



June 2023

## The Shepherd's Staff

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### *From Your Interim Pastor :*

I'm finding it rather humorous that we still label this article from the "interim" pastor. I've now been serving here longer than many of the so-called "regular" pastors over the years! But, yes, we are still in an interim, lengthy as it might be. Interim is defined as temporary---a time between two regular sessions. So, for example, a college interim is a short period between two semesters when students can do a unique and concentrated elective subject. One might say that Good Shepherd is having an extended interim transitioning from having a full-time pastor to when you will share that pastor with Ehrhardt. I'm particularly impressed by the resilience and commitment of so many of you to make this work. I think you've already proven that sharing a pastor will be a good thing for Good Shepherd.

As of mid-May the Ehrhardt churches are still working on their Ministry Site Profile. When that is complete the bishop will begin considering candidates for our shared call. In the meantime, we'll be preparing the call committee with interview training and preparing our questions.

Many consider June as the start of the summer slow-down, but that isn't the case here at church. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the men have their annual barbeque feast. Don't forget to get your tickets! Of course, you'll want to honor all our men on Fathers' Day June 18<sup>th</sup> and we'll need plenty of volunteers for Lutheroad the week of June 26<sup>th</sup>. That Thursday there's an all-congregation cookout to celebrate the week. Watch for more details.

I also want to mention our South Carolina Synod Assembly June 8-10 in Columbia. Rob and Amy Rusnak will join me in representing Good Shepherd as voting members. As part of the

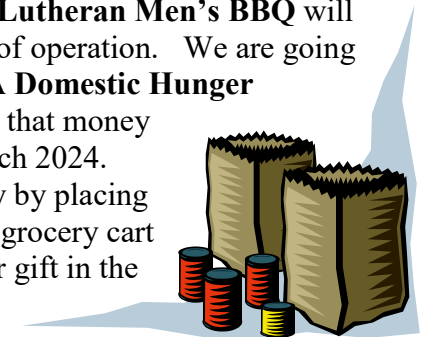
Friday festivities, I'll be recognized for 50 years of service as an ordained pastor. I guess there aren't that many of us that make that milestone, and even fewer still in active service. Boy, has the time flown by! Assembly is the annual gathering of the 147 South Carolina ELCA congregations where we share mission stories and act on the business of the synod. It's always eye opening to see all the ways that we serve as church in our territory and beyond. Kevin Wicker will also be attending as a member of the synod nominating committee.

One final bit of trivia. Some of you may use the daily devotionals we distribute here at church. If you're looking for another option, our Lutheran Worship book includes a daily lectionary starting on page 1121 in the back of the book. Sometime when you're early for church or bored by a sermon (not mine, of course), check out all the interesting content in our worship book. It's way more than hymns, a great resource for our faith.

*Pastor Craig*

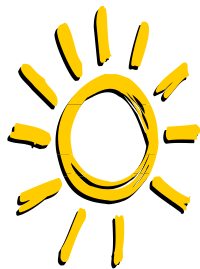
## Social Ministry

Our **Social Ministry** program, which helps approximately 150 households per month with food, is in need of immediate support. Although we receive support from our congregation, our **Lutheran Women, Bethel Presbyterian Church, the Elks Lodge, the Friends of the Colleton County Animal Shelter, and soon, the Eastern Star**, we are within two months of exhausting our funds. The expected proceeds from the **Lutheran Men's BBQ** will provide about two more months of operation. We are going to pursue a grant from the **ELCA Domestic Hunger** program, but if we are approved, that money would not be available until March 2024. You can support our Food Pantry by placing non-perishable food items in the grocery cart in the narthex, or by placing your gift in the offering plate designated for **Social Ministry**.



## Sunshine News :

**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**.



**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.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help with Lutheroad Day Camp! With **Lutheroad** coming in June, there will be a **need for volunteers** to help in various support roles during the week of day camp. Some of these may include preparing snacks and lunches, helping with sign-in and sign-out each day, providing extra supervision as needed, as well as other tasks. There are **sign-up sheets** in the narthex for volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Wicker, day camp coordinator.



