



November 2021

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

Once again the holiday season is upon us. We may be thinking about Thanksgiving but if we go in the stores the orange and black from Halloween turns very quickly to the red and green of Christmas. Of course, in the church we also recognize the festivals of All Saints and Christ the King. All Saints Day, November 1st is often commemorated in church on the first Sunday of November (this year November 7th). We remember those that have gone to be with God this past year, giving thanks for their memory and all they have meant to us. Christ the King Sunday this year falls on the 21st. This is the last Sunday of the church year and a time for us to remember the promise that Christ will come and make all things new. That reign has begun in our hearts and will be fulfilled in the fullness of time.

Regrettably, I will be away all the Sundays of November. I'll be in the office the first and last weeks of the month, but Georgia and I have a long planned 2 week cruise that happens to span Nov. 7-21. The last Sunday of November is my commitment to St. John's in Beaufort. Just so you know, as a part time pastor, you aren't paying me when I'm away. The other upside is that you continue to get exposure to a number of other pastors. I know these past months you've had wonderful leadership on Sundays in my absence. Georgia and I are bummed that we'll be missing that wonderful fish fry Nov. 13th.

When I return, Advent will be in full swing. I'm already working on some special presentations for those December Sundays. When we hear John the Baptist proclaiming, "Make straight the way in the wilderness... Prepare the way of the Lord", I want to help you visualize what that really means. Having been

to the Holy Land, I can tell you that seeing is really believing in a new way. Plan to be here throughout Advent and leading up to a wonderful Christmas Eve celebration.

This past month the call committee finalized the Ministry Site Profile for the synod. The challenge is that Good Shepherd will best be served by a part time pastor. The cost of even a recent seminary graduate has become unrealistic for this church's budget. We can expect that it may take some time yet to find the right person. Other alternatives are also being pursued, such as sharing a pastor with a neighboring congregation or being served by a two year intern. I hope you continue to keep the future of Good Shepherd in your prayers as well as the synod bishop and staff as they assist us. It's a challenge to be living into an uncertain future, but I intend to hang in there with you so long as my health and energy hold up! Let's enjoy God's presence and ministry in the present even as we anticipate the future.

Pastor Craig

Call Committee update

The Call Committee met on Tuesday, October 19, to continue work on the Ministry Site Profile using the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey. Once the MSP is complete, it will be presented to Council for approval and then will be made available to the congregation.

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

Christian Education:

The next meeting of the Christian Education will be **Saturday, November 6**, at 10:00 am at the church, with a Zoom option. Plans for a possible children's Christmas program will be discussed at this meeting. Anyone who is interested in helping with the children's Christmas program should be present at this meeting.

Sunshine News :

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at Good Shepherd on Monday, November 8, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be the last drive for 2021 at Good Shepherd. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment and give the gift of life!



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.

We will be taking orders for **poinsettias for Christmas Eve**. An order form is included in this newsletter. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 5, 2021. Please make all checks payable to Good Shepherd and note “poinsettias” on the memo line.

Our loose and special designated offering for November will support the **ELCA World Hunger**. **World Hunger** responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of **relief, development, education, and advocacy**, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ’s call to “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37), serving with compassion people who are most vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full participation of women and the needs of children.

Together, in Christ’s name, **we experience the transforming power of connection**. As individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger.

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

The **Sanctuary Candles for the month of November** are given to the glory of God by Shannon and Billy Guess in honor of Sue and Bud Nussman’s anniversary.

