



May 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

Let me take a moment to bask in the afterglow of Easter. The services of Holy Week and Easter were wonderful. Huge thanks are due to Diane Wicker for all her work on bulletins and music, to the choir for singing Thursday, Friday, and Easter Sunday, to Kevin Wicker for his diligence on caterpillar duty and other property tasks. On Easter we had a wonderful array of goodies supplied by several families. And now the season of Easter continues for 50 days through May until the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost Sunday June 5th.

But other things are happening at Good Shepherd. Sal Praga, along with support from his wife, Marylyn, have recently moved to Walterboro and graciously volunteered to work on painting the parsonage. The congregation on April 3rd approved funds to bring the parsonage into shape. Kevin Wicker and others are being called on to help with prep and detail work. Other tasks are being identified, such as replacing light fixtures and fans-----so we'll be eager for your support on these and other refurbishments.

In April the bishop met with the call committee to review where we have been and offer guidance for the future. Finding a part time pastor is a challenge in the South Carolina synod, which has not had much experience with this type of call. We continue to pursue our options while holding a deep commitment to wanting to find the right person for Good Shepherd's future.

While I am away the first weeks of May, you will continue to be served capably on Sundays by supply pastors. I'll be returning from Europe on May 8 and plan to be in Walterboro that Tuesday, however, the following Sunday is my week to be at St. John's in Beaufort. I appreciate your ongoing flexibility. We have a few

things that may pull us away again as Georgia's 97 year old father is in the process of transitioning into a senior living facility and we will need to help with closing up his home. We also have some future travel plans as we celebrate 200 years in 2022 (we both turn 75 and will celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary come September).

It was so nice to experience a larger community on Easter Sunday. The sense of robust worship, good singing, and wonderful fellowship before and after church are things we hope for on a more regular basis now that Covid is subsiding. On Sunday morning if you are debating whether to make the effort-----it makes a difference----you make a difference with your fellow members and for your pastor.

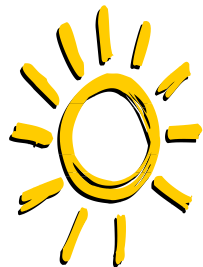
Pastor Craig

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

1. For the first three years, Good Shepherd Lutheran members worshiped in what location?
 - a. First Baptist Church
 - b. Walterboro Christian Church
 - c. Bethel Methodist Church
 - d. Walterboro High School
2. Charter members applied to what organization for a permit to begin construction of the first church?
 - a. The Army Core of Engineers
 - b. The War Production Board
 - c. SC DHEC
3. When was the first service in the "old" church?
 - a. September 8, 1940
 - b. May 9, 1943
 - c. October 21, 2001

Answers "Did You Know?" : 1. b / 2. b / 3. b

Sunshine News :



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**.

Choir is on break and will return in September.

The **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, May 9, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

Wonderful Wednesday will meet for the last time before summer break on Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 5:00 pm. This will be the annual movie night for the children. The meal will be served at 5:00 pm, so that the movie can begin at 5:30 pm. Wonderful Wednesday will return in September.

The **Lutheran Men** will be having their **annual BBQ on Saturday, May 14**. Take-Outs will begin at 4:30 pm, and indoor dining will be from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Tickets are available from the Lutheran Men for \$10 per plate and young people under 10 eat free. (A change in the COVID status may require all plates to be "take out.")

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**.

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.

Sunshine News : (Continued)



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). The **deadline** for registration is **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.

Our loose and special designated offering for May will support the **Cristo Rey "An Abundance of Grace"** appeal. Last year we supported the members of Cristo Rey and Reverend Jorge Leone in the construction of their facility, and now construction is nearing completion. The Fire Marshal inspection is complete and soon the members will be getting an Occupancy Permit to begin using the building!! Pastor Leone and the members of Cristo Rey are also holding satellite worship services in Gaston and Pelion. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help Cristo Rey by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Cristo Rey**" on your offering envelope.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of May are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak.

SERVING IN MAY :

Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Acolyte
Ushers

Jon Carpenter
Marie Wilson
Volunteer Needed
Kevin Wicker /
Amy Rusnak
Kevin Wicker
Bob Ferris

Grounds Care
Council Devotions

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In April !!!

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

Call Committee update

04-12-2022

On the evening of April 12, the Call Committee members and Pastor Craig had a very good meeting with Bishop Aebischer to talk about our hopes and dreams for Good Shepherd. Bishop Ginny updated us on the search process, and ensured us that she and the Synod staff continue to pray for Good Shepherd as we continue looking for our next pastor.

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 April 10. The “Two Dougs” (Doug Lindstrom and Doug Brinson) provided a delicious breakfast. Charles gave a lesson on how God will never turn his back on us and how God seeks out sinners for his forgiveness and gave his only son to die for sinners.

