



June 2021

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

As we enter the summer months, we have much to be thankful for. In May we elected a call committee and enjoyed a visit from our new bishop. While she was with us, Bishop Ginny met with our council and call committee to outline the next steps and begin our formal search process. When Georgia and I had lunch with her, she had very positive things to say about the progress we are making. But we have major challenges and decisions to make as we move forward.

Sometime in late June or early July the entire congregation will be asked to participate in a Congregational Vitality Survey. The survey comes out of Baylor University and provides significant insights into the workings of our church. Later this summer Bishop Assistant Carter will bring the results to us. At the same time, we're beginning work on the Congregational Ministry Profile. This is the document that will be shared with future prospective pastors. A lot of work goes into developing this snapshot of what Good Shepherd is like and what are its hopes and dreams.

One of the big decisions for your leadership is whether Good Shepherd can afford a full-time pastor. The years with your most recent pastor were very difficult financially. Finding someone part time can be even more difficult and requires finding a person who doesn't need full time income or has partial employment from another source. Another option is sharing a pastor with another congregation, but developing that kind of relationship can also be difficult.

Right now, the projected year end income for Good Shepherd is about \$90,000. In order to call someone full time, that number

probably needs to be closer to \$125,000. We have no idea if that's anywhere near realistic, but that will be part of our discussions in the next few months.

The good news is that mission and ministry of Good Shepherd continues. Lutherroad will be returning this summer. We will be blessed to host a celebration of life for Mary and Arden Lommen. I anticipate that continued lowering of virus numbers will allow us to restart a number of in-person activities. I plan to return to spending one day each week in Walterboro calling on members and providing more hands-on presence with the ministry. The pastor's office is being spiffed up with a lovely donated desk, cleaned carpets, and furniture rearranged. Yet to come is painting and some new window treatments. If you're really good at painting, we'd love to hear from you!

I know that summer often offers the opportunity to get away. Georgia and I have a few trips planned including seeing our son in LA---it's been 16 months since we've been together. Wherever you go, do so safely and when you're in town, the church has brand new air conditioning to keep us cool. When you're away, the weekly emails and Zoom recordings can keep you close and in touch. See you often!

Pastor Craig

Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting of the Good Shepherd Women will be Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the church. The meal will be provided by Marie Wilson. The June meeting will be our last meeting before we take a break for the summer. Meetings will resume in September.

Christian Education:

Applications for school scholarships are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for those students in our congregation who are pursuing either an associate degree or a bachelor degree. Please see Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **July 1**.

Sunshine News :

The memorial service for Mary Lommen will be held at Good Shepherd on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 2:00 pm. To adequately plan for the number in attendance at the service, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you plan to attend the service for Mary, please sign up on this sheet. This will help the family and the Worship & Music committee in planning. Thank you!



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.

The annual **South Carolina Synod Assembly** will be held virtually on Saturday, June 26, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Kevin Wicker and Doug Lindstrom will serve as the voting members from Good Shepherd. Please keep the synod in prayer during this special time.

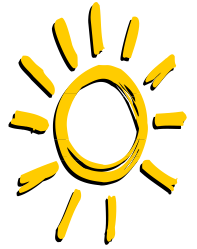
Lutheroad registration forms are now available. Registration forms are also available on the church's website. Lutheroad Day Camp is for children who will be entering first- sixth grade (ages 6-11). The dates for Lutheroad day camp are July 19-23, 2021 (Monday- Friday). The **deadline** for registration 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. Watch for more information in the coming weeks as well as a time for volunteer training. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Wicker, day camp coordinator.

The **Sanctuary Candles for the month of June** are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak in honor of Amy's birthday.

Sunshine News : (Continued)

Our loose and special designated offering for **June** will support our **Lutheroad Day Camp** at Good Shepherd this summer. **Lutheroad** is a day camp led by counselors from **Lutheridge** that will be held July 19 through 23. Lutheroad is a fun-filled week for our children who have completed grades Kindergarten through Fifth. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help offset **the \$4,500 cost** of Day Camp by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Lutheroad**" on your offering envelope.



