



July 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Independence Day is the genuine American patriotic holiday. In recent years many of our Christian communities have increasingly tried to tie Christian and patriotic themes together. How often have you heard the USA described as a "Christian Nation"? While historically we have been a religious nation, our founding fathers were "Deists" rather than Christian. There is no question that they saw faith as a pillar of American society. But having come from England and other parts of Europe to escape religious persecution, the founders were not about to tie America to any specific faith tradition. Even the words "under God" were not added to the Pledge of Allegiance until 1954.

Recently many church groups have tried to claim identification with American patriotism. Many politicians have seized on the "opportunity" to gain greater popularity by connecting with these faith groups, turning them into formidable voting blocks---and, at the same time casting their opponents as unbelieving clods. The most blatant has been by the far right GOP, using the language of Christian Nationalism (and not so subtly, leaning heavily toward WHITE Christian Nationalism). Nothing could be further from what the founding fathers intended.

Recently I saw an editorial cartoon that had 3 men talking. The first man said he was really upset at all the immigrants coming into the USA and all the accommodations we were being forced to make. The second man (also white) said we should send all the foreigners back where they came from. The third man, a Native American, asked the other two where they were from!

America was built as the land of the free and the home of the brave. Many who have come to this country have done so to

escape all manner of religious, ethnic, and political persecution. To be free requires that we respect the rights and opportunities of one another. It takes a certain level of maturity and bravery to confront the immense diversity of our country and seek to live together as free people.

What would Jesus say about being a person of faith and patriotic? In Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus is asked about loyalty. The Pharisees who asked were trying to get Jesus into trouble. But Jesus responds, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." So we are citizens of a great nation, and it is appropriate for us to be supportive of our country. But we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God and loyalty is required there as well. To be honest, there will be times when we face real dilemmas. For example, those who were drafted for the military but objected to carrying a weapon faced difficult choices. One never knows when you'll be confronted with a conflict of loyalties.

At Good Shepherd there are two flags in front of the church. They are of equal height. The American flag reminds us of the blessings of our religious freedom. On the other side of the church is the Christian flag, symbolic of our loyalty to God. Thankfully they are mainly seen as compatible and certainly important enough to be displayed in the front of the church. They remind us of our dual loyalties to God and country.

Pastor Craig

Call Committee Update :

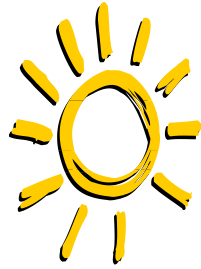
The Council Executive Committee met in June with the Council members of Ehrhardt Memorial Lutheran and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran, Ehrhardt, to discuss the possibility of sharing a pastor as Ehrhardt and Mt. Pleasant begin the call process for a part-time pastor.

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

Your Executive Committee members are : Amy Rusnak, Jon Carpenter, Dean Brinson and Kevin Wicker.

Sunshine News :

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 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



Choir is on break and will return in September.

Lutheroad registration forms are now available. If your child attended Lutheroad in the past and is eligible to attend this year, a form was mailed to your child. Registration forms are also available on the church's website. The dates for Lutheroad Day Camp are July 18- 22, 2022 (Monday- Friday). Please share this information with friends who may be interested in day camp for their children or grandchildren. The **deadline** for registration is **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**. 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 9, at 10:00 am in conjunction with the Christian Education meeting**. 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 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.

Property Committee update

The carpentry contractor has completed that scope of work in the parsonage, and additional work by members and friends of Good Shepherd are underway. Thus far, we have spent, or have committed to, approximately \$10,500 for the parsonage project. If you'd like to support the parsonage repair project, you can do so by giving to the "Maintenance Fund."

In other property news....

- The new Luther Rose has been installed in the breezeway.
- Thanks to Charles Rister for cutting the azaleas around the sanctuary.
- Thanks to Mr. Mark Infinger for giving us a great deal to grind the stump in the parsonage back yard.
- Thanks to Sal Praga for moving the ground stump debris to the street for the City garbage pickup.
- Thanks to Dean Brinson for continuing to work on the church window trim.

Christian Education:

The next meeting for the Christian Education committee is **Saturday, July 9**, at 10:00 am at the church, with a Zoom option. We will be finalizing plans for day camp at this meeting, as well as holding volunteer training for day camp. Anyone who has signed up to be a volunteer will need to be present at this meeting.

