



April 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

Having lived in the Low Country now for 12 ½ years, I still delight in the long and beautiful spring of the south. Remember, I lived in Minnesota for 36 years where spring sometimes lasted all of two weeks. I can remember years of heavy snow in mid-April and even 4 inches of snow one Mother's Day. Of course, we never had the yellow snow season that we have here! But it's always amazing when the redbuds start blooming in February and then those glorious displays of color continue in various plants for months. There's something about that spring weather and all those colors that lifts our spirits and brings new hope. And this year, the recession of virus infections gives us even more encouragement that things may finally be getting better. It's been great to have our Lenten Tuesday night suppers and program. Those soups have been great! April 9th we'll hold an in-person Easter Egg hunt for our children. And in May the men's group is planning a BBQ.

Also, in April the worship committee and council will be loosening some of those covid restrictions. Masks will be optional as long as our infection rates continue at "low risk". I will still wear a mask when presiding at the communion table and serving just because some may still need that protection. Hopefully the weather will allow for me greeting people before and after church outdoors.

The one extreme downer to this spring is the horror of war happening in Ukraine. While we seem individually helpless, except to pray, the free world's leaders have shown remarkable support to that besieged nation. And our own Lutheran World Relief is on the scene with health kits and quilts. Our soup pot is

in the narthex for any monetary gifts you want us to channel to those relief efforts.

This will be my third Holy Week and Easter at Good Shepherd (much longer than a typical interim, but understandable given the circumstances). It will be my first time with lessened Covid concerns. I hope that will mean that we start to see more people comfortable with attending in person. I fear that the virus has created new habits that will be difficult to break. Worshiping via the internet has been an important device that we've used to get through this period and as a matter of course, we've learned that it will continue to be important for those who are shut-in or who are at a distance. But overall, I think we're stronger as a community when we can be together face to face. I welcome the return of coffee and snacks after church that invites us to stick around and catch up with one another. Without getting too fancy, I hope when it's your turn to provide treats, you'll come up with something that tempts us just short of what the devil would do!

Finally, I want to mention that after Easter Georgia and I will be off again on one of our adventures---this time to Mallorca, Spain and then on a Rhine River cruise. I feel badly at missing time with you; however, I also know that we aren't getting any younger and there are still places we want to visit while we can. We'll be joined for much of the time by our son and his husband. We count those family times as precious. As an added benefit, you continue to get exposure to other pastors in anticipation of that next person who will serve Good Shepherd. Enjoy your vacation from me!

Pastor Craig

Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women will meet on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Amy Rusnak. We will be stuffing eggs for the egg hunt on Saturday, April 9, and we will be putting together baskets for our shut-ins and for local hospice patients. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Sunshine News :

Included in this newsletter is a **revised copy of the Sanctuary Indoor Worship Guidelines** which will take effect on Easter Sunday.

There will be a **congregational meeting** after worship on Sunday, April 3, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding for parsonage repairs.

Join us for the final **Lenten Supper & Service**. On Tuesday, April 5, we will gather in the parish hall for a soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by worship in the parish hall at 6:45 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The theme for our Lenten services is “The Seasons of the Church Year.”

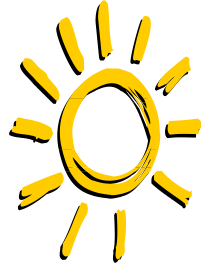
The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 9, from 10:00 am to 12 noon here at the church. There will be a variety of activities for the children in addition to the egg hunt. A light lunch will also be served. Come, join the fun! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for donations and volunteers. **In case of rain**, the egg hunt will be Sunday, April 10, at 4:00 pm.

Applications for camp scholarships are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for children attending one of the Novus Way Camps this summer: Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, or Luther Springs. Please see Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **May 1**.

The soup pot is in the narthex to collect donations for the people of Ukraine. You can make donations to the **ELCA Disaster Response** for aid to the people of **Ukraine** by placing a gift in your offering envelope designated “**Ukraine**” or by placing a donation in the soup pot.

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the Red Cross blood drive held in March at Good Shepherd. A total of **50** units were collected. The next blood drive will be Monday, May 9, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of April are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Diane Wicker in honor of Mr. Edd Wicker and in memory of Mrs. Jane Wicker.



Sunshine News : (Continued)

We will start a **new prayer list** in April. 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

Our loose and special designated offering for April will support the **Clean Water** initiative to provide sources of clean, safe, drinking water for our sisters and brothers in our sister Synod in Tanzania. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help provide clean water systems in Tanzania by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Clean Water**” on your offering envelope.

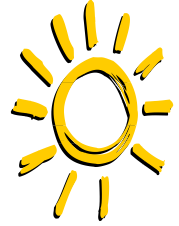
Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday service at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 15	Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 17	Easter Day, Worship service with communion at 10:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 10:00 am via Zoom. The committee discussed plans for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help with the activities that day, and food donations are needed for the lunch that will be provided. The committee also received an update from Diane about the plans for Lutheroad Day Camp in July. Diane plans to have registration material available after Easter. The next meeting of the Christian Education committee will be Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:00 am at the church with a Zoom option.