Thank You !

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

19 years ago you prayed with us for this 2 lb. preemie baby. I thought you all might like to know he is graduating from high school! I only wish Mary and Arden were here to enjoy it with us. Thank you for all the prayers, love, and good wishes. We love and appreciate you all!

Jamie, Georgette, Jay and Zoe Lommen

(This card is available in the church narthex with some great photos of Jay.)



Financial Corner

April was another month of generous giving to the ministries of Good Shepherd. However, our spending for the month exceeded our gifts to the ministry due to the unbudgeted expenses of the Fellowship Hall ice maker and the repairs to the church organ. Those two expenses totaled almost \$2,700. The Council's decision to get rid of the ice maker will save us between \$300 and \$350 per year in budgeted funds.

You'll note that we are continuing to pay back the Wallace Fund for the sanctuary ceiling repair and the parsonage heating and air conditioning cost from several years back. With gifts to the

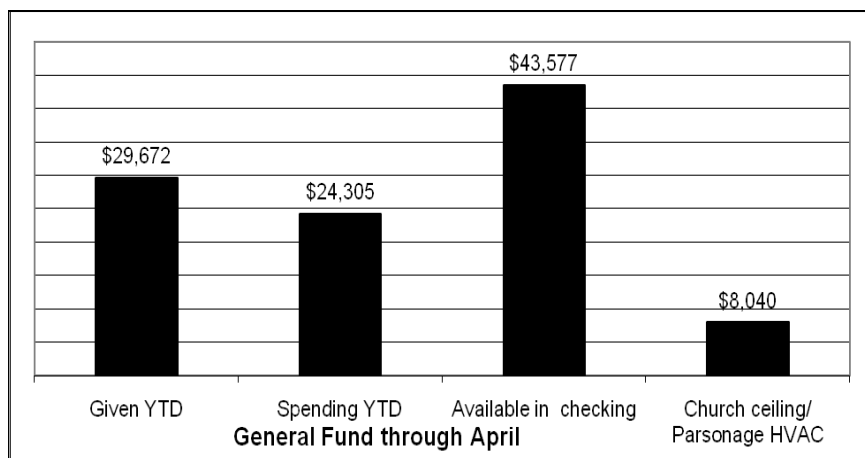
Wallace Fund we have reduced that debt to \$8,040. In May, we paid for the heating and air conditioning units replacement in the church. That expense of \$11,200 will also come from the Wallace Fund.

We are thankful for the very generous gift from Bethel Presbyterian for our **Food Pantry**. If you know someone from Bethel please pass along our thanks for being part of this ministry with us.

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

April Offering and Gifts :

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| General Fund | \$ 6,647 |
| Wonderful Wednesday | \$ 51 |
| Lenten Offering | \$ 275 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$ 50 |
| Flowers | \$ 270 |
| Lutheroad | \$ 150 |
| Wallace Fund | \$ 500 |
| Social Ministry/Food Pantry | \$ 1,014 |
| ELCA Clean Water | \$ 118 |
| Maintenance | \$ 80 |



DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

General Fund

Given by:

Carolyn Cherwon

In Honor of:

Pastor Craig Boehlke

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 Pete Gosnell, the family of Charles Cummings (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 (Shannon Guess)

SERVING IN JUNE

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

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In May !!!

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

Worship and Music

The Worship & Music Committee will meet after worship on Sunday, June 13. The current guidelines for worship will be reviewed for updating at that time. The committee will also discuss plans for the memorial service for Mary Lommen to be held at Good Shepherd on Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 pm.

Alter Flowers for June

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| June 6 | Janet Szymanski |
| June 13 | Rob and Amy Rusnak |
| June 20 | Kevin and Diane Wicker |
| June 27 | Kim Perri |

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."

