



September 2022

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## From Your Interim Pastor :

September is an eventful month. Perhaps foremost is our remembrance of 9/11. Each year as that comes around it brings back memories of where we were and how the world has changed as a result of those events 21 years ago. It's hard to imagine that for today's teenagers, 9/11 is but a historic moment before they were born! Also, for many it's the month of settling back into the fall routine of school and beginning to anticipate the holiday season. Personally, this September Georgia and I celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (how can it possibly be that long?) and Georgia's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Yes, between us that's now 200 years!

Let's not forget that it was on September 8, 1940 that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was organized with 36 charter members. Those names are listed on a plaque just outside the current church below the original cross in the lawn area. What I find most remarkable is that Good Shepherd began in some of the most challenging times of world war, recovery from a depression, and a scarcity of pastoral leadership at that time. When you read the history of this congregation (posted on our website) you learn of a resilient and resourceful group of people who found a way to move forward against all odds.

The circumstances may be somewhat different today, but we face our own challenges. Pastoral leadership is hard to come by. While the synod and call committee search for your next pastor, you're relying on an interim nearing the end of his career and some very talented supply preachers. But lay members continue to demonstrate their resilience and commitment. The various tasks of the congregation are handled well and members are looked after. We have a large number of older members, yet I'm thankful we

also have a few children and younger adults. I do want to encourage you to continue to invite your friends and others you encounter. Getting back to a growth mode in our current environment is a real challenge, but all the same it's what Jesus challenges us to do.

With September we see the return of choir, Wonderful Wednesday, the men's and women's groups as well as some of those terrific dinners. Sometime this fall we'll get a walk-through of the extensive work on the parsonage. Next month we'll get to celebrate another confirmation day on Reformation Sunday. So, there's lots of reasons to be around and active this fall. Your church family enjoys seeing each of you as much as you are able. Together we hear God's word and commit ourselves to service in Christ's name.

*Pastor Craig*

## Property Committee update

Our Parsonage Project continues at a slower pace as we get into the final stages. Our biggest unknown is still the carpet in the house. We are going to shampoo and clean the carpet and then evaluate its condition. That is the only outstanding aspect of the project that may run into significant money. Thus far we have spent, or have committed to spend, \$13,000 on the project.

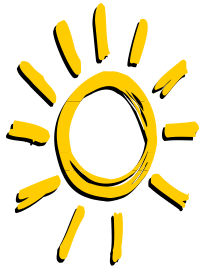
## LMM:

Seven men met for food and fellowship on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Jon and Rob provided the meal and Rob gave a program about what we know historically about Jesus and how the New Testament Gospels came to be chosen. The men have set the date for this year's Fish Fry: Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be having Fried Catfish, Grilled Chicken, Shrimp Fried Rice and all the "fixins". Dessert will be Banana Pudding.



## Sunshine News :

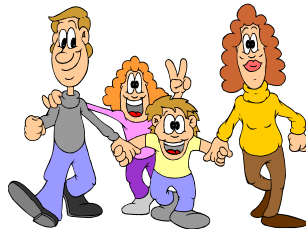
If you would like to place someone on the prayer list that is printed in the bulletin, please fill out a prayer request form, found in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to [thewickers@lowcountry.com](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com).



The **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, September 12, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

**Choir** returns from summer break this month. We will be having choir rehearsal on Tuesdays beginning **Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 pm.** If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Diane Wicker or come on September 13.

**Wonderful Wednesday** returns on Wednesday, September 14, at 5:00 pm. There will be classes for children and adults. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.



Our loose and special designated offering for September will support **Lutheran Services Carolinas**. LSC places children in loving foster and adoptive homes, provides comprehensive services to adults with special needs, aids veterans in regaining their independence, helps refugees acclimate to life in a new country and counsels families in their time of need. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help LSC by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Lutheran Services Carolinas**” on your offering envelope, or by selecting “**Lutheran Services Carolinas**” on our on-line giving program on the church website.

The **sanctuary candles for the month of September** are given to the glory of God by Janet Szymanski in memory of Iown Fischer.

## Sunshine News : (Continued)



The **Amelia Conference Women of the ELCA** will hold their fall meeting on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, at St. Nicholas Lutheran Church, Fairfax. Registration will start at 11:30 am, followed by lunch, a program, and a brief business meeting. The speaker will be Cathy Milejczak, companion synod coordinator for Tanzania. If you are interested in attending, please let Diane Wicker know by Saturday, September 3.

## 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, the Neal family, Jimmy Crosby, the family of Frank Brabham, the family of Cal Meyer (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimi Carter, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), the family of Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), Debbie Szymanski (Ronald Szymanski), Ted Rusnak (Rob and Amy Rusnak), Elza Dennis (Gloria Ferris), Curt Murdaugh (Kathie Whetsell), the family of Rodney Smyly (Dean and Charlotte Brinson), Larry Childers (Sue Nussman), Olin Bishop, the family of Glen Williams

We extend our sincere sympathies to Mrs. Gloria Williams on the death of **Mr. Glen Williams**. Glen and Gloria have been doing our janitorial duties for the past five years. Please keep Mrs. Gloria and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.



## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### Food Pantry

Given by:

Janet Szymanski  
John & Linda Gilgen  
John & Linda Gilgen

In Memory of:

Vera Neal  
Cal Meyer  
Lt. Roy "Frank" Brabham

### Special Gathering

Given by:

Edd Wicker  
Emmett Wicker  
Edwina Wicker

In Honor of:

Kevin Wicker (Birthday)  
Kevin Wicker (Birthday)  
Kevin Wicker (Birthday)

### Parsonage Repair Fund

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:

Nicholas Praga

## Happy Labor Day!

Eat, Swim and be merry!

