



November 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

Have you been totally disgusted with the many television campaign ads this year? I'm appalled at how many of them represent blatant misrepresentations of the facts if not outright lies. Fortunately, it seems the quality of our local candidates is significantly better than many of those proposed for national positions.

In a democracy it is more than a privilege----it is a civic obligation to vote! It is important to become informed and know the issues----but it's a challenge to do so in this current atmosphere of polarization and demonizing one's opponent. I want to suggest that when voting for candidates, character does matter. Honesty, integrity, and humility seem to be in short supply these days. Public service seems to be taking a back seat to party loyalty and the need for power. That's not what we're about as a democracy meant to be - by, for, and in service to the people. So, when you vote, I encourage you to consider the bigger issue----the future of our democracy and our faith calling to be people of care, compassion, and graciousness toward all people.

Once we're beyond election day we can turn our thoughts to the holidays. This year we may be feeling the effects of these last few difficult years. Covid has been challenging for all of us, for our economy, and for personal relationships. Between supply chain issues and the war in Ukraine we've seen dramatic increases in costs of various items----and we in the United States have fared far better than most of the rest of the world. Personally, many of you have dealt with major health issues or losses of loved ones. This Thanksgiving we might be tempted to focus on the difficulties of these last few years. But I would challenge us to

think about the many blessings that still are ours. We have each other, we have our church, our community, and our nation is at peace, even as we have internal strife and divisions. In gratitude to God, we pause to give thanks for how fortunate we are, asking God to guide us through the days ahead to an even more peaceful, just, and compassionate union.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the Good Shepherd community of faith, for your dedication, steadfastness, generosity, and kindness to Georgia and me. It has not been ideal that you have lived in interim for so long. But we are making the best of it as we joyously move into this holiday season. May you each be blessed with gratitude for God's goodness and a sense of togetherness in the community of faith.

Pastor Craig

Property Committee update

The **Parsonage Project** has slowed a little over the past month, but everything is moving along nicely. After Doug Lindstrom finished cleaning the carpets, the Council decided to only pursue replacing the flooring in the back bedroom. We are getting prices to replace the carpet or install wood flooring in that room. In addition, some other plumbing issues were addressed during the month. To date, expensed, committed and estimated cost of the parsonage project is \$13,175. This does not include the cost of replacing the bedroom floor covering.

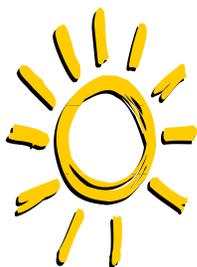
In other **Property and Grounds** news, "thanks" to Dean and Doug Brinson and Charles Rister for continuing the work on the crepe myrtles and shrubs around the church.

Also, **Maria Rodreguez** has accepted the job of janitorial and cleaning care of our Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Thank you Maria!!



Sunshine News :

The Lutheran Men's Fish Fry is Saturday, November 5! Tickets are now available at \$10 per person. There will be dine-in or carry-out. Carry-out begins at 4:30 pm and Dine-in is from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



The **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, November 21, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

Our **Wonderful Wednesday Adult Class** is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month to study the scripture readings for the following Sunday. A lite meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and our study time at 6:00 p.m. Please join our class as we study, question, discuss, and even share laughs as we open scripture passages that maybe you've never considered before. In November we'll be meeting only on Wednesday, November 9 since Wednesday, November 23 is the day before Thanksgiving.

Our loose and special designated offerings for November will support the **ELCA World Hunger**. **World Hunger** responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education, and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

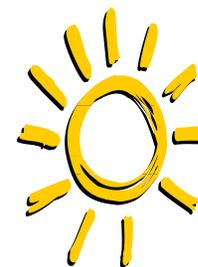
ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ's call to "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37), serving with compassion people who are most vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full participation of women and the needs of children.

Together, in Christ's name, **we experience the transforming power of connection**. As individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger.

This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "World Hunger" on your offering envelope.

Sunshine News : (Continued)

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.

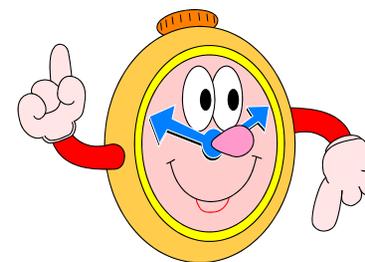


We will be taking orders for **poinsettias for Christmas Eve**. An order form is included in this newsletter. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 4, 2022. Please make all checks payable to Good Shepherd and note "poinsettias" on the memo line. Order forms will also be available in the narthex of the church.

The **sanctuary candles for the month of November** are given to the glory of God by Natalie Gamble.

Daylight Saving Time Ends !!!

(November 6, 2022)



SERVING IN NOVEMBER :

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

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In **October !!!**

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

LMM:

Eight men met on Sunday morning for food and fellowship. Breakfast was provided by Sal and (honorary member) Marylyn. Kevin provided a program about how we often use the image that this life is a "race". He said that as Christians, we should see the race as a relay race since we are not running the race alone and we should also appreciate that the past generations have handed off the "baton" to us and we need to pass the baton on to the next generation.



The Men's Fish Fry will be on Saturday, November 5th from 4:30 till 7:00. There will be a choice of fried catfish or grilled chicken. All meals come with shrimp fried rice, green beans, coleslaw, and banana pudding.

Tickets are ten dollars: we hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 13th at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to attend!

*Honoring Military Veterans
(November 11, 2022)*

Veterans Day!

