your leadership. Which choices become most promising will become clearer as we do the Congregational Vitality Survey, put together the Ministry Site Profile (led by the call committee and council), and begin exploring our many options.

The possibilities include a young retiree, one who perhaps was second career and needs to work well into retirement part time. The church parsonage may be a great asset in helping the right person enjoy several years of semi-retirement serving Good Shepherd. Certainly another option is someone who has another side occupation, but wants to serve as pastor. This kind of leader would require some flexibility from the congregation, but you have shown that during my tenure. A third option is to partner with another community in geographic proximity to

share a pastor. That also requires some flexibility, but has been a good option for many communities. Still another option is a TEEM candidate. TEEM – Theological Education for Emerging Ministries has been used effectively in many rural areas. A person, often someone from the congregation in need, is identified as an effective lay leader who is then trained by the synod for pastoral leadership. The process uses a mentoring pastor to oversee the development of this lay leader to ordination. Finally, there is the option of a two year intern, again with some supervision who serves the congregation while completing his or her studies remotely. Good Shepherd has strong potential as a good teaching congregation.

While all of this may seem foreign to many, historically we have lots of models of pastoral ministry being done by something other than a full time residential pastor. The heart of the church is in the activity of its members, gathered in worship, but also in fellowship and service. That has been continuing these last 20 months, even contending with an unprecedented pandemic. It certainly will continue as we move back toward a more normal church life. You are encouraged to hold your leadership in prayer these days----- thinking and praying outside the box for where God may be leading.

*Pastor Craig*

## Worship and Music

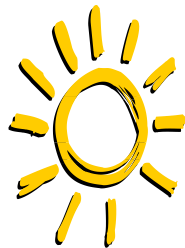
**The Worship & Music Committee** met after worship on Sunday, June 13. The worship guidelines were reviewed and updated to include some congregational singing during the service. The committee also discussed plans for the memorial service for Mary Lommen that was held at Good Shepherd on Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 pm.



**The Worship & Music Committee** will have their next meeting after the service on Sunday, July 11, to review the current worship guidelines and to begin planning for Homecoming Sunday, September 19, 2021.

## Sunshine News :

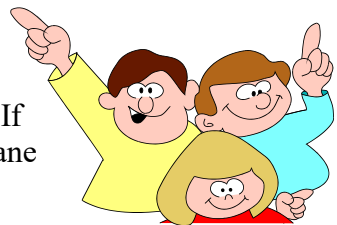
The **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at Good Shepherd on Monday, July 12, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment, and give the gift of life!



**We will start a new prayer list** in July. 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 the 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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com)

**SAVE THE DATE:** On **Sunday, September 19, 2021**, Good Shepherd will celebrate 80+ years of ministry in Walterboro and 20 years in our current sanctuary with a Homecoming Service. Further information will be available soon.

**Lutheroad registration** forms are now available. Registration forms are also available on the church's website. Lutheroad Day Camp is for children who will be entering first- sixth grade (ages 6-11). The dates for Lutheroad Day Camp are July 19-23, 2021 (Monday- Friday). The **deadline** for registration is Monday, **July 5, 2021**. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.

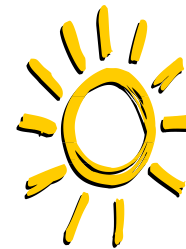


With **Lutheroad** coming in July, there will be a **need for volunteers** to help in various support roles during the week of day camp. Some of these may include preparing snacks and lunches, helping with sign-in and sign-out each day, providing extra supervision as needed, as well as other tasks. There is a **sign-up sheet** in the narthex for volunteers. Please note that there will be **volunteer training on Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 am**. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Wicker, day camp coordinator.

**The Sanctuary Candles for the month of July** are given to the glory of God by Frank and Marie Wilson.

## Sunshine News : (Continued)

Our loose and special designated offering for July will support the **Doscher and Fellers Education and Outdoor Ministry Fund** for the purpose of supporting the spiritual and educational growth of the Good Shepherd members and associate members through institutions of higher education and Lutheran outdoor ministries. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help the Scholarship Fund by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Scholarship Fund**" on your offering envelope.



## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### Lutheroad Fund

#### Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker  
Kevin & Diane Wicker

#### In Memory of:

Mrs. Pam Murray  
Ms. Jane Neal  
(Sue Nussman's sister)

### Service Committee

#### Given by:

Janet Szymanski

#### In Memory of:

Mrs. Pam Murray

### Wallace Fund

#### Given by:

Margaret Juttner

#### In Honor of:

Dean Brinson

## Call Committee update

Your **Call Committee** met twice during June to work on the **Ministry Site Profile**. In addition, the **Congregational Vitality Survey** was administered following worship on Sunday, June 27. The results of the survey will be available to the congregation by the end of August. Once the survey results are received, the Call Committee can complete the Ministry Site Profile and present it to the Church Council for approval.

Your Call Committee members are Angela Ferris, Shannon Guess, Kathie Whetsell, Rob Rusnak, Jon Carpenter and Kevin Wicker.

## Financial Corner

By the time you read this newsletter, we will officially be into summer in the Lowcountry and our weather will be getting hot. But, let's not overlook the month of May, because it was a good month.

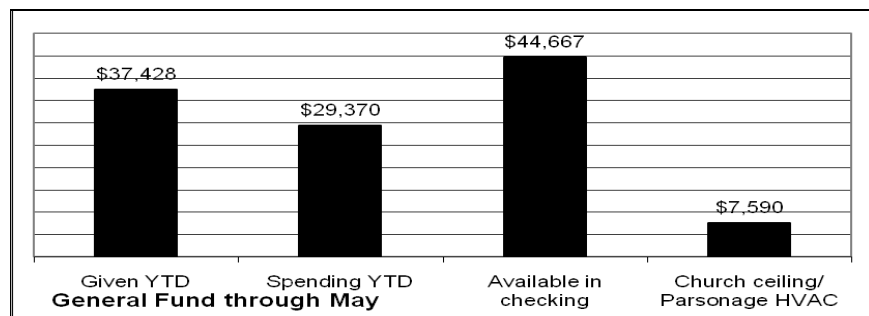
In addition to your offerings to the General Fund which support our Ministry Plan, you also gave gifts for Lutheroad, the Wallace Fund, the Maintenance Fund, and the **Cristo Rey "An Abundance of Grace"** appeal. Our gift to Cristo Rey is enormous as they are building their first worship space as a mission congregation. Shannon Guess and Doug Lindstrom have been working on a grant application to **Community Foundation of the Lowcountry** for our **Food Pantry** program. Shannon has submitted the grant application and we're excited to see if our Food Pantry will benefit. Stay tuned.

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. And, I hope to see you in person or on-line for church.

Kevin

### May Offering and Gifts :

General Fund	\$ 7,755
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 83
Cristo Rey	\$ 350
Flowers	\$ 260
Lutheroad	\$ 250
Wallace Fund	\$ 450
Candles	\$ 25
Maintenance	\$ 100



## SERVING IN JULY

**Lay Reader**

Rob Rusnak

**Communion Assistant**

Haleigh Gamble

**Acolyte**

*Volunteer Needed*

**Ushers**

Shannon Guess /

Doug Lindstrom

**Grounds Care**

Bob Ferris /

Charles Rister

**Council Devotions**

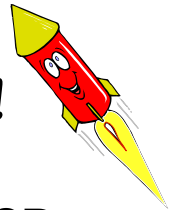
Amy Rusnak

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

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



**Happy 4th of July!**



## LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

### Good Shepherd Family

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

### Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, the family of Lisa O'Quinn, Mari Jo Smith, the family of Caroline Werntz (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Pete Bazzle, Dalton Shealy, the family of Pam Murray (Kevin Wicker), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), the family of Will Blackmon, the family of Rick and Kathy Janney, Carolyn Bishop (the Risters), the family of Gene Hiers, Gene Whetsell, Tammy Long (Kathie Whetsell), Donna Murphy and family, Noah Lutz (Shannon Guess), the family of Jane Neal (Sue Nussman)

## **Good Shepherd Women:**

The Good Shepherd Women met on Monday, June 7, at 6:00 pm at the church. Marie Wilson was the hostess for the evening. The minutes of the May meeting and the treasurer's report were received as information. It was noted on the treasurer's report that disbursements had been made to Mission Serve: Walterboro and to Shelter of Hope, the local homeless shelter. Other projects are in progress. The women voted to "sponsor" a meal one night for the Lutheroad staff by paying for a carryout order from a local restaurant. The women also voted to send an offering to support the convention project for the SC Women of the ELCA. The SC Women of the ELCA will be holding a virtual convention on Sunday, September 26. Further information will be available soon.