September 5, 2022



## Alter Flowers for September

September 4 :	Pastor and Georgia Boehlke
September 11 :	Dean and Charlotte Brinson
September 18 :	Janet Szymanski
September 25 :	Kathie Whetsell

*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."*

## Good Shepherd Women:

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. We will be discussing plans for the fall and winter. All women are invited to attend.

## Worship and Music

The committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 30**, at 10:00 am at the church. We will be discussing plans for the fall and the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, in addition to reviewing the current COVID guidelines for worship.

## Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 am at the church. Plans for the fall were discussed. Wonderful Wednesday will start back on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**, at 5:00 pm. It will meet weekly for the children this year. The adult class will also meet on that day to discuss plans for their class, including how often they will meet and the topics they will study. A light meal will be served each week at 5:30 pm. Class time will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We encourage everyone to come out for a time of learning, fellowship and growth.

Other events also discussed briefly included "Trunk-or-Treat" to be held at the church on Monday, October 31, and a Christmas program to be held in December. The next meeting of the committee will be Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:00 am at the church.

## Thank you!

Blessed are the givers and thankful are the receivers. We would like to thank the special men who came to fix our deck. They came with smiles, lumber and paint. The deck went from sad to happy. Thanks so much!

God bless you all, Ned, Alice and Annie.

## Financial Corner

We saw a slump in giving in July, but nothing that isn't expected during the summer months, and thus far in August we seem to have gotten through that "Summer Slump" with little impact. The good news is that we continue to operate our ministry within our **2022**

### Spending Plan for Ministry.

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

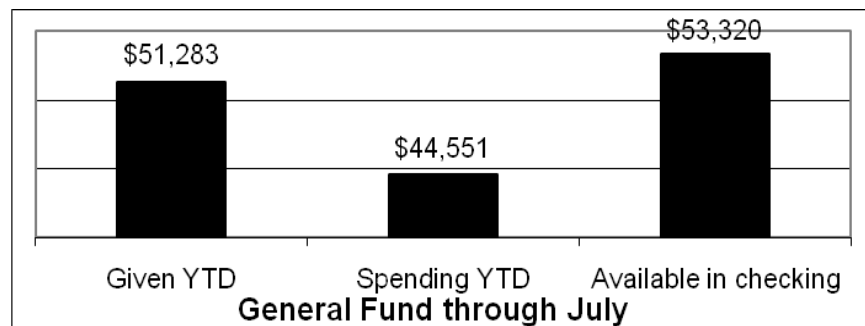
## July Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,451
Scholarship Fund	\$ 324
Lutheroad	\$ 915
Special Gathering	\$ 75
Flowers	\$ 230
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 265
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 50
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 130

## Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,424
Memorial Fund	\$ 900
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,108
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,061
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,753

## Social Ministry/Food Pantry \$ 6,902



## August Council meeting notes :

08-14-2022

Before calling the meeting to order, the Council recognized Sal and Marylyn Praga with a token of our appreciation and thanked them for their dedicated and unselfish work on the parsonage project.

The meeting opened with devotions by Dean.

- The minutes of the July meeting, recorded by Jon, were approved.
- Council heard reports from Property and Grounds, Christian Education, Lutheran Men and WELCA. Amy also presented Pastor Craig's report.
- Council approved a motion to move money from the Wonderful Wednesday account to cover the shortfall in the Lutheroad account for the 2022 summer camp.
- Natalie reviewed a new offering tabulating sheet that will be used beginning in September by the Council members. Natalie will be training the members during August.
- Council approved a motion to include painting the parsonage garage and storage room floor as part of the current parsonage project. They also approved Shannon to pursue selling the old appliances from the parsonage through various outlets.
- Kevin reported that the investigation of an audio and video system to live stream the Sunday worship services is still in the early stages.

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

## SERVING IN SEPTEMBER :

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jon Carpenter
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	Shannon Guess / Kevin Wicker
<b>Grounds Care</b>	Dean Brinson
<b>Council Devotions</b>	Marie Wilson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In August !!!

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

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1  <u>Birthday :</u> Raymond Riles	2  <u>Birthday :</u> Abigail Alberts	3  <u>Birthday :</u> Raleigh Obenaus
4  10:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <u>Anniversary :</u> Mimi & Eddie Werntz	5  <b>Labor Day</b>	6  9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>  6:00 PM <b>Good Shepherd Women Meet</b>	7	8  <u>Birthdays :</u> GSLC (1940) David Knapp	9  <u>Anniversaries :</u> Carl & Gail Lindstrom Pastor Craig & Georgia Boehlke	10
11  8:00 AM <b>LMM Breakfast Meeting</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship Service followed by Church Council</b>	12  1:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Roberta McCullough	13  6:00 PM <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	14  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>	15  <u>Birthday :</u> Melissa Murphy	16  <u>Birthday :</u> Carolina Jade Fralix <u>Anniversary :</u> Patricia & Raymond Riles	17  11:30 AM <b>Amelia Conference Begins</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Whit Carter
18  10:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b>  <u>Birthdays :</u> Linda Gilgen Lucas Connelly Billy Guess	19	20  9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>  6:00 PM <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	21  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Amber Casella	22  <b>Fall Begins</b>  10:00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23  <u>Birthdays :</u> Matt Ferris Georgia Boehlke Pr. Rich Johnston	24  <u>Birthdays :</u> Alison McCullough Jamie Connelly Gaby Thomas
25  10:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b>  <u>Anniversary :</u> Holger Obenaus & Cindy Newman	26	27  6:00 PM <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	28  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Wonderful Wednesday</b>	29	30  <u>Birthday :</u> Jessica Steele Nettles <u>Anniversary :</u> Hope & Lloyd Smyly	1  10:00 AM <b>Christian Education Comm.</b>