Financial Corner

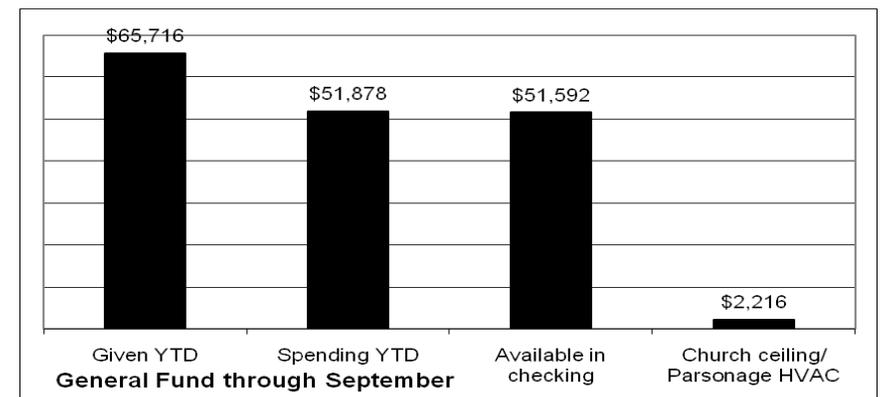
The end of September marked the end of summer, the arrival of cooler weather, and the completion of 75% of the year 2021. In the first three quarters of the year we have stayed within our Spending Plan for Ministry with 61% of the Plan spent. Because of spending below our Spending Plan goal, we are building reserves which will be useful as we make necessary repairs to the parsonage and prepare to call our next Pastor in the coming year.

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

September Offering and Gifts :

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| General Fund | \$ 7,102 |
| Wallace Fund | \$ 27 |
| Candles | \$ 20 |
| Social Ministry/Food Pantry | \$ 7,440 |
| Flowers | \$ 95 |
| Wallace Fund | \$ 330 |
| PeeDee Indians | \$ 50 |
| Parsonage Repair | \$ 220 |
| Lutheran Day Camp | \$ 900 |
| Hurricane Ida Relief | \$ 290 |
| Lutheran Services Carolinas | \$ 185 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$ 20 |



Savings Accounts :

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| Maintenance Fund | \$ 2,668 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 1,070 |
| Scholarship Endowment | \$ 6,681 |
| Lommen Love Fund | \$ 8,823 |
| Wallace Estate Fund | \$ 55,678 |
| Social Ministry/Food Pantry | \$ 14,180 |

October Council meeting notes : 10-10-2021

The meeting was opened with devotions by Jon Carpenter.

- ❖ The financial statements and the minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- ❖ Pastor Craig presented the Pastor's Report with an update on his schedule for the month of October.
- ❖ Amy presented reports from the Christian Education Committee, WELCA and Worship and Music Committee. Doug Lindstrom reported from the Lutheran Men and the Food Pantry. There was no report from the Property Committee and action on painting the parsonage was tabled until the next meeting.
- ❖ In regards to the Food Pantry, Doug updated the Council on efforts to secure food for the Pantry in light of the supply chain problems, efforts to use the grant money we've received to purchase food by the end of the year, and the need for additional help with the Food Pantry program.
- ❖ Regarding the Call Process, Kevin will schedule a meeting of the Call Committee during October to continue work on the Ministry Site Profile now that the data from the Congregational Vitality Survey has been presented by Bishop Aebisher and Pastor Carter.
- ❖ In the new business, the Council will look at the draft of the ballot for the 2022-2024 Council elections at the next meeting. The election of new Council members will take place in November and December.

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 Wertz, Carolyn Rahn (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Robert Dorroh, Jr., Mary Wicker (the Wickers), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), Carolyn Bishop, Fran Pye, Debra Walker, Bruce and Jill Bell (the Risters), David, Tammy, and Lauren Long (Kathie Whetsell)

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Wallace Fund

Given by:

Charles & Faye Rister

In Memory of:

Ernie Gartner

General Fund

Given by:

Rebecca Wicker

In Honor of:

Good Shepherd's 81 years of ministry

Food Pantry

Given by:

Bethel Presbyterian

In Honor of:

Good Shepherd Ministry



Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women met on Monday, October 4, at 6:00 pm at the church. Faye Rister was the hostess. Plans for the remainder of the year were discussed. School supplies that were collected were delivered to the Elks' Lodge to be distributed. The women plan to participate in the "Fill the Stocking" program with Colleton County First Steps. Diane will apply for a Thrivent Action Team that, with funds from the women's treasury, will be used to purchase gifts for children in the community. Other outreach possibilities were also discussed. The women also decided that there will be a LM/WELCA Christmas dinner this year. It will be Saturday, December 4, at 6:00 pm at the church. Further details will be discussed at the November meeting.

