



August 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

As I'm writing this on a late July day, I'm looking out on multicolored streamers hanging from the portico ceiling. It's really quite festive. I hope they'll survive until Sunday so that more of you get to see them. Sometimes a little freshness is fun. I worry sometimes that the routine of church life---Sunday worship and our various weekday events just gets boring. When I came as interim pastor in November 2019, typically an interim pastor doesn't change a lot. Our task is to help you put to rest whatever good or ill feelings you had about the previous pastor and to move toward anticipating that next chapter.

For Good Shepherd that first stage was going to take a bit of time, and yet all too soon, Covid hit and we entered a new and uncharted territory. You'll recall we worshipped online with St. John's in Beaufort for a while as they were more prepared for online worship. Soon we got up and running with Zoom and shortly after that with outdoor worship. When we finally did move indoors, it was with all sorts of protocols----some of which we're still following today.

Along the way, we've worked through the various steps of interim----making a Sustainability Assessment, taking a Congregational Vitality Survey, creating a Ministry Site Profile. All of this led us to conclude that it was no longer realistic or financially feasible to call a full-time pastor. This put us in even more challenging territory. The South Carolina Synod (and much of the ELCA) has not promoted the idea of part time pastors. We have few models. Most younger pastors aren't interested in being bi-vocational. In the upper Midwest we used many young retirees for part time work, but most of those in South Carolina get utilized

as interim pastors. Sharing a pastor with another church nearby becomes an option, but only if there is mission compatibility and practical details can be agreed to.

Your call committee has looked at a couple of options over the past year, but deemed them not appropriate. We have a few other active options and we eagerly hopeful for what might develop in the weeks ahead. For now, we are in that routine----but is it boring? It isn't if you watched the excitement and energy of those Lutheroad campers this week! And our mission continues to support one another in our congregation as well as serving our community. Those 50 families that show up every 2 weeks for the food pantry will tell you that they appreciate what Good Shepherd does for them.

Being a part of the Good Shepherd community is not a sprint, but a marathon of praising God and serving in God's name. We've settled into a pattern where I continue to be your primary interim, but you also have one or two Sundays a month with some really fine visiting pastors. That's not likely to change for the next months----but one of these days, things could be different in a hurry. Let's keep that in our prayers. It's like those Israelites wandering in the desert and all the waiting for the Messiah-----one day it was all different-----for now, patience!



Pastor Craig

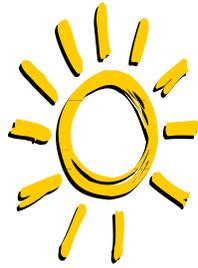
Property Committee update

Our Parsonage Project continues to go well. Since our last newsletter, interior painting has been completed, cabinet doors hung, blinds hung, three ceiling fans installed, numerous light fixtures installed, and the deck painted.

Thus far, we have spent, or have committed to spend, approximately \$11,300 for the parsonage project. Thus far we have collected about \$2,000 for the project, leaving a current balance of about \$9,300. If you'd like to support the parsonage repair project, you can do so by giving to the "Maintenance Fund."

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.



Choir is on break and will return in September.

On Sunday, August 7, we will recognize our **Doscher/ Fellers scholars** during the worship service. Our scholars are Haleigh Gamble, who is attending Charleston Southern, and Matt Ferris, who is attending Trident Tech.

Our loose and special designated offering for August will support our **Social Ministry Fund**. At Good Shepherd, the Social Ministry program includes the Food Pantry as well as assistance for utility bills, prescription medication, etc. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Social Ministry**” on your offering envelope.

The **sanctuary candles for the month of August** are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Clayton in honor of her mother, JoAnn Crissman, and her sisters, Sandi and Shelly.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out in **support of the Red Cross blood drive** held Monday, July 11, at Good Shepherd. A total of 49 units was collected. The next blood drive at Good Shepherd will be Monday, September 12, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

Thank you to everyone who came out in **support of the Lutheroad Day Camp** held the week of July 18-22 at Good Shepherd. We had 12 great campers, 3 awesome counselors, and lots of wonderful volunteers who came out through the week for fun, food and fellowship.

June Council meeting notes : 07-10-2022

Jon opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Council heard reports from Pastor Craig as well as Finance, Property, WELCA, LMM, Christian Education, Worship and Music, and the Call Committee.

Council approved the following:

- A request by Sal and Marylyn Praga to replant the front flowerbed during August.
- Two scholarships from the Doscher/Fellers Scholarship Fund as proposed by the Christian Education committee.
- Revised pay schedule for supply pastors based on the new IRS mileage reimbursement rate.
- A donation to United House of Prayer for Mr. “Petey” Williams for his efforts early in the parsonage project.

Amy reported that Worship and Music recommends that we maintain our current Covid guidelines.

On behalf of the Social Ministry committee, Kevin informed Council that Lucas Connelly has been helping Doug Lindstrom and Maria Rodriquez with Food Pantry activities as part of his Honor Society summer initiative.

Kevin informed the members that he and Ms. Gloria Bockelman, of St. John’s Lutheran, will be combining efforts to get estimates for audio and video systems for both churches for long term on-line broadcasts for our worship services.

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

Happy Senior Citizen's Day!



LMM:

The Lutheran Men in Mission met on July 10th. Eight were in attendance and Bob and Charles provided a delicious breakfast. Doug L. provided an interesting discussion about the 12 disciples and how little we know about most of them, but also said that they can provide a model for our discipleship which often is anonymous too.

