



March 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From the Pastor :

For the first time in two years, I'm delighted to use most of my message to not talk about viruses. Yes, we still have some challenges but at the moment infection rates are trending down and our fears are subsiding. So, can we talk about the future of this church? Having survived a difficult and tumultuous time, we barely caught our breath before heading into what has now been two very challenging Covid years. For many, it's been quite a while since actually attending church in person. Wonderful as it has been to have Zoom and other media options, we've been missing the wealth of human contact, not just in worship, but in meals, activities, and just staying caught up with one another. I think we've learned that there's a place for church via the internet and I don't think that will end any time soon. But the down side is that we've become a bit lazy and lulled into thinking one option for worship is adequate to maintain the body of Christ.

I'll be honest---I've missed many of you. Because I lead worship one Sunday a month in Beaufort, there are times I may not see you for weeks on end. One of the reasons I try to be hanging out well before worship is to be able to catch up with each of you--to hear progress reports and any prayer requests. And for those of you significantly homebound, I find one day per week to be in Walterboro in the office to be severely limiting. I'd like to do more-----but I've also got commitments to St. John's in Beaufort every week and I really need that portion of my life that is retirement. The energy level I had at age 30---or even 60 is not there anymore!

The future of Good Shepherd is fortunately way beyond my future. Recently the call committee had their first interview with a

potential part time candidate. For South Carolina, part time pastoring is a new phenomenon and finding candidates is a challenge. The council and call committee have also considered the options of a two-year intern (seminary student) or partnering with another congregation. Wisely your leadership has concluded that the previous pattern of having a full-time pastor is not reasonable, affordable, or necessary. It probably hasn't been realistically affordable for some time.

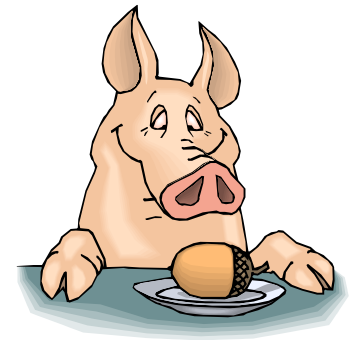
I'm confident we'll find the right leader for Good Shepherd in good time (and God's time). But the future of Good Shepherd is really in the hands of you, the people of this community of faith. As we emerge out of this pandemic, it's time to assume the kinds of roles and responsibilities that will make the future of Good Shepherd bright and hopeful. Being present as much as you can---offering yourself to take up a new task or two-----living into making this church community all that it can be-----that's all of our work. Together we will grow in faith, service, and Christian maturity. That's the future of Good Shepherd.

Pastor Craig

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd's Lutheran Men met on Feb 13th for a delicious breakfast provided by Carl and Doug Lindstrom. Charles Rister provided this month's devotional. We decided on a date for this year's BBQ fundraiser. Mark your calendars: May 13th. The Men will also cook the Shrove Tuesday dinner this year (if held).

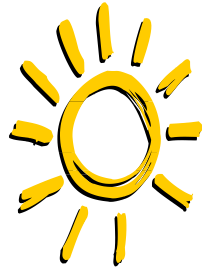
We later received news that Kevin Wicker has been awarded the Lutheran Men in Mission Lifetime Achievement Award-the highest award bestowed by the organization. Congratulations Kevin!



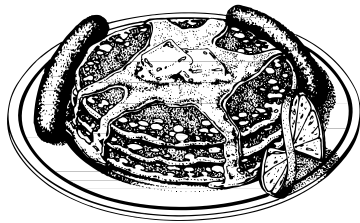
Rob Rusnak
Secretary

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.



The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper** returns this coming Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00 pm. The meal will be served by the Lutheran Men, beginning at 6:00 pm, to be followed by a brief devotional and a time of singing. There is no charge for the meal, but an offering plate will be out to receive donations to cover the cost of supplies.



Our annual **Ash Wednesday service** will be this coming Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm. This service will be a communion service with the imposition of ashes, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

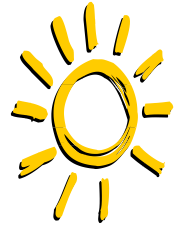
The **Christian Education Committee** will be meeting Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 am at the church. There will also be a Zoom option. Plans for the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 9, will be discussed, as well as preliminary plans for Lutheroad Day Camp to be held in July.

On **Tuesday evenings during Lent, beginning March 8**, we will gather in the parish hall for a soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by worship in the parish hall at 6:45 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For the soup suppers, there will be sign-up sheets for each week. We will need 4 soups, 2 breads, and 2 gallons of tea (one sweet, one unsweet) each week. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex. The theme for our Lenten services is "The Seasons of the Church Year."

The **Sanctuary Candles for the month of March** are given to the glory of God by Maria Rodriguez.

Sunshine News : (Continued)

It is time now to order **Easter lilies!** If you are interested in placing an Easter lily in the church for Easter Sunday, please fill out an order form, found in the narthex, and return it, along with your payment, to the church.
Deadline to order is Sunday, March 13.



The **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, March 14, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

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**.

Our loose and special designated offering for March 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.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 10:00 am at the church, with a Zoom option. The committee will be discussing plans for the **Easter Egg hunt** to be held Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 10:00 am. Anyone interested in helping with the egg hunt is welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed! Watch the bulletin and newsletter for further details on the egg hunt!

SERVING IN MARCH :

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

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In February !!!

