



May 2023

The Shepherd's Staff

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From Your Interim Pastor :

I hope you are enjoying a glorious Easter season. Easter in the church isn't just one day, but the season of 50 days to Pentecost. In these Sundays of Easter, we hear the scriptures about Jesus' interactions with the disciples and others post resurrection and prior to his ascension. It's an important time as Jesus encourages and commissions us into mission. On May 28th we'll celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Those six months of the Pentecost season are the half of the church year when we focus on our ministry as followers of Jesus.

On Easter Sunday Good Shepherd and the Ehrhardt parish approved the partnership agreement that will lead to us sharing a full-time pastor. The next step is for Ehrhardt to either modify our current Ministry Site Profile or complete one of their own. This will provide the synod with the information necessary to recommend candidates for the pastoral vacancy. We'll also use this time to prepare the call committee for its upcoming interviews. The approved partnership agreement appointed the transition team to serve as the first call committee. They have already established a working relationship and have discussed what the congregations need. We'll keep you posted in coming weeks, but also understand that much of the process is confidential. Pastors who are currently serving other congregations don't want it known that they are in an interview process until such time as they become the candidate of choice for a new call.

Looking ahead, we have a busy June with the men's BBQ on June 3rd, the Synod Assembly June 8-10 and Lutherroad the last week of the month. Based on our experience of Palm Sunday and Easter, I think we want to return to having weekly coffee and treats

before and after church. And sometime early this summer we'll have an open house of the renovated parsonage. So, much to look forward to-----see you in church!

Pastor Craig

Property and Grounds – May 2023

Volunteers are busy working on final items in the parsonage. The flooring in the back bedroom is nearly complete, the second coat of paint to the back deck is complete, and the back storm door has been installed. We have yet to repaint the front door and thoroughly clean the house. We're looking forward to an "open house" for the congregation following worship in the near future.

Lutheran Men in Mission:

Eight men met on April 16th for breakfast provided by Jon and Rob. Mr. Kevin had an interesting program about regret for past deeds we have done and how we are much harder on ourselves than God is.

Get your tickets: this year's Men's BBQ dinner will be held on June 3rd. We will have a choice of pulled pork or grilled chicken and all meals will come with hash (made from a secret Lutheran recipe) and rice, green beans, and our World Famous Banana Pudding! Tickets are ten dollars and can be purchased from any of the men.

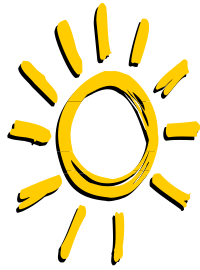
Our next meeting will be on May 21st at 8 AM in the social hall. The Two Dougs will have the breakfast and Mr. Charles will give the program. All men are welcome to attend!

Pictorial Directory

The Good Shepherd Pictorial Directory of members and friends is off to a great start. Thus far, 17 photos have been taken. Council members are excited about producing our own Pictorial Directory for our new pastor and for new folks attending Good Shepherd. You can have your photo taken individually or as a family and it won't take but a moment. Please contact Natalie or Haleigh Gamble to get your photo taken.

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 **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, May 8, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

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 June 26-30, 2023 (Monday- Friday). The **deadline** for registration is **Monday, June 12, 2023**. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.

Pentecost Sunday is **Sunday, May 28, 2023**. The Good Shepherd Women are planning something special for that day to honor graduates in our congregation at church. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

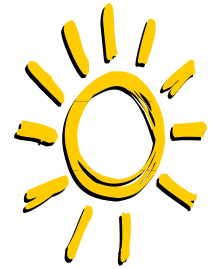
The Good Shepherd Women are collecting items for hygiene kits for Tanzania. These kits are a part of our WELCA convention project this year. They will go with the mission group that is planning to go to our companion synod in Tanzania in July, 2023.

Members of the congregation are invited to help us in putting together these kits. Items needed for one kit include: hand towel, wash cloth, bar soap (regular size), 6 band aids, 20 cotton swabs, comb, vaseline (small jar or tube), nail clippers, nail file. Items can be placed in a Ziploc bag. The **deadline** for receiving items is **Sunday, June 4, 2023**. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.



Sunshine News : (Continued)

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**.



The Designated offering for April supports Neighbors Together. Neighbors Together, a non-profit organization operating in North Charleston, is committed to bringing a better quality of life to our neighbors through sharing resources, developing relationships, and building a sustainable future. Starting as a simple soup kitchen in 1983, Neighbors Together has grown to include a health clinic, an emergency pantry for groceries and other essentials, eviction prevention and job training, all supported by a professional case management team. The Executive Director of Neighbors Together is Pastor Kara Stewart.

The sanctuary candles for the month of May are given to the glory of God by Janet Szymanski.