SERVING IN APRIL :

Lay Reader

Communion Assistant

Acolyte

Ushers

Rob Rusnak

Haleigh Gamble

Volunteer Needed

Bob Ferris /

Marie Wilson

Grounds Care

Bob Ferris /

Charles Rister

Council Devotions

Natalie Gamble

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In March !!!

****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 met on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00 am at the church to finalize plans for Holy Week and to discuss updates to the COVID guidelines for the church. The committee will be forwarding recommended changes to the guidelines to church council for approval.

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King (Matthew 21 : 6 - 11)

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

General Fund

Given by:

Charles & Faye Rister

In Memory of:

Eleanore Gloeckler

Memorial Fund

Given by:

John & Linda Gilgen

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In Memory of:

Eleanore Gloeckler

Willie Cammon

Lutheran Men in Mission

Given by:

Margaret Juttner

In Memory of:

Willie Cammon

Parsonage Repair Fund

Given by:

Doug Lindstrom

Doug Lindstrom

In Memory of:

Willie Cammon

Eleanore Gloeckler

Maintenance Fund

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

Nancy Peer

In Memory of:

Eleanore Gloeckler

Willie Cammon

Food Pantry

Given by:

Janet Szymanski

Janet Szymanski

In Memory of:

Eleanore Gloeckler

Joyce Carter

Good Friday !!!

Alter Flowers for April

April 3 :

Lent (no flowers)

April 10 :

Palm Sunday – (no flowers)

April 17 :

Frank Wilson

April 24 :

Cheryl Clayton

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."



LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Frances Barton, Ted & Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Frank & Marie Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris, Gail & Carl Lindstrom, the family of EleanoreGloeckler, Gene Whetsell, Theresa Strickland, the family of Willie Cammon

Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Carolyn Rahn, Michelle Rousch, Laura Spivey (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, the family of Julie Godwin (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimi Carter, Henry Weber, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), David, Tammy, and Lauren Long, the family of Danielle Cummings (Kathie Whetsell), Carolyn Bishop, Fran Pye, Debra Walker, Bruce & Jill Bell (the Risters), the family of Jill Welch (the Boehlkes), Terry George (Lisa and Rusty Mezel), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), the family of Ashley Bullard

Did you Know? (Answers at the bottom of the last page)

1. The first organizing worship service of the 12 people interested in having a Lutheran Church in Walterboro was held where?
 - a. At the Colleton County Library
 - b. At the Walterboro High School
 - c. In the Fellowship Hall
2. What date was Good Shepherd organized as a congregation?
 - a. September 8, 1940
 - b. May 9, 1943
 - c. October 21, 2001
3. Where can you find the names of the 36 Charter Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran? (Circle all that are correct)
 - a. In the church history book compiled by Ralph Doscher
 - b. At the Colleton County Museum
 - c. On the church website www.walterborolutherans.com
 - d. On the old steeple in the yard

Financial Corner

Financially, February was a good month. After the typical “slow” giving and spending month of January, giving was up in February allowing us to almost totally make up the January slump.

At their March meeting, church Council approved a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 3, following worship to approve spending on our parsonage repairs. Per our constitution, anytime we spend over 3% of our Spending Plan for Ministry on a project we have to get approval from the congregation, thus the reason for the meeting. I hope you can all be present that day to be involved in that important decision in the life of our church.

We’ve got a “new” lightly used copier/printer in the church office during February. The five-year lease on our old copier expired, and Mrs. Cherry Douglas at Lowcountry Office Solutions helped us locate a 2-year-old machine that is much more robust than our previous machine. What’s that got to do with finance, you may ask? Well, we locked into a new 5-year lease, on a much nicer machine, for the same money as our previous copier. In my book, that’s a win.

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

February Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,383
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 106
Maintenance Fund	\$ 150
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 290
Flowers	\$ 140
Lilies	\$ 200
Candles	\$ 105
SC Retreat Centers	\$ 150
Memorial Fund	\$ 50
Lutheroad	\$ 20
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 80

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,129
Memorial Fund	\$ 999
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,684
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,455
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,317

Social Ministry/Food Pantry \$ 6,503

Call Committee update 03-20-2022

February and March have been busy months for your Call Committee. After receiving the name of our first candidate for pastor from Bishop Aebischer, the committee met several times to prepare for our first interview, opening each meeting in prayer asking God to lead us in our search for His next pastor for Good Shepherd. Following the interview, the committee members decided to return the name of this candidate to Bishop Ginny. The appropriate letters were written and a closeout conversation was had with the candidate. The members of the committee continue to meet for discussions and to pray that God's will be done through our efforts.

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

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The Lutheran Men met on Sunday morning March 13, 2022. Breakfast was prepared by Kevin Wicker and Jon Carpenter presented an interesting devotional on the episode where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and how he took on the lowest of the low jobs to demonstrate service to others and that we should bear each other's burdens. He also discussed the implication that Jesus must have even done this for Judas his betrayer! Receiving comfort from God and family can help us all through difficult times.

The men continued planning for their spring BBQ event which will be held on Saturday May 14th (more on that to come-stay tuned)

Our next meeting will be On April 10th, Palm Sunday at 8 AM.