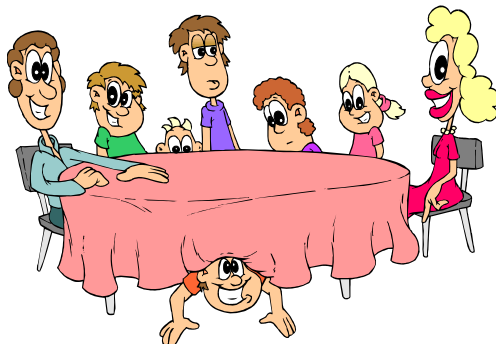
Get your tickets now for the Men’s annual BBQ fundraiser to be held on Saturday May 14th! Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased from any of the men’s group.

Our next meeting has been moved to Sunday May 1st at 8 AM to avoid conflict with Mother’s Day. Jon and Rob will provide the breakfast and Winfield will present the program.

Rob Rusnak – Secretary

Good Shepherd Women:

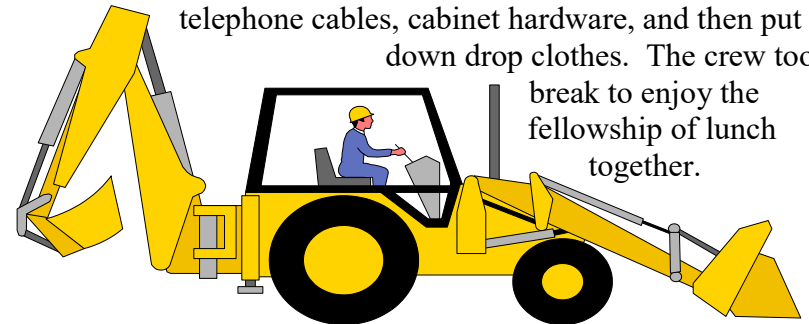
The Good Shepherd Women will meet on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Faye Rister. The women will be discussing plans for a congregational dinner on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Please watch the bulletin for further details. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



Property Committee update – May newsletter

There has been a flurry of activity around the parsonage during the month of April. Shrubs have been cut, the deck repaired and coated, the storm windows removed, pressure washing has been completed, rotten lumber and some drywall has been replaced, and painting preparation has begun inside and out. At their April meeting, the church Council approved Mr. Sal Praga to handle the preparation and painting of the parsonage. With Mrs. Marylyn supporting him, Sal is “wide open” on the project. We are extremely appreciative to Sal for sharing his gift of painting with us, and to Marylyn for her wonderful support.

To help in the preparation, 13 friends of Good Shepherd came together on Saturday, April 23 to work on the inside of the parsonage and the grounds. The crew removed light fixtures, window dressings and hardware, outlet and switch plates, TV and telephone cables, cabinet hardware, and then put down drop clothes. The crew took a break to enjoy the fellowship of lunch together.



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, Gene Whetsell

Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Carolyn Rahn, Vera and Sally Neal (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimi Carter, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), Jimmy Jeffries (Cheryl Clayton), the family of Tammy Long

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on **Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:00 am** at the church with a Zoom option. The committee will be discussing plans for the upcoming Lutheroad Day Camp in July.

Worship and Music

The next meeting of the Worship & Music committee will be **Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 10:00 am** at the church.

Memorial Day !!!

May 30, 2022

Thank You !

Thanks to **Linda, Faye, Marie, Marylyn, Rob and Doug** for preparing for and cleaning up after our Easter morning “social” before and after worship. The weather was wonderful for gathering outdoors for fellowship.

It is spring and new life is everywhere! And we are celebrating the return of groups and guests to our South Carolina retreat centers! Your gift of \$200 helped make this possible. Because of you, Camp Kinard and Coastal Retreat Center are able to welcome guests and are able to provide safe and holy spaces for God to change lives! And thanks to your gift, we can look forward to a bright future that includes the building of a new chapel, a new entrance way and a new pool at Camp Kinard.

Blessings and Peace,

Deacon Dallas J. Shealy,
Executive Director,

South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers

(The SC Lutheran Retreat Centers was our Designated Offering in February.)

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Service Committee

Given by:

Janet Szymanski

In Memory of:

Tammy Long

Wonderful Wednesday

Given by:

Edd Wicker
Emmett Wicker
Edwina Wicker

In Honor of:

Diane Wicker (Birthday)
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Lutheroad

Given by:

Kevin Wicker

In Honor of:

Diane Wicker (Birthday)

Parsonage Repair Fund

Given by:

Doug & Ellen Brinson

In Memory of:

Tammy Long

Maintenance Fund

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:

Tammy Long

Food Pantry

Given by:

Bethel Presbyterian Church

In Honor of:

GSLC Ministries

Alter Flowers for May

May 1 :	Kevin and Diane Wicker
May 8 :	Margaret Juttner
May 15 :	Bob and Gloria Ferris
May 22 :	Shannon and Billy Guess
May 29 :	John and Linda Gilgen

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.”