The Good Shepherd Women are currently on summer break. Their next meeting will be Monday, August 30, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the church. Maria Rodriguez will be the hostess for the evening.

## **Alter Flowers for July**

July 4	Doug Lindstrom
July 11	Janet Szymanski
July 18	Doug Lindstrom
July 25	Marie Wilson

*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."*



## **Christian Education:**

The next meeting of the Christian Education committee will be Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 10:00 am at the church. We will be discussing plans for Wonderful Wednesday in the fall.

Electronic copies of the policies are available by e-mail and hardcopies of the policies are available in the narthex.

## **June Council meeting notes : 6-6-2021**

Council and Call Committee members met on Sunday, June 6, following worship for the sole purpose of discussing and planning the next steps of the Call Process; the Congregational Vitality Survey and the Ministry Site Profile. The meeting was opened with devotions by Shannon. The Vitality Survey will be administered following worship on June 27 and the Call Committee will meet with Amy and Pastor Craig on Tuesday evening, June 15 to begin work on the Ministry Profile.

1. Council met again on Sunday afternoon, June 13, by Zoom. The meeting was opened with devotions by Kevin. Amy gave reports on the Christian Education Committee, Worship and Music Committee, WELCA and the recent American Red Cross Blood Drive.
2. The Finance Report for the month of May was reviewed and approved as well as the minutes from the May 23 and June 6 meetings.
3. Council approved establishing a savings account at 1<sup>st</sup> Federal for the funds of the Lommen Love Fund account.
4. Carl Lindstrom gave a Property Committee report and spoke to the Council regarding price estimates to replace the windows in the parsonage with energy efficient windows. Also, Garrett informed members that he will be replacing the electrical breaker panel in the parsonage on June 23.
5. Shannon spoke to the members regarding a Social Ministry grant that she and Doug Lindstrom have been working on to benefit the Food Pantry.
6. Council approved changes to the Covid policy as proposed by the Worship and Music Committee. The most notable change to the policy is that we will resume singing during worship inside the sanctuary.
7. Amy updated the members on the upcoming Congregational Vitality Survey that will be administered on Sunday, June 27, following worship.
8. Council approved a request by the local Business Network International group to resume meeting in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings while following our Covid policy. BNI has not met in the Fellowship Hall since Covid began.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Phil Shaw  <b><u>Anniversaries :</u></b> John & Roberta McCullough	2  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Theresa Crosby	3  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Carl Lindstrom
4 <b>Independence Day !!!</b>  10:00 AM Worship with Communion.	5	6  10:00-12:00 Food Pantry	7	8  <b><u>Birthdays :</u></b> Maria Patterson Ted Avant Sue Nussman	9	10  10:00 AM Lutheroad Volunteer Meeting  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Ellen Brinson
11  10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Worship & Music Committee and Church Meeting	12  1 – 7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	13	14	15  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Rebecca Alberts	16	17  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Kris Wertz
18  10:00 AM Worship Service  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Trent Connelly	19  <b>Lutheroad Day Camp Starts</b>  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Cam Wertz	20  10:00-12:00 Food Pantry  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> John Gary McCullough	21    <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Erik Lindstrom	22  10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23  <b>Lutheroad Day Camp Ends</b>  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Mary Wicker <b><u>Anniversary :</u></b> David & Samantha	24    <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Melissa Connelly
25  10:00 AM Worship Service  4:00 PM Special Gathering Board Meeting.	26	27  <b><u>Birthday :</u></b> Marie Wilson	28	29	30  <b><u>Birthdays :</u></b> Willie Cammon Shannon Guess	31