



October 2021

## The Shepherd's Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
106 May Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
(843) 549-5353

### From the Pastor :

On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Bishop and Assistant Rick Carter shared the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey. If you were not present and have not already watched the Zoom recording, I encourage you to do so at: [https://youtu.be/j6bLn4\\_nrj0](https://youtu.be/j6bLn4_nrj0) This meeting will give you lots of information about the strengths and weaknesses of Good Shepherd and much more detail about the call process.

I'd also encourage you if you didn't get to the September 19<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Anniversary event to watch it. You need to have Zoom installed on your computer, tablet, or smart phone, but it was a wonderful day and worthy of your time.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/pkNhk\\_-Xqgwk3r-k9SGjoDytmreoVklbvC4M4IWbyOM17HBBYim6AyF97D1JrzK.Oj2J9\\_5bDFzg8iOR?startTime=1632059917000](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/pkNhk_-Xqgwk3r-k9SGjoDytmreoVklbvC4M4IWbyOM17HBBYim6AyF97D1JrzK.Oj2J9_5bDFzg8iOR?startTime=1632059917000)

So, here we go into the fall with our ongoing mission to be Christ's body and share God's love in our community and beyond. Yes, we still need to make adaptations for Covid, but we're becoming better all the time at being together and being church in this challenging time. More than ever we need one another for support and ongoing encouragement.

In September I attended the funeral for my 55 year old niece. She had struggled for some time with a brain tumor----and like most, she ultimately lost that battle. Ahead of time I had some really difficult moments of grief, for myself, and especially for her family. But being together with family and friends, sharing stories and lifting up the good memories was incredibly healing for all of us. That is being the body of Christ----in joys and in sorrows----through the challenges and the high moments.

At Good Shepherd we've been walking through an extended transition. We still don't know how long that will last. We know it will happen in God's time and in God's ways. Thank you for your patience and your commitment. Like this recent anniversary celebration, we're having some good moments and not standing still. Come and participate as you are able, experiencing the joy of being Christ's church.

*Pastor Craig*

## Call Committee update

On Wednesday, September 15, we had a virtual meeting with Bishop Ginny Aebisher and Pastor Rick Carter to review the results of the **Congregational Vitality Survey**. There were 15 people in-person in the Fellowship Hall and five on-line via Zoom. The Zoom recording of that meeting was e-mailed to the members and friends of Good Shepherd. Next, the Call Committee will meet to continue work on the **Ministry Site Profile** using the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey. The Ministry Site Profile will be presented to Council for approval and then will be presented to the congregation.

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

## Christian Education:

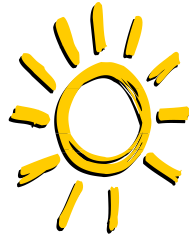
**Wonderful Wednesday has returned!** We gather on the first and third Wednesdays, beginning at 5:00 pm, for the months of October, November, and December. There are classes for children and adults. A light meal is also served, beginning around 5:30 pm.

On **Saturday, October 30**, beginning at 6:00 pm, the congregation is invited to participate in **"Trunk-or-Treat"** in the parking lot across from the church. We will also have a couple of activities set up for the children, as well as hayrides through the neighborhood.



## Sunshine News:

We are collecting for **Lutheran Disaster Relief** in support of the victims of Hurricane Ida. The soup pot will be in the narthex through the end of October for your monetary donations. You can also place your donations in the offering plate, designated for "Hurricane Ida Relief."



The Good Shepherd Women will be collecting **school supplies** for the Elks Lodge to be distributed to schools in Walterboro. The drive will be conducted during the month of September and into October. **The deadline for receiving supplies is Sunday, October 10.** A box has been placed in the narthex to receive your supplies. A list of needed supplies can also be found in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker. Thank you for your support!

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

**Our loose and special designated offering for October will support NovusWay**, formerly known as Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries. Located across the southeastern United States, these retreat centers offer programmed retreats and camps for all ages, and also provide event and meeting spaces for you to plan your own retreat.

The combination of quality staff, the excellent facilities, the unique 1,900 acres of land, and your participation with NovusWay will lead you to **"Get Inspired"**.

Our sites are located in Asheville, North Carolina (Lutheridge); near Boone, North Carolina (Lutherock); outside Atlanta, Georgia (Lutheranch); and near Gainesville, Florida (Luthersprings).

