



June 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

Summer has come to the Lowcountry, and with it the heat, humidity, and the popup showers. Fortunately, our church is air conditioned and free of sand gnats so whenever you're in town, we hope you'll join us. We are gradually returning to our normal pre-pandemic worship while still taking whatever precautions are indicated by local health officials. The first Sunday in June is Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church. We encourage you to wear red that day. We will be honoring our graduates and having a congregational meal after church. Come and enjoy!

In mid-June the South Carolina Synod will meet in Assembly in Charleston. Kevin and Diane Wicker will join me in representing Good Shepherd as we learn about the work of the larger church and celebrate the strength of our combined ministry in this state.

What else is happening this summer? Painting of the parsonage, both outside and inside, has been completed except for a few finishing touches. Some carpentry work is currently underway which will be followed by carpet cleaning and several new appliances. Later this summer we'll invite everyone for a congregational walk-through. I've not heard yet, but we may be invited to contribute minor touches such as new light fixtures or ceiling fans. It has been quite a while since there has been a significant refurbishment of the parsonage and we're eager to see the results.

Behind the scenes, your council and call committee continue to explore options for our next pastor. Finding a part time person who will also be the right person for this call is a major challenge, but we know that it will happen in God's good time. Please keep

your leaders in your prayers and pray that God will lead that right person to us. In the meantime, our ministry continues. The food pantry feeds some 50+ families every two weeks. Recently several Good Shepherd men have worked on the Vendricks' access ramp. The men's group held a wonderful BBQ supper. And while Wonderful Wednesdays is over until fall, our summer camp week will be happening July 18-22. Watch for the ways you'll be able to help with that week.

I hope to see you often in worship this summer. I'll be here for much of the summer and you'll also enjoy a few visiting pastors when I'm at St. John's in Beaufort. Enjoy each day as a gift from God and an opportunity to be a blessing to others.

Pastor Craig

Property Committee update – May newsletter

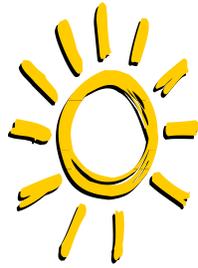
The painting of the parsonage is complete with the exception of areas in the den and kitchen where work is yet to be done. Our Carpentry Contractor, Adam Moore, and his crew has begun work in the den and kitchen with a scope that ranges from floor support and floor covering to cabinet modifications and new counter tops. The kitchen work will be topped off with the addition of new appliances. Once the work in the kitchen and den is finished, we will begin putting things back together in the parsonage. Thus far, we have spent, or have committed to, approximately \$6,500 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, at their May meeting, church Council approved the replacement of the damaged Luther Rose in the breezeway. The original rose was placed in the breezeway by Mrs. Marjorie Reser and Ms. Linda Hayes when the new sanctuary was built in 2001. The new rose will be installed soon.



Sunshine News :

There will be a **congregational dinner** after worship on **Sunday, June 5** (Pentecost Sunday). We will be recognizing our graduates at this dinner. The meat for the meal will be provided. We ask that members of the congregation bring side dishes and desserts. To help in planning, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Choir is on break and will return in September.

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**.

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.

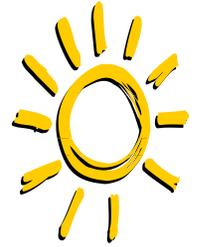


If you would like to place someone on the prayer list that is printed in the bulletin, please fill out a prayer request form, found in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to thewickers@lowcountry.com.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of June are given to the glory of God by Dean and Charlotte Brinson.

Sunshine News : (Continued)

Our loose and special designated offering for June will support our **Lutheroad Day Camp** at Good Shepherd this summer. **Lutheroad** is a day camp led by counselors from **Lutheridge** that will be held July 18 through 22. Lutheroad is a fun-filled week for our children who have completed grades Kindergarten through Fifth. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help offset **the \$4,500 cost** of Day Camp by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for **"Lutheroad"** on your offering envelope.



SERVING IN JUNE :

Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Acolyte
Ushers

Amy Rusnak
Shannon Guess
Riley Guess
Natalie Gamble /
Shannon Guess
Volunteer Needed
Shannon Guess

Grounds Care
Council Devotions

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In May !!!

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

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10:00 am at the church with a Zoom option. Plans for the upcoming Lutheroad Day Camp were discussed. Volunteers will be needed to help with various activities during the week. One need is for volunteers willing to house the counselors and/ or to provide evening meals for Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of day camp week. If you are willing to house at least 2 counselors and/ or provide an evening meal, please contact Diane Wicker.

The next meeting for the Christian Education 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.

Call Committee update

05/2022

The Call Committee met with Bishop Aebischer in May to discuss our progress in the call process. We really appreciate Bishop Ginny and Pastor Craig spending that late evening with us as we continue to discern God's will for Good Shepherd. Please continue to include the search for God's next pastor for Good Shepherd in your daily prayers. And also continue your prayers for Bishop Ginny and the staff of our South Carolina Synod office.

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

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, Faye Rister

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), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), Jimmy Jeffries (Cheryl Clayton), the family of Shanice Dantzler-Williams (Jon Carpenter), the family of Tammy Long

Thank You !

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve at the ministries of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, which include Franke at Seaside, the Heritage at Lowman, Rice Estate, RoseCrest, Trinity on Laurens, Lutheran Hospice and BeWell Home Services. Your partnership is vital to achieving our mission of enhancing the well-being of our older adults. Thank you for honoring our ministry of care so generously! We are blessed indeed.