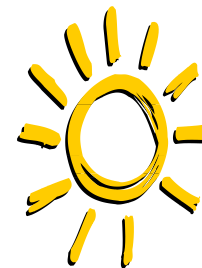
**The Designated offering for June** will support our **Lutheroad Day Camp** at Good Shepherd this summer. **Lutheroad** is a day camp led by counselors from **Lutheridge** that will be held June 26 through 30. Lutheroad is a fun-filled week for our children who have completed grades Kindergarten through Fifth. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help offset **the \$3,100 cost** of Day Camp by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Lutheroad**" on your offering envelope. (Currently we are in need of about \$1,500 to completely fund this year's camp).

## Sunshine News : (Continued)

**Choir** is on summer break until September.

**The sanctuary candles for the month of June** are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak in honor of Amy's birthday.

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



## SERVING IN JUNE :

**Lay Reader**

Amy Rusnak

**Communion Assistant**

Kathie Whetsell

**Acolyte**

*Volunteer Needed*

**Ushers**

Dean Brinson /

Cheryl Clayton /

Charles Rister

**Alter Guild**

Faye Rister

**Grounds Care**

Kevin Wicker /

**Council Devotions**

Doug Lindstrom

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

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

## Pictorial Directory

**The Good Shepherd Pictorial Directory** of members and friends is off to a great start. Thus far, 20 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.

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### Social Ministry

#### Given by:

Kathie Whetsell

Kevin & Diane Wicker

Charles & Faye Rister

#### In Memory of:

Ted Rusnak (Rob's Dad)

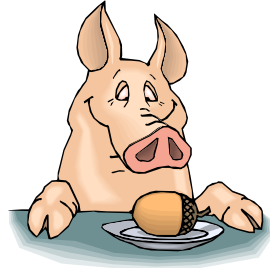
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## **Lutheran Men in Mission:**

Seven men met on May 21st. The Two Dougs provided a delicious breakfast and Mr. Charles gave a devotional about how often small things can have a great impact on our lives and often the person who made the impact is entirely unaware of it.

The BBQ is finally here: Saturday June 3! There will be a choice of pulled pork or grilled chicken. All meals will come with hash, green beans, coleslaw, and our World Famous Banana pudding! Our next meeting will be Sunday July 9th 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 Vernon Mandale, Grace LaRouche, Michelle Rausch (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Willie Strickland and family (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), family of Patty Ocain Whetsell, Deryl, Terri, and Walter (Kathie Whetsell)

## **Alter Flowers for June**

June 4	John and Linda Gilgen
June 11	Rob and Amy Rusnak
June 18	Kevin and Diane Wicker
June 25	The Lommen family

*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, May 1. 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.

Also, the women discussed having a meal after worship on Sunday, May 28, which is Pentecost Sunday. We will be honoring Matt Ferris, who graduated from Trident Tech.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5, at 6:00 pm at the church. The hostess for the evening will be Maria Rodriguez, and Amy Rusnak will have devotions. All women are welcome to attend!



## **Worship and Music**

The Worship and Music committee met on Tuesday, May 16, at 10:00 am at the church. The COVID guidelines for worship were reviewed. Recommendations were made to council for their approval. Some minor changes were discussed for the worship service. An opening hymn will be added to the service beginning with Pentecost Sunday. The next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00 am at the church.

## **Christian Education:**

Registration continues for Lutheroad Day Camp, which will be the week of June 26-30, 2023. Registration materials and information is available on the church website. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 12, 2023. If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker. The next meeting of the Christian Education will be Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 am.

## Financial Corner

Good day from the **Financial Corner**. It's great to report that our General Fund offerings for April were the highest of any month this year and the highest since August of last year! 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.