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

SERVING IN MAY:

Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
Acolyte
Ushers

Jon Carpenter
Riley Guess
Volunteer Needed
Natalie Gamble /
Kevin Wicker
Diane Wicker
Kevin Wicker /
Cheryl Clayton
Amy Rusnak

Alter Guild
Grounds Care

Council Devotions

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

****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:

Lutheroad

Given by:

Edd Wicker
Emmett Wicker
Edwina Wicker

In Honor of:

Diane Wicker (Birthday)
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Diane Wicker (Birthday)

Maintenance Fund

Given by:

Charles & Faye Rister

In Memory of:

Gene Whetsell

Food Pantry

Given by:

Bethel Presbyterian Church

In Honor of:

Good Shepherd Ministries

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, Vernon Mandale, Grace LaRouche, Michelle Rausch (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland (Ray and Theresa Strickland), 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 (Cheryl Clayton)

Alter Flowers for May

May 7	Kevin and Diane Wicker
May 14	Rob and Amy Rusnak
May 21	Maria Rodriguez
May 28	Bob and Gloria Ferris

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 met on Monday, April 3. The SCWELCA convention will be held on June 23-24, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. Maria Rodriguez and Amy Rusnak will be representing Good Shepherd at this convention. The convention projects will be hygiene kits for Tanzania and monetary donations for Camp Kinard. Members will be collecting items for the kits and bring the items to the June meeting.

The women also discussed how to use the proceeds from the spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

The following was decided:

1. Good Shepherd Food Pantry will receive \$400;
2. Mission Serve Walterboro will receive \$350;
3. \$250 will be set aside to be used in December for First Steps Colleton's "Fill-the-Stocking" project;
4. The balance will be kept for use with other projects that may come along during the rest of the year.

Finally, the women discussed having a meal (or reception) after worship on Sunday, May 28, which is Pentecost Sunday. Further planning will be discussed at the May meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 1, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Amy Rusnak, and Amy will have devotions. All women are welcome to attend!

Worship and Music

The next meeting for the committee will be Tuesday, May 16, at 10:00 am at the church.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10:00 am via Zoom. Plans were discussed for Lutheroad Day Camp coming up in June. **(June 26-30, 2023)**. Registration material for day camp is available at this time on the church website or by contacting Diane Wicker. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 12, 2023.



Financial Corner

Good day from the **Financial Corner**. I'm glad to report that we had strong offering in the first quarter of the year. Faithful gifts are very important as we look forward to the months ahead when we will call a new pastor and begin the next chapter of our ministry.

Your **Lenten gifts** were also very generous. The offering of \$1,333 will be divided between **Newberry College** and **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary** in Columbia.

Council has asked me to explore placing some of our funds in CDs to earn more interest than our current accounts. Many of us fondly remember Mrs. Mary Lommen managing our CDs like they were her own. Over recent years, due to our financial stress, we have not been able to take advantage of interest bearing accounts. However, because of your generosity we are once again able to explore these options.

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

March Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,982
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 794
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 194
Candles	\$ 75
Easter Lilies	\$ 230
Lenten Offering	\$ 535
Lutheroad	\$ 503

Savings Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,809
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,176
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,440
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 7,983
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,832
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 2,860
Service Committee	\$ 478

April Council meeting notes : 4-16-2023

The meeting was opened with devotions by Cheryl.

- The Council heard the financial reports and approved the minutes from the March meeting.
- Council heard reports from Property, Lutheran Men, WELCA, Social Ministry, Service Committee and the Call Committee Transition team.
- Kevin reported that the heating and air conditioning units for the Sanctuary, fellowship hall and parsonage had been serviced by our contractor for the Summer. Kevin also reported that a formal quote is forthcoming from the contractor for the sanctuary audio and streaming systems. Dean reported that work is continuing on the exterior trim of the sanctuary windows.
- Doug reported on the Food Pantry program and trying to control costs with rising food costs and depleting funds.
- Kevin reported on the progress of the Pictorial Directory Project and thanked Haleigh and Natalie for the great job taking the photos of members and friends of Good Shepherd. Everyone is encouraged to speak to Haleigh and Natalie and get their photo taken.
- Amy reported that the results of our congregation vote, regarding partnering with the Ehrhardt churches to call a pastor, had been reported to Bishop Ginny. The members of Ehrhardt Memorial and Mt. Pleasant also approved the partnership agreement at their congregation meeting.
- In new business, Bob and Dean are going to research repair or replacing our deteriorated church sign at the corner of Jeffries and May Street.

Your church Council members for 2023 are Jon Carpenter, Amy Rusnak, Natalie Gamble, Cheryl Clayton, Bob Ferris, Doug Lindstrom, Dean Brinson, and Kevin Wicker.



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Birthdays :</u> Rebecca Wicker Samantha Bell	2 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthdays :</u> Ava Smyly Morgan Dandridge	4	5 <u>Anniversary :</u> Dean & Charlotte Brinson	6 <u>Birthday :</u> Luke Shaw
7 10:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Birthday :</u> Jared Fralix	8 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive	9 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Last Wonderful Wednesday <u>Birthday :</u> Ethan Alberts	11	12	13 <u>Birthday :</u> Samantha Crawford
14 Mother's Day 10:00 AM Worship Service	15 <u>Anniversary :</u> Rob & Amy Rusnak	16 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM Worship & Music Committee 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal <u>Birthday :</u> Anne Marie Flanders	17	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Alisha Caserlla	19	20
21 8:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Church Council <u>Birthday :</u> Matt Zielke <u>Anniversary :</u> Shannon & Billy Guess	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	24	25 <u>Birthdays :</u> Mary Eason Cindy Corley	26 <u>Birthday :</u> Sarah Rosebrock	27 <u>Birthday :</u> Hope Brinson Smyly
28 10:00 AM Pentecost Sunday with Communion <u>Anniversary :</u> Charles & Sandra Roberts	29 Memorial Day <u>Anniversary :</u> Bob & Gloria Ferris	30	31	1	2	3