Many thanks to all those who helped repair a deck and ramp for shut-in members of our congregation and to all those who have donated a lot of their time, effort, and resources on the parsonage, particularly Mr. Sal and Mr. Kevin. We will be holding our annual fish fry in late October - early November date TBD!

SERVING IN AUGUST :

Lay Reader	Shannon Guess
Communion Assistant	Shannon Guess
Acolyte	Riley Guess
Ushers	Jon Carpenter / Bob Ferris
Grounds Care	Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Council Devotions	Dean Brinson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In July !!!

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

Alter Flowers for August

August 7 :	Rob and Amy Rusnak
August 14 :	Maria Rodriguez
August 22 :	Bob and Gloria Ferris
August 28 :	John and Linda Gilgen

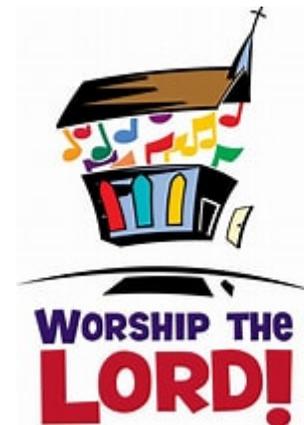
Please complete a "Flowers for Sunday" form, located in the narthex, at least one week prior to your designated week. Cost of flowers is \$45 each week. Place a check in the offering plate to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church designated "flowers."

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 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 next meeting for the Christian Education committee is **Saturday, August 13**, at 10:00 am at the church, with a Zoom option. We will be discussing plans for the fall, including plans for Wonderful Wednesday.

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 (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimi Carter, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), Debbie Szymanski (Ronald Szymanski), Ted Rusnak (Rob and Amy Rusnak), Elza Dennis (Gloria Ferris), Curt Murdaugh (Kathie Whetsell)

Financial Corner

I hope your summer is going well thus far. There's not a lot to report regarding the month of June. Boring financial reports are usually good because they indicate things are running within budget, and gifts are exceeding expenses.

You should have already received your **mid-year financial statement** from our Recording Secretary, Doug Brinson. If you see any errors in how we have recorded your gifts to the church for the first six months of the year, please contact Doug.

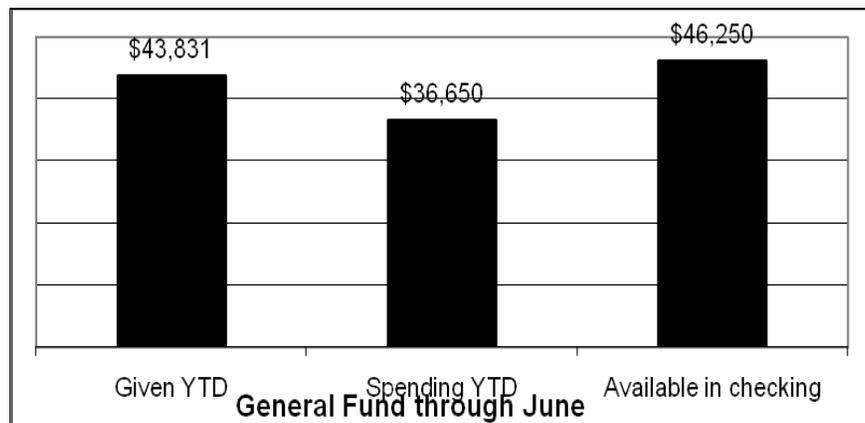
As always, if you have questions concerning the finances of Good Shepherd, please give me a call. And, I hope to see you in person or on-line for church.

Kevin

June Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,945
Scholarship Fund	\$ 20
Lutheroad	\$ 472
Cristo Rey	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 230
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 50
Maintenance	\$ 50

Social Ministry/Food Pantry \$ 6,822



You are cordially invited:

Pastor Craig and Georgia invite you to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 4th immediately following worship. Cake will be provided for the occasion. Please no cards or presents-----your presence with them is your gift! They'll have some pictures and brief memories to share.

We hope you can join them.

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry <u>Birthdays :</u> Sandy Alberts Marge Johnston	3 <u>Birthday :</u> John McCullough <u>Anniversary :</u> Dean & Candace Fralix	4 <u>Birthday :</u> Caroline Reynolds	5	6
7 10:00 AM Worship with Communion	8 <u>Birthday :</u> Pastor Norton Rosebrock	9 <u>Birthdays :</u> Rusty Mezel Donna Murphy	10	11	12	13 10:00 AM Christian Education Comm.
14 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council <u>Birthday :</u> Dalbert Reser	15 <u>Birthday :</u> Rob Rusnak	16 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry <u>Birthday :</u> Tara Brinson	17 <u>Birthdays :</u> Angela Crosby Sara Avant	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Justine Murphy	19 <u>Birthday :</u> Erin Johnston	20
21 Senior Citizen's Day! 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by a Choir Meeting	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline <u>Birthday :</u> Theresa Reynolds Barton	23 <u>Birthday :</u> Eddie Wernitz	24 <u>Birthdays :</u> Faye Rister Merri Simons	25 <u>Birthday :</u> Pastor Craig Boehlke	26 <u>Birthday :</u> Pastor John Wertz <u>Anniversary :</u> Winfield & Merri Simons	27
28 10:00 AM Worship Service	29	30 10:00 AM Worship & Music Committee <u>Birthdays :</u> Sheree Avant Jaymie Strickland	31	1	2	3