Rob Rusnak - Secretary

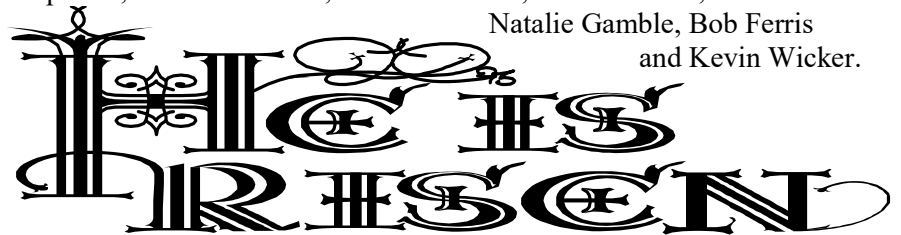
March Council meeting notes : 3-13-2022

The meeting was opened with a short devotion by Kathie.

- ❖ Kevin presented the financial report and the minutes from the February meeting, they were approved.
- ❖ Pastor Craig gave his report followed by Amy sharing reports from the Christian Education committee, WELCA, and the Call Committee.
- ❖ Amy also reported that the Executive Committee had utilized the Lommen Love Fund to assist two families of the congregation during the month.
- ❖ Members had a conversation about parsonage repairs and decided to call a meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, April 3, to get approval for expenses associated with the parsonage repair. Members also agreed to form a task force to oversee the parsonage repairs.
- ❖ Council approved Pastor Craig and Kevin and Diane Wicker to attend the 2022 SC Synod Assembly in June to represent Good Shepherd.
- ❖ Council also approved placing the "Soup Pot" in the narthex to collect donations to support Lutheran Disaster Relief in their efforts to help the people of Ukraine.
- ❖ Members briefly discussed our Covid policy. Amy stated that any recommendations for change in that policy will come to the Council from the Worship and Music committee following their March meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Council members setting up the Fellowship Hall for the Blood Drive on Monday.

Your Council members are : Amy Rusnak, Dean Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Kathie Whetsell, Shannon Guess, Marie Wilson, Natalie Gamble, Bob Ferris and Kevin Wicker.



Answers "Did You Know?" : 1. b / 2. a / 3. a, c & d

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Sanctuary Indoor Worship Guidelines during Covid-19
(revised 03-27-2022)

This guideline was developed based on the Covid-19 risk level in our area. If the risk level changes, the guideline will be reassessed.

1. Masks are optional in the sanctuary.
2. If you do not feel well, please do not come to church.
3. Anyone who attends worship, and thereafter tests positive within a week, should notify Council Chair Amy Rusnak or Pastor Craig.
4. An usher will be present to do a temperature check of each person at the door and to offer hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary.
5. The ushers will constantly monitor the narthex and the sanctuary during the service to greet people who may enter during the service, check their temperature, offer hand sanitizer, take them to a suitable socially distanced seat, and to take care of any needs of the congregation.
6. Social distancing will be observed with seating in designated pews with assistance from an usher. (Selected pews will be marked off.)
7. Ushers will pass out bulletins to those entering the sanctuary and collect offering during the service.
8. The water fountain will be closed, but water bottles will be available.
9. Interior doors will be left open to eliminate the need to touch doors and door handles.
10. Each worshipper is responsible to use the spray sanitizer provided in the restroom after each use.
11. Every effort will be made to keep the length of the service to less than an hour.
12. Worshipers will be asked to turn off their smartphones WiFi feature or place them in “airplane” mode so as to not use the limited WiFi that we’ll be using for Zoom.

Notes: The ushers will need to arrive 20 minutes before worship to check temperatures and hand out bulletins to those in attendance as they arrive and direct them to their seats.

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day <u>Birthday :</u> Lisa Mezel	2 <u>Birthday :</u> Christine Peterson
3 10:00 AM Worship with Communion followed by a Congregational Meeting and Confirmation Class	4 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women <u>Birthday :</u> Gloria Ferris <u>Anniversary :</u> Ray & Theresa Strickland	5 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Service <u>Anniversary :</u> Ned & Alice Vendrick	6 <u>Birthdays :</u> Chastity Patterson Charity Patterson Kathie Whetsell Diane Wicker Ilona Strickland	7 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9 10:00 AM - Noon Easter Egg Hunt
10 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Palm / Passion Sunday Service followed by Congregational Council Meeting	11 <u>Birthday :</u> Mike Herrin	12 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Corson Wertz <u>Anniversary :</u> Marion & Gail Glover	13 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	14 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday <u>Anniversary :</u> Ted & Sara Avant	15 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	16 <u>Birthday :</u> Helana Strickland
17 Easter 10:00 AM Worship with Communion	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Madilynn Alberts	19 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry	20 <u>Birthday :</u> Christa Gilgen Martin	21 <u>Birthday :</u> Hagan Strickland	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23
24 10:00 AM Worship Service	25	26	27 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Bobbie Smith	28	29 <u>Anniversary :</u> Cheryl & Donnie Clayton	30 <u>Birthday :</u> Kristen Paindiris