April Council meeting notes : 4-10-2022

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayers by Natalie.

- ❖ Kevin presented the Financial Report for March, and the minutes from the March meeting were submitted by Jon and accepted by the members.
- ❖ Amy thanked Shannon for providing the copies of the color tri-fold informational bulletin for use at the church.
- ❖ Amy also noted that our next American Red Cross blood drive will be on Monday, May 9, in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Kevin reported that he had spoken to our insurance company, Church Mutual, regarding installing a basketball goal on the property for the neighborhood children as discussed at the March meeting, and such an outreach project is already covered in our current policy. Council approved the purchase of a portable goal to be set up in the Fellowship Hall yard. Kevin also reported that the property insurance for our new copier is covered in our current policy as well.
- ❖ Council approved Mr. Sal Praga's offer to paint the inside and outside of the parsonage. Kevin discussed plans for a work day to prepare for painting. Shannon is arranging a meeting with a contractor to handle repairs and modifications to the parsonage.
- ❖ Kevin reported that the Call Committee will meet with Bishop Ginny Aebischer on Tuesday evening, April 12, to continue discussions about the call process.
- ❖ Amy reminded the members that we will begin use of the latest revision of our Covid Guidelines on Easter Service which will include ushers taking up offering during the service.
- ❖ Because our next meeting date would be on Mothers' Day, the Council will meet one week later, on May 15.

There being no further business, Amy closed the meeting with prayer.

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

Financial Corner

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 3, members approved up to \$20,000 to be spent to repair the parsonage. These funds will come from donations to the Parsonage Repair Fund and the Maintenance Fund. Also, funds will be used from the Operating Reserve Fund and the Wallace Fund. This approval will allow us to award work to contractors without holding congregational meetings for approval each time we need to award a job. Council is hoping to control costs and complete the project well below the approved amount.

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

March Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,436
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 148
Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 359
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 40
Lilies	\$ 175
Lenten Offering	\$ 401
Ukraine	\$ 135
Lutheroad	\$ 501
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 185

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,230
Memorial Fund	\$ 999
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,686
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,458
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,728

<u>Social Ministry/Food Pantry</u>	\$ 6,863
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What is a Mother?

Submitted By: *ScrapPrincess*

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
And wonderful gentleness, too.

How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years.

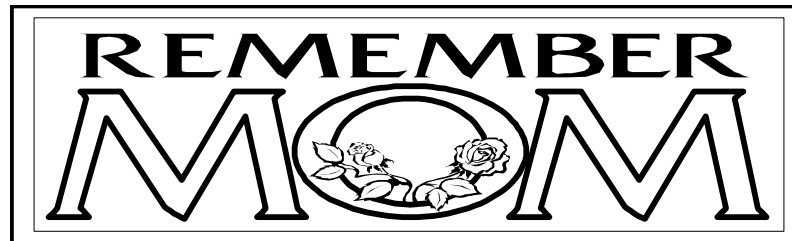
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family
Whose needs she has placed above all.

A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
And make life delightful and gay.

A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill-
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!

Author: Katherine Nelson Davis

From : [What is a Mother? Poem \(scrapbook.com\)](http://scrapbook.com)



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Birthdays :</u> Rebecca Wicker Samantha Bell	2 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women	3 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry <u>Birthdays :</u> Ava Smyly Morgan Dandridge	4	5 <u>Anniversary :</u> Dean & Charlotte Brinson	6 <u>Birthday :</u> Luke Shaw	7 <u>Birthday :</u> Jared Fralix
8 Mother's Day 10:00 AM Worship Service <u>Birthday :</u> Frank Wilson	9 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	10 <u>Birthday :</u> Ethan Alberts	11 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	12	13 <u>Birthday :</u> Samantha Crawford	14 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM Lutheran Men's BBQ
15 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council <u>Anniversary :</u> Rob & Amy Rusnak	16 <u>Birthday :</u> Anne Marie Flanders	17 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Alisha Casella	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day 10:00 AM Christian Education Comm. <u>Birthday :</u> Matt Zielke <u>Anniversary :</u> Shannon & Billy Guess
22 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 <u>Birthdays :</u> Mary Eason Cindy Corley	26 <u>Birthday :</u> Sarah Rosebrock	27 <u>Birthday :</u> Hope Brinson Smyly	28 <u>Anniversary :</u> Charles & Sandra Roberts
29 10:00 AM Worship Service <u>Anniversary :</u> Bob & Gloria Ferris	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4