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, Gloria Ferris

Friends and Family

The family of Evans Simons (Good Shepherd family), Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Bill Walters, Carolyn Rahn (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Jimmy Dawkins, Robert Dorroh, Jr., Sonya Boyd, Gloria Williams (the Wickers), Debbie Szymanski (Ronald Szymanski), Ted Rusnak (Rob and Amy Rusnak), Louise Stokes (Georgia Boehlke)

Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting for the women will be **Monday, November 7**, at 6:00 pm at the church. Hostess for the evening will be Marie Wilson. We will be discussing plans for the kitchen clean-up on Saturday, November 19, after the Christian Education Committee meeting. We will also be planning for the LMM/WELCA Christmas dinner to be held Saturday, December 3, at 6:00 pm at the church. Other plans for December and January will be discussed as well. All women are invited to come.

Worship and Music

The committee met on Tuesday, October 25, at 10:00 am at the church. Plans for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons were discussed, in addition to reviewing the current COVID guidelines for worship.

Christian Education:

Coin banks are due Wednesday, November 9. Remember, we are collecting coins for God's Global Backyard. There will be **no Wonderful Wednesday** on Wednesday, November 23 (day before Thanksgiving). Our children (and adults) **Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 pm. **Practice** for the program will be at Wonderful Wednesdays: November 30 and December 7. The Christian Education Committee will be meeting on **Saturday, November 19**, at 10:00 am. We will be discussing plans for the Christmas program and for decorating the Christmas tree on December 14.

Alter Flowers for November

November 6 :	Marie Wilson
November 13 :	Sue and Bud Nussman
November 20 :	Natalie Gamble
November 27 :	Kevin and Diane Wicker

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."

Financial Corner

Fall is in the air and we're beginning the final quarter of the calendar year. With 75% of the fiscal year complete, we have spent 63% of our 2022 Spending Plan for Ministry. We're hoping for a strong fourth quarter as we begin preparing to put together our 2023 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

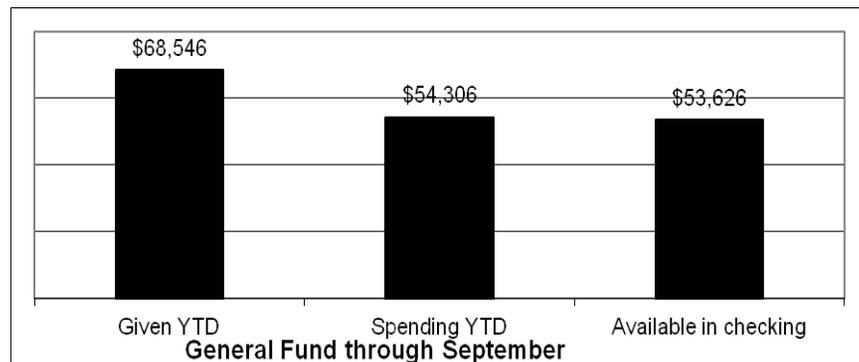
September Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,429
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 50
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 57
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 45
Lutheran Services	\$ 296
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ 50
Maintenance Fund	\$ 50

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,545
Memorial Fund	\$ 900
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,435
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,114
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,780

<u>Social Ministry/Food Pantry</u>	\$ 3,135
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October Council meeting notes: 10-09-2022

Dean opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

- Kevin presented the financial report and Jon the minutes from the September meeting.
- Council heard reports from Christian Education, Worship and Music, Lutheran Women, Lutheran Men, Social Ministry and the parsonage project.
- Council discussed janitorial duties since Mr. Glenn Williams' death and the Walterboro Tree Committee's denial of our request to remediate the magnolia tree.
- Council also discussed the upcoming Council Election ballot which will be conducted in-person and by mail again this year. They will review the ballot again at the November meeting.

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.



Happy Thanksgiving!

November 24, 2022

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Food Pantry

Given by:
Charles & Faye Rister

In Memory of:
Evans Simons

Maintenance Fund

Given by:
Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:
Evans Simons

Parsonage Repair Fund

Given by:
Doug & Ellen Brinson

In Memory of:
Evans Simons

Christmas Poinsettia - Order Form

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please fill out the form and place 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 poinsettia following the Christmas Eve service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, December 4, 2022.

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Size

Color

_____ small: \$20

_____ red

_____ large: \$25

_____ white

Check enclosed Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 All Saints' Day 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Anthony Casella	3 <u>Birthday :</u> Brantley Carter <u>Anniversary :</u> Garrett & Tara Brinson	4 <u>Birthday :</u> Leila Shaw	5 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Lutheran Men's Fish Fry
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:00 AM All Saints' Sunday - Worship with Communion	7 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Anniversary :</u> Sue & Bud Nussman	8 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Julie Epple <u>Anniversary :</u> Phil & Carrie Shaw	9 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	10 <u>Birthday :</u> Martin Luther (1483)	11 Veterans Day <u>Birthday :</u> Bob Ferris	12 <u>Birthdays :</u> Rylee Jacobs Braeden Rhea Westbury
13 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council	14	15 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	17 <u>Birthday :</u> Dorn Cammon	18	19 10:00 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting followed by Kitchen Clean-up
20 10:00 AM Christ the King Sunday - Worship with Communion <u>Birthday :</u> Kevin Crosby	21 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive <u>Birthdays :</u> Patrick Smith Patrick Gamble	22 No Choir Rehearsal 10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline <u>Birthday :</u> Charles Roberts	23 No Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Vonda Calcutt	24 Thanksgiving	25 <u>Birthdays :</u> Ben Wicker Alice Vendrick	26 <u>Birthday :</u> Donnie Clayton
27 10:00 AM Worship Service	28	29 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Anniversary :</u> Danielle & Douglas Fraser	1	2	3