This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for **"NovusWay"** on your offering envelope.

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

## Financial Corner

We're excited to be able to report this month that we will receive a grant from the **Community Foundation of the Lowcountry** for our **Food Pantry** program in the amount of \$7,440. (We received that check in September so it will show up in our financial reports next month.)

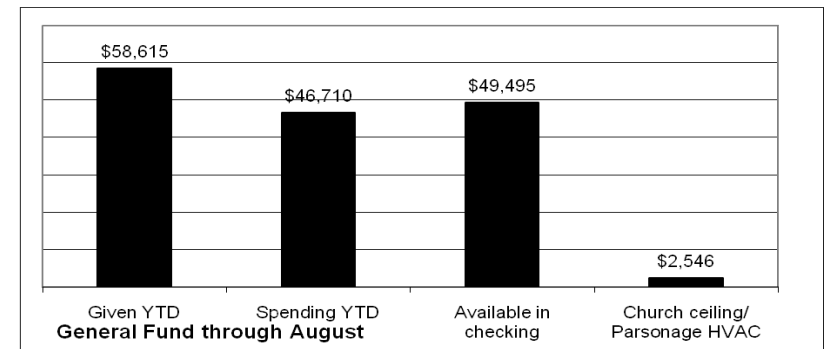
New this month is a table of our **Savings Accounts** and the funds held in each account. You'll also note that during August we had generous donations to the **Wallace Fund** which has brought us within about \$2,500 of reimbursing the fund for the sanctuary ceiling repairs in 2015 and the parsonage HVAC unit in 2017.

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

### August Offering and Gifts :

General Fund	\$ 7,629
Service Committee	\$ 25
Candles	\$ 40
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 30
Flowers	\$ 140
Wallace Fund	\$ 2,583
PeeDee Indians	\$ 425
Parsonage Repair	\$ 110
Maintenance Fund	\$ 70
Lutheran Men	\$ 22



## **Savings Accounts :**

Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,647
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,070
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,679
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,820
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,328

## **September Council meeting notes : 9-12-2021**

The financial report was reviewed and received as information.

Amy presented Pastor Craig's report in his absence.

Amy reported on the upcoming blood drive, and presented reports from Christian Ed, WELCA, and Worship and Music.

Doug Lindstrom reported that the Lutheran Men are planning a Fish Fry on Saturday, November 13.

Amy reported that the Food Pantry has received a grant of \$7,440 from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. She expressed thanks to Shannon and Doug for working on the grant application.

Amy reported on the progress of the Call Committee expressing a need for everyone to participate in the meeting with Bishop Aebisher and Pastor Carter on September 15 to review the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey.

Regarding church Property, Council approved a motion to secure quotes to paint the parsonage windows, doors and trim as well as the fellowship hall and the columns of the breezeway between the church and fellowship hall. When those quotes are secured, Council will discuss what action to take going forward.

Council approved placing the "soup pot" at the entrance of the sanctuary for several weeks for donations for Hurricane Ida relief.

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

## **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, the family of Ernie Gartner, Gene Whetsell



### **Friends and Family**

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, the family of Lisa O'Quinn, the family of Caroline Werntz (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, the family of Mr. Brooks Williams (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Robert Dorroh, Jr., the family of Pastor Ricky Inman (the Wickers), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), the family of Will Blackmon, Carolyn Bishop, Fran Pye, Deborah Walker, the family of Larry Patrick, Jill Bell (the Risters), the family of Dwayne Davis (Amy Rusnak), June, Ella, and Corey Easterlin (Kathie Whetsell), the family of Brooks Williams (Danielle Fraser), the family of Tracy Tripp (the Boehlkes)

## **DESIGNATED GIFTS**

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### **Wallace Fund**

#### **Given by:**

John & Linda Gilgen  
Kathie & Gene Whetsell

#### **In Memory of:**

Ernie Gartner  
Ernie Gartner

### **Parsonage Repair**

#### **Given by:**

Doug & Ellen Brinson

#### **In Memory of:**

Ernie Gartner

### **Lutheran Services Carolinas**

#### **Given by:**

Kevin & Diane Wicker

#### **In Memory of:**

Pastor Ricky Inman

## **Good Shepherd Women:**

The Good Shepherd Women are meeting on Monday, October 4, at 6:00 pm at the church. Faye Rister will be the hostess for the evening.

The women are currently collecting school supplies through Sunday, October 10. A list of requested supplies can be found in the narthex.

## **The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd**



The Lutheran Men are planning their traditional **Fall Fish Fry** for Saturday, November 13. Tickets will be available soon from any of the Lutheran Men of Good Shepherd.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a meal and a program. All men of the congregation and their guests are very welcomed to join us for food and fellowship.

## **Worship and Music**

The **Worship & Music Committee** will have their next meeting after the service on Sunday, October 17, to review the current worship guidelines and to plan for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

## **Alter Flowers for October**

October 3:	Doug Lindstrom
October 10:	Jon Carpenter
October 17:	Doug and Ellen Brinson
October 24:	Shannon Guess
October 31:	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."*

## **Prayer List October - December, 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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com)

To be prayed for:

---

---

Requested by:

---

---

Condition:

---

---

Please remove:

---

---

A new prayer list will be started every three months.

## SERVING IN OCTOBER

Lay Reader

Rob Rusnak

Communion Assistant

Amy Rusnak

Acolyte

Volunteer Needed

Ushers

Kathie Whetsell /

Marie Wilson

Grounds Care

Bob Ferris /

Charles Rister

Council Devotions

Jon Carpenter

### Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In September !!!

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

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who sent Sympathy Cards and for the Memorials from Kevin and Diane Wicker and Janet Szymanski, with Ernie's passing, all were greatly appreciated! In a sympathy message from the Veterans Victory House was the following words which says it all!

"In the fullness of time a life's journey ends.

But love once shared continues to live.

And beyond this day...that love prevails."

*Cleo Gartner*

## Thank You!

from

*Shepherd's Care*

Thank you for blessing us for so many years! ♥  
Lindsay, Riley + Mackenzie

Frank Zunker  
Melvin Salomon

John Campbell  
Melody Corneilus

Lisa Freeman  
Lisa  
Wendy Slaughter  
Trudy Wright

John Campbell  
Melody Corneilus

Lisa Freeman  
Lisa  
Wendy Slaughter  
Trudy Wright

Kevin Fowler  
Jack Mock

Craig Helton

Thank You  
Adrian Brand

Can't thank you enough.

Sheila Jenkins  
you have been our biggest blessing for all these years.  
our biggest blessing is you!  
Thanks you so much love!  
Kerry Brandt

I wish I had the words to say what's in my heart. you all have been so good to us. My heart is full with peace, may God bless all you who share this name, Gene.

Sheila Jenkins RENEH Hannah

# OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 10:00 AM Good Shepherd Women Clean-up Day <u>Anniversary :</u> Donald & Mary Eason
3 10:00 AM Worship with Communion. <u>Birthday :</u> Emily Carpenter	4 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Anniversary :</u> David & Tammy Long	5 10:00 AM - Noon <b>Food Pantry</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Doug Lindstrom	6 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>	7	8 <u>Birthday :</u> Graham Brinson	9
10 8:00 AM LMM Meet 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council Meeting	11 <b>Columbus Day</b> <u>Birthday :</u> John Corley	12 <u>Anniversary :</u> Ryan & Theresa Barton	13 <u>Birthdays :</u> Carrie Shaw Gerald Thomas	14 <u>Birthdays :</u> R. J. Riles Elizabeth Miller	15 <u>Birthday :</u> Brandon Fralix	16 <u>Birthday :</u> Jessie Rosebrock
17 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Worship & Music Committee Meeting	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Kylie Hiers	19 10:00 AM - Noon <b>Food Pantry</b>	20 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>	21 <u>Anniversary :</u> Kathie & Gene Whetsell	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline. <u>Birthday :</u> Marilyn Zielke	23
24 10:00 AM Worship Service	25 <u>Birthday :</u> Aaron Brinson <u>Anniversary :</u> Ethan & Rebecca Alberts	26 <u>Birthdays :</u> Hailey Guess Cindy Newman	27 <u>Birthdays :</u> Pastor Nancy Oliver Donald Eason	28 <u>Birthdays :</u> Rolfe Martin Sierra Obenaus	29 <u>Birthday :</u> Gene Whetsell	30 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM <b>Trunk-or-Treat!</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Patricia Riles
31 <b>Halloween!</b> 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday Worship with Communion	1	2	3	4	5	6