The next meeting is Monday, November 1, at 6:00 pm at the church. Marie Wilson will be the hostess.

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The men met on Sunday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast was provided by Winfield Simons and a program on "Cremation" was provided by Kevin Wicker. Plans are underway for the upcoming Fish Fry on Saturday afternoon, November 13 at the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at church or by contacting one of our Lutheran Men. The next meeting will be on the first Sunday of November, November 7, with Bob providing the meal and Charles the program. All men of the congregation are welcomed to join us.

Worship and Music

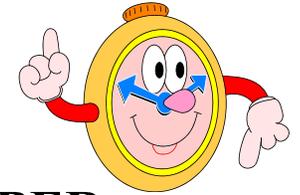
The Worship & Music Committee met after the service on Sunday, October 17, 2021. The current worship guidelines were reviewed; there were no recommendations for any changes at this time. Plans were discussed for worship services for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Forms for ordering poinsettias will be available beginning Sunday, October 31. The deadline for ordering poinsettias will be Sunday, December 5. The next meeting of the Worship & Music committee will be Sunday, December 5, after the worship service.

Save the Date!

Plans are underway for the annual **Lutheran Men's Fish Fry** on Saturday afternoon, November 13, from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are available for \$10 each by contacting one of our Lutheran Men. (Children under 10 eat free.). Plates will be "take out" with "dine in" being determined by the COVID situation on the day of the event. This is a Thrivent Action Team supported project.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 7, 2021



SERVING IN NOVEMBER

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| Lay Reader | Doug Brinson |
| Communion Assistant | Doug Brinson |
| Acolyte | Volunteer Needed |
| Ushers | Dean Brinson / Doug Lindstrom |
| Grounds Care | Doug Brinson |
| Council Devotions | Kevin Wicker |

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In October !!!

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

Alter Flowers for November

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| November 7: | Doug and Ellen Brinson |
| November 14: | Kathie Whetsell |
| November 21: | Natalie Gamble |
| November 28: | Kevin and Diane Wicker |

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."

Christmas Poinsettia- Order Form

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please fill out the form and place 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 poinsettia following the Christmas Eve service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

| <u>Size</u> | <u>Color</u> |
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| _____ small: \$20 | _____ red |
| _____ large: \$25 | _____ white |

Check enclosed Yes _____ No _____
Check # _____

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NOVEMBER 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | 1 All Saints' Day 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Birthday :</u> Becky Hitchens | 2 Election Day 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry <u>Birthday :</u> Anthony Casella | 3 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Brantley Carter <u>Anniversary :</u> Garrett & Tara Brinson | 4 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Leila Shaw | 5 | 6 10:00 AM Christian Education Committee Meet |
| 7 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:00 AM LMM Meet 10:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Anniversary :</u> Sue & Bud Nussman | 8 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive <u>Birthday :</u> Julie Epple <u>Anniversary :</u> Phil & Carrie Shaw | 9 | 10 <u>Birthday :</u> Martin Luther (1483) | 11 Veterans' Day 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Bob Ferris | 12 <u>Birthday :</u> Braeden Rhea Westbury | 13 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM LMM Fish Fry |
| 14 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council Meeting | 15 | 16 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry | 17 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Dorn Cammon | 18 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 19 | 20 <u>Birthday :</u> Kevin Crosby |
| 21 10:00 AM Christ the King Sunday with Communion <u>Birthdays :</u> Patrick Smith Patrick Gamble | 22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline <u>Birthday :</u> Charles Roberts | 23 <u>Birthday :</u> Vonda Calcutt | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving Day <u>Birthdays :</u> Ben Wicker Alice Vendrick | 26 <u>Birthday :</u> Donnie Clayton | 27 |
| 28 10:00 AM Worship Service | 29 | 30 <u>Anniversary :</u> Danielle & Douglas Fraser | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |