



July 2023

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

This past Father's Day my sermon, delivered beautifully by Cheryl Clayton, shared with you the difficult news that we have a growing clergy shortage in the ELCA. This is similar to the professional leadership issues facing many denominations. Our baby boomer pastors are retiring and the numbers coming up are far short of what we need. My own seminary class from Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio was 66 new pastors in 1973. This year they graduated 8. As I encouraged you in my sermon, we all need to be praying that God will raise up more leaders among us, young people who can offer us 40 years or more of service and maybe 2nd career folks, who may provide fewer years but bring wisdom from past experience. We know God is faithful and will provide----but God works through our hands, so let's do what we can to identify and encourage the gifted among us.

At Synod Assembly in June, I was recognized for the 50th anniversary of my ordination. I'm very appreciative that Good Shepherd will be holding a dinner to honor the occasion on Sunday, July 9 (one day after my actual ordination date). Over the years I've served as Associate Pastor at Grace, St. Paul, MN 1973-1978, senior pastor of All Saints, Cottage Grove, MN 1978-1993, senior pastor of Christ the King, Mankato, MN 1993-95, ELCA Regional Coordinator for Ministry Leadership, St. Paul, MN 1995-2009. After retiring to South Carolina, I began serving as an assisting pastor at St. John's, Beaufort 2013-present and as interim pastor at Good Shepherd from 2019-present. Who would have thought I'd still be doing this after 50 years!

I have always had a lover's quarrel with the church. We are the body of Christ in the world, but we are far from perfect. I see it

in my own shortcomings as well as others. But two of my full-time calls followed clergy misconduct----a huge tragedy that damaged the faith of many. As Coordinator for Ministry Leadership, I got to see some of the very best of the church and also had to intervene assisting bishops in removing too many bad actors. While none of us is perfect, we don't need to go out of our way to prove it! Christ calls us to be our very best----and I think we can succeed in that when we support one another and call out the best we each can be. In celebrating on July 9th, I want to celebrate more than my 50 years of service----it has always been a partnership-----certainly with my wife, but also with lots of wonderful congregation members who have offered dedicated service and supported one another. Together we are the church.

Pastor Craig

Property & Grounds

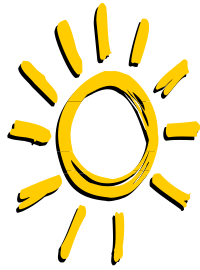
We hope you have had the opportunity to tour the parsonage if you would like. We made the parsonage available for members and friends after worship two Sundays during June. If you did not have the opportunity, and would like to, just let one of your Council members know, and they'll arrange a time for you to look around. The project took about 14 months, and cost about \$14,000, but we are proud of the results, and give thanks for everyone who helped make this possible.



In June, the congregation approved the installation of the new audio and streaming system for the sanctuary at a cost of \$20,000. The equipment has been ordered and the contractor will schedule the installation once the equipment arrives. The new system will provide sound amplification in the sanctuary, individual listening devices for those who need them during worship, and the means to stream and save our worship services to the internet. If you would like to financially support the new system, earmark your gifts for "**Sound System**" and they will be used to reimburse the money we borrow from the "**Wallace Estate Fund**" for the system.

Sunshine News :

We will start a **new prayer list** in July. 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 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.



Happy 4th of July!!!

Choir is on summer break until September.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 9! We will have a congregational dinner after the service that day to honor Pastor Craig on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. The meal will be provided; all we ask is that you sign up to let us know you're coming!

The **American Red Cross** will be here at Good Shepherd on Monday, July 10, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm for a blood drive. There is always a need for blood, especially in the summer. Come out and donate! You can make an appointment by contacting the Red Cross.

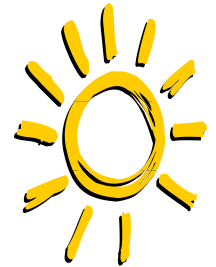
The Food Pantry is in dire need of plastic or paper grocery bags. Help support this ministry by dropping off your extra bags at the church.



Welcome !!! We are happy to announce that Mr. Bill Walters has become a member and joined the Good Shepherd family. Be sure to make him feel welcomed!

Sunshine News : (Continued)

The **Loose and Special Designated offering for July** will support the **Doscher and Fellers Education and Outdoor Ministry Fund** for the purpose of supporting the spiritual and educational growth of the Good Shepherd members and associate members through institutions of higher education and Lutheran outdoor ministries. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help the Scholarship Fund by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Scholarship Fund**" on your offering envelope.



The **sanctuary candles for the month of July** are given to the glory of God by Marie Wilson.

The cost of sanctuary candles is \$25 per month.

SERVING IN JULY :

Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Acolyte
Ushers

Kevin Wicker
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Volunteer Needed
Amy Rusnak /
Doug Lindstrom
Diane Wicker
Bob Ferris /
Charles Rister
Jon Carpenter

Alter Guild
Grounds Care

Council Devotions

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

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

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Social Ministry

Given by:
John & Linda Gilgen

In Memory of:
Ted Rusnak (Rob's Dad)

Lutheran Men in Mission:

The Lutheran Men's BBQ fundraiser took place on June 3rd. We served 114 meals that day and then had a robust sale of leftovers the next day. Proceeds from the BBQ will be donated to the Social Ministry fund. Due to the celebration of Pastor Craig's 50th anniversary in the ministry, our next meeting has been moved to Sunday July 16th at 8 AM in the Social Hall. All men are welcome to attend.