Sincerely,

Ernest Beck

President and CEO

(Lutherans Homes was our designated offering for January and we gave \$260 to HSC.)

Financial Corner

Things are well in the **Financial Corner** as we complete the first one-third of the year. We began the year with the normal weak month of January, rebounded with strong giving in February and March, and hit a bit of slump in April. However, May appears to be shaping up to be a strong month of giving. Through April, we have spent 30% of our **Spending Plan for Ministry**, our funds available in our Checking account are nearly exactly the same as last year at this time, and gifts have been almost \$2,300 more than our normal operating expenses.

As the weather gets hot, church treasurers across the land begin to think of the traditional "**Summer Slump in Giving.**" As you plan your busy summer activities, please remember that summer is also an active time at Good Shepherd and our expenses continue through these hot, dry days.

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

April Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,338
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 98
Lutheroad	\$ 240
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 285
Service Committee	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 95
Candles	\$ 25
ELCA Clean Water	\$ 217
Lenten Offering	\$ 360
Parsonage Repairs	\$ 150
Ukraine Relief	\$ 130

Savings Accounts

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

Social Ministry/Food Pantry \$ 6,906

Alter Flowers for June

June 5 :	Janet Szymanski
June 12 :	Rob and Amy Rusnak
June 19 :	Kevin and Diane Wicker
June 26 :	The Lommen family

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."

Father's Day !!!

June 19, 2022

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

- Where were the Sunday School classes held after the first church structure was completed?
 - In the parsonage
 - In the church basement
 - In the Fellowship Hall
 - At the Colleton County Museum
- Where is the original church Parsonage today?
 - At the Colleton County landfill
 - At the Colleton County Museum
 - In the Fellowship Hall Attic
 - In Smoaks, South Carolina



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

****Note**** : These trivia questions were taken from a recent Wonderful Wednesday Adult class. A lot of interesting things happen in the adult class, why don't you join us? Classes return this Fall. Keep checking your Newsletters and Bulletins for more information.

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The Lutheran Men met on May 1. Jon and Rob provided the meal and Kevin provided a lesson on the many miracles that we take for granted, particularly breathing and the beauty of God's creation.

Several of the men volunteered their time and effort to help shut-in members of the congregation with some needed house repairs.

The May 14th BBQ went off without a hitch and had many satisfied customers (and plenty of leftovers available for purchase!).

Our next meeting will be on Sunday July 10th at 8 AM (no meeting in June).

Rob Rusnak – Secretary

Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women will meet on **Monday, June 6, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Marylyn Praga. We will be discussing plans for the SC Women of the ELCA convention, as well as preliminary plans for the fall. The women will be taking a summer break for the months of July and August.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Memorial Fund

Given by:

John & Linda Gilgen

In Memory of:

Tammy Long

Parsonage Repair Fund

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:

Sal & Marylyn Praga

Worship and Music

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

May Council meeting notes : 5-15-2022

The meeting was opened with devotions by Bob.

- ❖ Kevin presented the financial report and Amy presented Pastor Craig's report. The minutes from the April meeting were presented by Jon and approved.
- ❖ Amy reported that the Executive Committee had approved the use of the Lommen Love Fund to assist one of our families during April. This is the third time these funds have been used to help others in memory of Arden and Mary Lommen.
- ❖ Kevin reported that Sal Praga has completed painting the parsonage with the exception of the areas in the den and kitchen that will undergo repairs and modifications by the carpenter contractor. Council members expressed their sincere appreciation to Sal and Marylyn for volunteering to paint the interior and exterior of the parsonage. Council approved an estimate by Mr. Adam Moore to complete the carpentry work scope in the parsonage.
- ❖ Amy brought reports from Christian Education and WELCA, and Kevin reported on the Lutheran Men's BBQ and the Call Committee.
- ❖ Council approved the following items:
 - A request by Charles Rister to cut the azaleas on the church property.
 - To replace the damaged Luther Rose in the breezeway.
 - For Bob Ferris to get the loose brick from around the parsonage and behind the storage shed in exchange for a donation to the parsonage repair fund.
 - The purchase of an additional oil candle to be used for the Good Friday service and the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

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

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 10:00 AM Set-up for Congregational Dinner Birthday : Dean Fralix Anniversaries : John & Linda Gilgen Jamie & Melissa Connelly Anniversary : Doug & Ellen Brinson
5 10:00 AM Pentecost Sunday followed by Congregational Dinner	6 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Birthdays : Lloyd Smyly Loren Weihemuller	7 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry	8 Birthday : Hugh Wilson	9 Birthdays : Douglas Fraser	10 Birthdays : Jackson Lord Ron Szymanski Charlotte Johnston	11 Birthdays : Nancy Peer
12 10:00 AM Worship Service SC Synod Assembly Begins Birthdays : Weston Williams	13	14 Flag Day Birthdays : Amy Rusnak	15 Birthdays : Dean Brinson Samantha Knapp	16	17	18 Birthdays : Jon Carpenter
19 Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship Service Anniversary : Joe & Julie Epple	20	21 First Day of Summer 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM Worship & Music Committee	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline Birthdays : Cleo Gartner	23 Birthdays : Lisa Lord Richie Johnston	24 SC Women of the ELCA Convention Begins Birthdays : Joe Epple Ryan Barton	25 Anniversary : Kevin & Diane Wicker
26 10:00 AM Worship Service	27	28	29	30	1	2