



October 2022

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

My father-in-law at 98 years old says that if he'd have known he was going to live this long, he would have taken better care of himself! I have similar thoughts about serving as your interim pastor. Typically, an interim pastor serves for a year, maybe as much as 18 months while a church is in process for calling their next pastor. October marks my 36th month here at Good Shepherd. Had I known this at the start, I might very well have done some things differently. Of course, this situation is unique. Your council has made the wise decision that you really need (and can afford) a part time pastor. That has made the search far more complicated as synods in this part of the country have had far less experience in placing part time pastors. And I suspect Covid complicated matters even more.

I confess that I have felt bad about the amount of time I've scheduled away from you. All through this interim I've maintained my relationship with St. John's Lutheran in Beaufort, so I am there one Sunday a month and one day each week. Georgia and I have also scheduled a number of trips. We keep thinking our time here will be finished----and we've been wrong several times. In October we're taking a "leaf-peeper" cruise up the New England and Canadian coast. In January we're headed to South Africa for almost 3 weeks. These are "bucket list" travels that we want to do before we're too old to get around. I want to thank you for your understanding and flexibility. I'm very grateful that we have wonderful supply pastors and very competent, caring lay members who look after one another when I'm gone.

Fortunately, the ministries of Good Shepherd continue without a hitch. This month on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, we'll

celebrate our 2nd confirmation in two years. I hope you'll plan to wear red that day and enjoy a festive day. Many congregations larger than ours aren't as fortunate these days. Then on Saturday, November 5th the men are doing their annual fish fry. Charles Rister was distributing tickets this past Sunday so be sure you get yours and invite your neighbors and friends to this great fund raiser. Before we know it, the holidays will be here. Thanksgiving comes early this year on November 24th and Advent is as long as the season can possibly be. Christmas falls on a Sunday, as does New Year's Day. We'll do our best to have a schedule appropriate for that unusual circumstance. Until then, enjoy the return of cooler weather and the lovely fall season of the Low Country. See you in church!

Pastor Craig

Property Committee update

It's been a busy month on the **Parsonage Project** as we move into the Fall months. Since our last newsletter, the garage walls and floor have been prepped and painted, the garage apron concrete has been pressure washed as well as the sidewalks at the front and back doors, the garage door remote controls have been replaced, the carpet in the house has been cleaned for assessment, and the sink drains have been cleared.

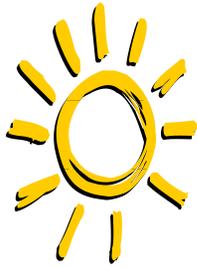
Forthcoming, a decision on the condition of the carpet, the women of Good Shepherd are working on new door curtains, the back storm door will be ordered, and there is limited touch-up paint to complete. To date, expensed, committed and estimated cost of the parsonage project is \$13,194.

In other **Property and Grounds** news, "thanks" to Sal Praga for pressure washing the balance of the circle driveway and breezeway concrete, and to Dean and Doug Brinson for trimming the crepe myrtle trees around the church.



Sunshine News :

We will start a new prayer list in **October**. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue to have someone on the prayer list, please fill out one of the forms found in this newsletter or on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. You can also email your prayer requests: thewickers@lowcountry.com



There will be a congregational dinner after the worship service on Sunday, October 30, 2022, Reformation Sunday. We will be honoring our confirmands on this day: Addison Crosby, Riley Guess, and Bob Ferris. The meat for the meal will be provided; the congregation is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who plan to attend so we have an idea of how many to prepare for.

Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Monday, October 31, 2022, beginning at 6:00 pm. This event is open to all in the congregation and to those trick-or-treaters who come through the church's neighborhood. More details will be in the bulletin.

Our loose and special designated offerings for October will support NovusWay, formerly known as Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries. Located across the southeastern United States, these retreat centers offer programmed retreats and camps for all ages, and also provide event and meeting spaces for you to plan your own retreat.

The combination of quality staff, the excellent facilities, the unique 1,900 acres of land, and your participation with NovusWay will lead you to **"Get Inspired"**.

Our sites are located in Asheville, North Carolina (Lutheridge); near Boone, North Carolina (Lutherock); outside Atlanta, Georgia (Lutheranch); and near Gainseville, Florida (Luthersprings).

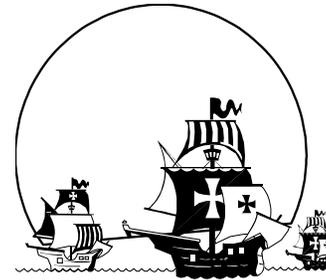
This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "NovusWay" on your offering envelope.

The **sanctuary candles for the month of October** are given to the glory of God by Janet Szymanski in memory of Nicole.

Columbus Day!

Discover America Again !

October 10, 2022



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, Gloria Ferris

Friends and Family

The family of Evans Simons (Good Shepherd family and friends), the family of DeeDee Fagnoli (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), Jimmy Dawkins, 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), Louise Stokes (Georgia Boehlke) Olin Bishop, the family of Glen Williams

Happy Halloween!!!

October 31, 2022



LMM:

Seven men met for food and fellowship on Sunday Sept 11th. Doug Lindstrom and Bob Ferris provided the meal and Doug Brinson gave a program on the Casting Crowns song Nobody and how it shows that everyone has a purpose no matter how unfit we might think we are. Doug looked at the careers of Moses and the 12 disciples to demonstrate they all were regular people with weaknesses just like all of us.

Tickets for this year's Fish Fry are now available! The cost will be ten dollars. See any of the men to purchase. The Fish Fry will be held on Saturday November 5th. There will be a choice of Fish (obviously) but also Grilled Chicken and all meals will come with Shrimp Fried Rice, vegetable, coleslaw and banana pudding. We hope to see you there!

Alter Flowers for October

October 2 :	Jon Carpenter
October 9 :	Hailey Guess
October 16 :	Doug Lindstrom
October 23 :	Cheryl Clayton
October 30 :	Janet Szymanski

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."

SERVING IN OCTOBER :

Lay Reader	Rob Rusnak
Communion Assistant	Shannon Guess
Acolyte	Riley Guess
Ushers	Shannon Guess / Natalie Gamble
Grounds Care	Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Council Devotions	Dean Brinson

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

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

Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting for the women will be Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church. Hostess for the evening will be Diane Wicker. We will be discussing plans for the congregational dinner on Sunday, October 30, as well as other plans for the fall. All women are invited to attend.

Worship and Music

The committee will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 10:00 am at the church. We will be discussing plans for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, in addition to reviewing the current COVID guidelines for worship.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee will meet on Saturday, October 1, at 10:00 am at the church. Plans for "Trunk-or-Treat" will be discussed, as well as plans for the Christmas program in December.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the Red Cross blood drive held Monday, September 12. A total of 53 units were collected. The next blood drive will be Monday, November 21, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

I would like to thank my Good Shepherd family for your many thoughts and prayers during our long hospital stay! Many thanks also for calls and food you provided. It was all very much appreciated.

We believe that prayers answered are the only reason Gene is at home today. We are blessed to have friends such as you.

Gene and Kathie

Financial Corner

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be experiencing cooler weather and can declare that we have made it through another lowcountry summer, both from a weather and a financial perspective. Your generosity continues to allow us to conduct the ministry of Good Shepherd here in Walterboro.

Our biggest concern from a financial perspective right now is not within our own walls, but for one of our community ministries; Social Ministry, which includes our food pantry. We are currently serving about 100 households per month, and have sufficient funds to continue for about three more months.

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



August Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 10,338
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 288
Lutheroad	\$ 50
Candles	\$ 50
Flowers	\$ 235
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 50
Parsonage Project	\$ 350
Maintenance Fund	\$ 70

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,494
Memorial Fund	\$ 900
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,108
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,111
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,753

Social Ministry/Food Pantry \$ 3,310

September Council meeting notes: 09-11-2022

Amy opened the meeting with prayer and Council approved the minutes of the August meeting as presented by Jon.

- Kevin presented the financial report for August and Year-to-Date followed by the Property report with updates on the progress of the parsonage project. Kevin also informed Council that he is still seeking information regarding a Zoom streaming and audio system for the sanctuary, and he is to meet with City representatives to discuss mitigating the magnolia tree between the breezeway and the parsonage.
- Amy reminded everyone that the Red Cross Blood Mobile would be at Good Shepherd the following day, and presented reports from Christian Education, WELCA, LMM, and Worship and Music. Christian Education will be kicking off a new year of Wonderful Wednesday during the upcoming week. WELCA is planning a congregational dinner on Reformation Sunday and they have set the date for the WELCA/LMM Christmas dinner for December 3. LMM is planning the annual Fish Fry for November 5. And the Worship and Music team has recommended leaving our Covid Policy as it currently is due to an increase of Covid variant cases in the area.
- Regarding our Social Ministry and Food Pantry programs, Kevin noted that all bills have been paid for 2022 and the balance in the account is approximately \$3,400. This is enough funds to continue the program for the next three months, or basically through the end of the year.

There being no further 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.

Prayer List

October - December, 2022

Each week, Good Shepherd publishes a prayer list in the bulletin.

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list for longer than one Sunday, please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. If you prefer, you can email your request to thewickers@lowcountry.com

To be prayed for:

Requested by:

Condition:

Please remove:

A **new** prayer list will be started every three months.

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10:00 AM Christian Education Committee
2 10:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Anniversary :</u> Donald & Mary Eason	3 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Birthday :</u> Emily Carpenter	4 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Doug Lindstrom	6	7	8 <u>Birthday :</u> Graham Earl Brinson
9 8:00 AM LMM Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council Meeting	10 Columbus Day	11 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> John Corley	12 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Anniversary :</u> Ryan & Theresa Barton	13 <u>Birthdays :</u> Carrie Shaw Gerald Thomas	14 <u>Birthdays :</u> R. J. Riles Elizabeth Miller	15 <u>Birthday :</u> Brandon Fralix
16 10:00 AM Worship Service <u>Birthday :</u> Jessie Rosebrock	17	18 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthdays:</u> Kylie Hiers Jake Jacobs	19 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday	20	21 <u>Anniversary :</u> Kathie & Gene Whetsell	22 10: 00 PM Newsletter Deadline. <u>Birthday :</u> Marilyn Zielke
23 10:00 AM Worship Service	24	25 10:00 AM Music & Worship Committee <u>Birthday :</u> Aaron Brinson <u>Anniversary :</u> Ethan & Rebecca Alberts	26 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthdays :</u> Hailey Guess Cindy Newman	27 <u>Birthdays :</u> Pastor Nancy Oliver Donald Eason	28 <u>Birthdays :</u> Rolfe Martin Sierra Obenaus	29 10:00 AM Setup for Congregational Dinner <u>Birthday :</u> Gene Whetsell
30 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday/Confirmation followed by Cong. Dinner <u>Birthday :</u> Patricia Riles	31 Halloween !!! 6:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat	1	2	3	4	5