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Frances Barton, Ted & Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Margaret Juttner, Gail & Carl Lindstrom

Friends and Family

Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Carolyn Rahn, Laura Spivey, the family of Vernon Mandale, Grace LaRouche, Michelle Rausch (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Willie Strickland and family, Katrina Fryar (Ray and Theresa Strickland), the family of Ted Rusnak (Rob and Amy Rusnak), Bill Walters, Tim Walters (Margaret Juttner), John Babcock, Louise Stokes (the Boehlkes), Mark Siegler (Dean and Charlotte Brinson), Elza Dennis (Bob and Gloria Ferris), Brad Merritt, Neil Shepherd, Lizzy Musi, Sandy Boyd (Cheryl Clayton), Nicole Carpenter (Jon Carpenter), Terry Matlosz (Kevin Wicker), Marilyn Peters (Faye Rister)

Alter Flowers for July

July 2	Hugh Murray
July 9	Doug Lindstrom
July 16	Janet Szymanski
July 23	Open
July 30	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."

Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women are on summer break. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the church. Faye Rister is the hostess for the evening and has devotions.

Worship and Music

The next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00 am at the church.

Christian Education:

The next meeting of the Christian Education will be Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 am.

Did You Know ?

The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4, 1776.

On July 1, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and on the following day, 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. The delegates then spent the next two days debating and revising the language of a statement drafted by Thomas Jefferson. On July 4, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, and as a result, the date is celebrated as Independence Day. Nearly a month would go by, however, before the actual signing of the document took place. First, New York's delegates didn't officially give their support until July 9 because their home assembly hadn't yet authorized them to vote in favor of independence. Next, it took two weeks for the Declaration to be "engrossed"—written on parchment in a clear hand. Most of the delegates signed on August 2, but several—Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, Lewis Morris, Thomas McKean and Matthew Thornton—signed on a later date. (Two others, John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston, never signed at all.) The signed parchment copy now resides at the National Archives in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Taken from : [https://www.history.com/news/9 Things You May Not Know About the Declaration of Independence](https://www.history.com/news/9-Things-You-May-Not-Know-About-the-Declaration-of-Independence) | HISTORY

Financial Corner

Good day from the **Financial Corner**. It's hard to believe that Doug Brinson has compiled and published the newsletter for **JULY!!** How can 2023 be half over already?!? And, suddenly we're smack dab in the middle of summer. And, with summer comes that dreaded "Summer Slump." You can help us avoid "the Slump" by practicing a good discipline of giving, keeping in mind that the expenses, ministries, and obligations of Good Shepherd continue even if you are enjoying some time away during the summer.

We have multiple ways of giving here at Good Shepherd. There is the act of placing your gifts in the offering plate at worship, in the secure drop box on the Fellowship Hall door, or electronic giving through the Tithely program that you can access through our website.

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

May Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,650
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 250
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 50
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 140
Neighbors Together	\$ 290
Lutheroad	\$ 250
Tanzania (WELCA Project)	\$ 100

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,008
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,176
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,440
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 7,983
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,832
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 809
Service Committee	\$ 478

June Council meeting notes : 6-11-2023

The meeting was opened with devotions by Doug.

- The May financial report, the Pastor's report, and the minutes from the last meeting were presented.
- Council accepted, and welcomed, Mr. Bill Walters into membership at Good Shepherd!
- In Property and Grounds news, Kevin reported that the sound and streaming equipment for the sanctuary has been ordered by the contractor.
- Amy gave an update on the plans for Pastor Craig's Ordination 50th Anniversary Dinner to be held on Sunday, July 9, following worship. Council approved the meal to be paid for using our Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Doug and Kevin reported that the money available to fund our Food Pantry is now below \$1,000. Natalie and Kevin are continuing to pursue grants for the Food Pantry, but even if those are available, we would not have money this year for Social Ministry and the Food Pantry.
- Natalie reported that the work on the Pictorial Directory is continuing with a limited number of photos remaining to be taken.
- In an update on the Call Process, Amy and Pastor Craig reported that the Transition Team is working on a common Ministry Site Profile with the Ehrhardt churches.
- Amy, Cheryl and Natalie volunteered to lead worship on June 18. Pastor Craig will be serving at St. John's, but will provide the sermon text for the service.
- Council approved the use of the Fellowship Hall "parlor" on select days from September through May for Mrs. Faye Rister's bridge club meetings.
- Amy is going to take the lead on an Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery plan for Good Shepherd.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Your church Council members are : Jon Carpenter, Amy Rusnak, Natalie Gamble, Cheryl Clayton, Bob Ferris, Doug Lindstrom, Dean Brinson, and Kevin Wicker.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Birthday : Phil Shaw Anniversary : John & Roberta McCullough
2 10:00 AM Worship with Communion Birthday : Theresa Strickland	3 Birthday : Carl Lindstrom	4 Independence Day! 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry	5	6	7	8 Birthdays : Maria Patterson Ted Avant Sue Nussman
9 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Dinner Honoring Pastor Boehlke	10 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive Birthday : Ellen Brinson	11	12	13	14	15 Birthday : Rebecca Alberts
16 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council	17 Birthday : Kris Wertz	18 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry Birthday : Trent Connelly	19 Birthday : Cam Wertz	20 Birthday : John Gary McCullough	21 Birthday : Erik Lindstrom	22 10:00 AM Christian Education Committee 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline.
23 10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Mary Wicker Anniversary : David & Samantha Knapp	24 Birthday : Melissa Connelly	25	26	27 Birthday : Marie Wilson	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service Birthday : Shannon Guess	31 Birthdays : Amy Zielke Kevin Wicker	1	2	3	4	5