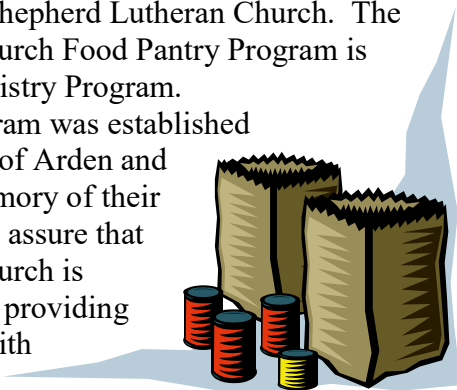
Social Ministry and Lommen Love Fund Policies

At their May meeting, the church Council approved new policies for the existing **Social Ministry Program** and the newly formed **Lommen Love Fund**.

Our Social Ministry Program exists to aid and assist members and non-members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Food Pantry Program is part of the GSLC Social Ministry Program.

The Lommen Love Program was established with a gift from the children of Arden and Mary Lommen in loving memory of their parents. This policy seeks to assure that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is continually working towards providing members and friends alike with care and assistance when funds are available.

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



May Council meeting notes : 5-16-2021

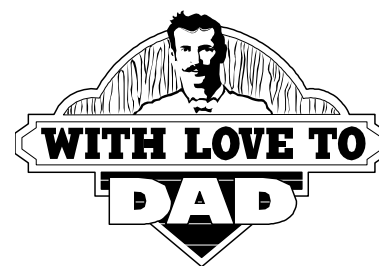
The Council met following worship on Sunday, May 16, along with the Call Committee and Bishop Ginny Aebischer.

1. Council approved the minutes from the previous meeting, as well as the financial report from April.
2. Amy gave reports on the Christian Education Committee, Worship and Music Committee, WELCA and the recent American Red Cross Blood Drive.
3. Council approved policies for our current Social Ministry program and the newly established Lommen Love Fund.
4. Doug Lindstrom, Kevin Wicker and Pastor Craig will "attend" the 2021 SC Synod Assembly that will take place on Saturday, June 26. This year's Assembly will be held on-line like last year.
5. Council has asked the Worship and Music Committee to review the church Covid policy based on recent changes to the CDC guidelines.
6. Bishop Ginny spoke to the Council and Call Committee members about the entire Call Process, and outlined the Congregational Vitality Survey and the Ministry Site Profile. These two documents are the next steps in the Call Process. Council will meet again on Sunday, June 6, following worship for the purpose of working on the Call Process.

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

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

For all the fathers that are always on the go



Happy
Father's Day !

June 20, 2021

JUNE 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 31 | 1 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry | 2 | 3 Birthday : Dean Fralix Anniversaries : John & Linda Gilgen Jamie & Melissa Connelly | 4 Birthday : William Brinson Anniversary : Doug & Ellen Brinson | 5 |
| 6 10:00 AM Worship with Communion followed by Church Council meeting. Birthdays : Lloyd Smyly LorenWeihemuller | 7 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women (in the Fellowship Hall) | 8 Birthday : Hugh Wilson | 9 Birthday : Douglas Fraser | 10 Birthdays : Jackson Lord Ron Szymanski Charlotte Johnston | 11 Birthday : Nancy Peer | 12 Birthday : Weston Williams |
| 13 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Worship & Music Committee meeting. 5:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Via Zoom) | 14 Birthday : Amy Rusnak | 15 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry Birthdays : Dean Brinson Samantha Knapp | 16 | 17 | 18 Birthday : Jon Carpenter | 19 Anniversary : Joe & Julie Epple |
| 20 Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship Service | 21 | 22 10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline Birthday : Cleo Gartner | 23 Birthdays : Lisa Lord Richie Johnston | 24 2: 00 PM Memorial Service for Mary Lommen | 25 Anniversary : Kevin & Diane Wicker | 26 9 AM – 4 PM Virtual Synod Assembly |
| 27 10:00 AM Worship Service Anniversary : Ernie & Cleo Gartner | 28 | 29 | 30 Birthdays : Joe Epple Ryan Barton | 1 | 2 | 3 |