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

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, Theresa Strickland, the family of Willie Cammon, and the family of Eleanore Gloeckler,

Friends and Family

Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Carolyn Rahn, Michelle Rousch, Laura Spivey (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Henry Weber, Robert Dorroh, Jr. (the Wickers), John Green (Maria Rodriguez), David, Tammy, and Lauren Long (Kathie Whetsell), Carolyn Bishop, Fran Pye, Debra Walker, Bruce & Jill Bell (the Risters), the family of Jill Welch (the Boehlkes), Terry George (Lisa and Rusty Mezel), Gene Sonntag (Cleo Gartner), the family of Ashley Bullard

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Mrs. Eleanore Gloeckler**, who died on Monday, February 21, 2022. Mrs. Gloeckler was a dear member and friend of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and was affectionately known as the "Sunshine Lady" because of the notes and cards that she would send out. May God grant her eternal rest and ease the suffering of her family and friends.

Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women will meet on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Marie Wilson. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Worship and Music

The Worship & Music committee will meet on Tuesday, March 22, at 10:00 am at the church to finalize plans for Holy Week.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Lutheran Men in Mission

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Charles & Faye Rister	Willie Cammon

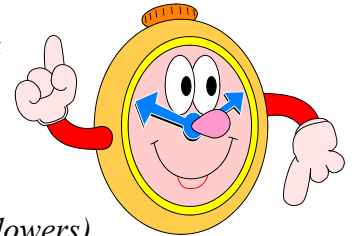
Parsonage Fund

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Doug & Ellen Brinson	Willie Cammon

Maintenance Fund

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Kevin & Diane Wicker	Willie Cammon

Spring Forward for Daylight
Saving Time ! March 13, 2022.



Alter Flowers for March

March 6:	<i>Lent (no flowers)</i>
March 13:	<i>Lent (no flowers)</i>
March 20:	<i>Lent (no flowers)</i>
March 27:	<i>Lent (no flowers)</i>

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."

February Council meeting notes: 2-13-2022

The meeting was opened with a short devotion and prayer by Kevin.

- ❖ Members reviewed the Financial Report for January and then Amy presented the Pastor's Report submitted by Pastor Craig.
- ❖ The minutes from the January meeting, submitted by Jon, were reviewed and approved. Amy then presented reports from the Property Committee, Christian Education, WELCA, Worship and Music, and the Call Committee. Bob and Kevin gave a brief report from the Lutheran Men.
- ❖ Council received and acknowledged Mr. Carl Lindstrom's resignation as Chair of the Property Committee. We express our thanks to Carl for shouldering that responsibility for several years. Amy asked members of Council to prayerfully consider taking on the responsibility as Chair of the Property Committee.
- ❖ Council reviewed and approved the latest revision of the Good Shepherd informational brochure as presented by the Christian Education Committee. Shannon is going to run copies of the brochure for distribution and use as needed.
- ❖ The 2021 Annual Congregational Report, as prepared by Pastor Craig and Kevin, was reviewed and approved for submission to the ELCA.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

*St. Patrick's
Day !*
March 17, 2022



Financial Corner

On Sunday, January 30, we had our annual congregational meeting following worship to approve the **2022 Spending Plan for Ministry** as proposed by the church Council. The plan has a modest increase, compared to the 2021 plan, which requires an additional \$38 each week for the ministry of Good Shepherd.

During January, we received another generous gift for the Food pantry from the members of **Bethel Presbyterian Church**, and a gift of groceries. If you know anyone at Bethel, tell them "thanks" for helping us in this very worthwhile ministry.

Thanks to **Charles and Faye Rister** for designating their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Good Shepherd during January.

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

January Offering and Gifts :

General Fund	\$ 6,885
Wallace Fund	\$ 200
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 156
Maintenance Fund	\$ 250
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 230
Flowers	\$ 275
SC Retreat Centers	\$ 50
Memorial Fund	\$ 50
Lutheran Homes of SC	\$ 260
Parsonage Repair	\$ 50

Savings Accounts :

Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,279
Memorial Fund	\$ 949
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,684
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,827
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,317
Social Ministry/Food Pantry Balance	\$ 6,213

Easter Lily- Order Form

If you would like to place an Easter lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate. There are two options with the price listed for each option. Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd. You may pick up your Easter lily following the service on Easter Sunday. **Deadline to order is Sunday, March 13, 2022.**

Given by _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ Single bloom: \$20

_____ Double bloom: \$25

Payment enclosed Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry 6:00 PM Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper <u>Birthday :</u> Mason Alberts	2 Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service <u>Birthday :</u> Tyler Westbury	3 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Donnie Eason	4	5 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting <u>Birthday :</u> Garrett Brinson
6 10:00 AM Worship with Communion	7 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women	8 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Service <u>Birthday :</u> Andrew Hitchens	9 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	10 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthdays :</u> Haleigh Gamble Hannah Gamble	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Begins 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council Meeting <u>Birthday :</u> Maria Rodrigues	14 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive <u>Birthday :</u> Winfield Simons	15 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Service <u>Birthdays :</u> Frances Barton Charlotte Brinson Jeremiah Johnston	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 1st Day of Spring 10:00 AM Worship Service <u>Birthday :</u> Barrett Lord	21 <u>Birthday :</u> Charles Rister	22 10:00AM Worship & Music Committee 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Service 10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Eddie Sineath	24 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 <u>Anniversary :</u> Kevin & Angela Crosby	26
27 10:00 AM Worship Service	28	29 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Service <u>Birthday :</u> Candace Fralix	30	31 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	1	2