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

1. When was the first service in the “new” sanctuary?
 - a. September 8, 1940
 - b. May 9, 1943
 - c. October 21, 2001

2. Identify which parts in the current sanctuary came from the old church. (Circle all that are correct.)

a. The roof	g. The red doors
b. The floor	h. The eternal candle
c. The pews	i. The offering plates
d. The steeple	j. The cross
e. The altar	k. The pulpit
f. The windows	l. The lectern

3. Where can a copy of the church history be found? (Circle all that are correct.)
 - a. In the Pastor’s office
 - b. In the Fellowship Hall attic
 - c. At the Colleton County Library
 - d. At the Colleton County Museum
 - e. On the church website “www.walterborolutherans.com”

Answers “Did You Know?” :

1. c / **2.** b, e, f, h, j, k, l / **3.** a, b, e

****Note** :** These are the last of the trivia questions that were taken from a recent Wonderful Wednesday Adult class but the fun doesn’t have to stop here. Join us as we learn more about Good Shepherd, the Bible, God and ourselves. Classes return this Fall. Keep checking your Newsletters and Bulletins for more information.



Good Shepherd Women:

The women are on summer break for the months of July and August. The next meeting for the women will be **Tuesday, September 6**, at 6:00 pm at the church. Hostess for the evening will be Amy Rusnak.

Worship and Music

The committee met on Tuesday, June 21, at 10:00 am at the church. The COVID guidelines for worship were reviewed and it was decided that no changes need to be made at this time. The next meeting of the Worship & Music committee will be **Tuesday, August 30, at 10:00 am** at the church.



Alter Flowers for July

July 3 :	Jon Carpenter
July 10 :	Doug Lindstrom
July 17 :	Janet Szymanski
July 24 :	Marie Wilson
July 31 :	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.”

SERVING IN JULY :

Lay Reader	Kathie Whetsell
Communion Assistant	Kevin Wicker
Acolyte	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Ushers	Amy Rusnak / Dean Brinson
Grounds Care	Kevin Wicker
Council Devotions	Jon Carpenter

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.

Financial Corner

At the South Carolina Synod Assembly that Diane, Pastor and I recently attended, I had this little epiphany that ***“Ministry shouldn’t be about Money, but it does take Money to do Ministry.”*** And while that thought is indeed true, it takes much more than money to do ministry. It takes “talents” in all forms to have a fully functional and live ministry of Christ; those things you do from noon on Sunday following worship through 10:00 a.m. the following Sunday morning. So, while the “Financial Corner” is about our church finances, I’d like to say **“Thank You”** so much for your continuing support of the ministry of Good Shepherd through the gift of all of your talents. Those gifts are priceless.

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	\$ 8,842
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 48
Lutheroad	\$ 320
Cristo Rey	\$ 299
Memorial Fund	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 205
Candles	\$ 40
ELCA Clean Water	\$ 20
Grounds	\$ 20
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 405
Maintenance	\$ 143

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,373
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,024
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,686
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,058
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,727

<u>Social Ministry/Food Pantry</u>	\$ 6,868
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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, Gail & Carl Lindstrom, Gene Whetsell, Faye Rister

Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Carolyn Rahn, Vera and Sally Neal, Jimmy Crosby (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimi Carter, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), Jimmy Jeffries (Cheryl Clayton), the family of Shanice Dantzler-Williams (Jon Carpenter), Debbie Szymanski (Ronald Szymanski), Ted Rusnak (Rob and Amy Rusnak), Elza Dennis (Gloria Ferris), the family of Tammy Long, Olin Bishop

June Council meeting notes : 06-12-2022

The meeting was opened with prayer by Shannon.

- ❖ Council approved the minutes from the May meeting, and heard reports from Finance, Executive Committee, Christian Education, WELCA, Social Ministry, Property, and the Call Committee.
- ❖ Pastor Craig also gave the Council his report from May.
- ❖ Council heard an update from Natalie regarding new offering tabulating procedures that she and Kevin are working on.
- ❖ Council approved reimbursing Diane Wicker the cost for Mr. Mark Infinger grinding the stump in the back yard of the parsonage.
- ❖ Council asked that Worship and Music review the Covid Guidelines at their next meeting.
- ❖ Amy reported that we need more volunteers for Lutheroad this summer and we need campers for the week.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Birthday : Phil Shaw Anniversary : John & Roberta McCullough	Birthday : Theresa Crosby
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Carl Lindstrom	Independence Day	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lutheroad Registration Deadline.			Birthdays : Maria Patterson Ted Avant Sue Nussman	10:00 AM Christian Education Committee & Volunteer Training
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 AM LMM Meeting 10:00 AM Worship / Communion followed by Church Council Meeting Birthday : Ellen Brinson	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive				Birthday : Rebecca Alberts	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Kris Wertz	Lutheroad Begins Birthday : Trent Connelly	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 10:00 PM Wildlife Disc. Center (Day Camp) Birthday : Cam Wertz	1:30 PM Elks' Lodge Pool (Day Camp) Birthday : John Gary McCullough	5:00 PM Cookout / Closing Program (Day Camp) Birthday : Erik Lindstrom	12:00 Noon Lutheroad Ends 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline.	Birthday : Mary Wicker Anniversary : David & Samantha Knapp
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Melissa Connelly			Birthday : Marie Wilson			Birthday : Shannon Guess
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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