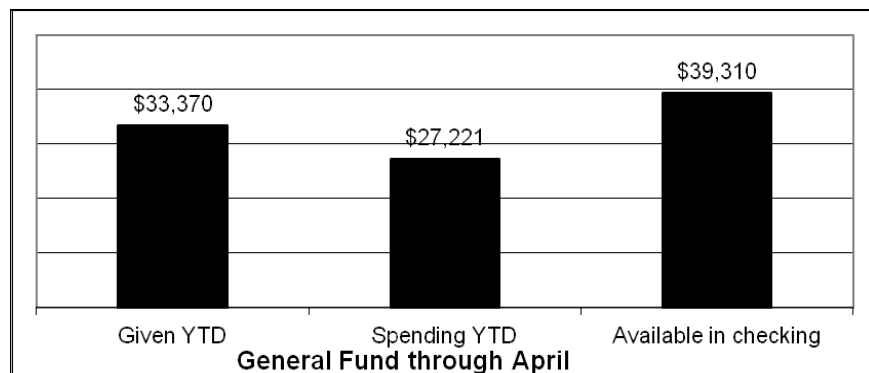
Kevin

### April Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 9,621
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 460
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 91
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 230
Lenten Offering	\$ 539
Lutheroad	\$ 405
ELCA Clean Water	\$ 310
Maintenance/Parsonage	\$ 250

### 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	\$ 1,600
Service Committee	\$ 478



## May Council meeting notes : 5-21-2023

The meeting was opened with devotions by Amy.

The April financial report, the Pastor's report, and the minutes from the last meeting were presented.

- Jon informed the Council that an executive committee meeting had been held during the month and a "Lommen Love Fund" project was approved.
- Reports were presented from Property and Grounds, Lutheran Men, WELCA, Social Ministry, Service Committee, and the Call Process Transition Team.
- Council approved the purchase and installation of a sound system for our sanctuary that will allow us to amplify the service, provide hearing assistance to those who need it, and "stream" our Sunday morning services without the cumbersome table and wires we have been using for the past two years. Because of the cost of the system, a congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 4, following worship for a vote. Council proposes funding the system by borrowing money from our Wallace Estate Fund.
- Council approved pursuing a grant from the ELCA Domestic Hunger program for our Food Pantry. Kevin will begin working on the Letter of Intent with help from other Council members.
- Council approved a recommendation from Worship and Music to "stand down" from our current Covid Guidelines. Council also agreed to work on a "Contagious Disease" guideline for future use per a recommendation from Worship and Music.

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

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



# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>4:30 PM – 7:00 PM <b>LMM BBQ Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Dean Fralix</p> <p><b>Anniversaries :</b> John &amp; Linda Gilgen Jamie &amp; Melissa Connelly</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>10:00 AM <b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> William Brinson</p> <p><b>Anniversary :</b> Doug &amp; Ellen Brinson</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>6:00 PM <b>Good Shepherd Women Meet</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry D-Day (1944)</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays :</b> Lloyd Smyly Loren Weihemuller</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>June 8 – June 10 <b>Synod Assembly (Columbia)</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Hugh Wilson</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p><b>Synod Assembly (Continues)</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Douglas Fraser</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p><b>Synod Assembly (Continues)</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays :</b> Jackson Lord Ron Szymanski Charlotte Johnston</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>10:00 AM <b>Worship Service followed by Church Council</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Nancy Peer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Weston Williams</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flag Day</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Amy Rusnak</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p><b>Birthdays :</b> Dean Brinson Samantha Knapp</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b></p> <p>10:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Jon Carpenter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p><b>Anniversary :</b> Joe &amp; Julie Epple</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st Day of Summer</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>10:00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p><b>Birthday :</b> Cleo Gartner</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>June 23 – June 24 <b>SC Women of the ELCA (Lexington)</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays :</b> Lisa Lord Richie Johnston</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p><b>SC Women of the ELCA (Continues)</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>10:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>Anniversary :</b> Kevin &amp; Diane Wicker</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>June 26 – June 30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp (Good Shepherd)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>June 26 – June 30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp (Continues)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>June 26 – June 30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp (Continues)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>June 26 – June 30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp (Continues)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>June 26 – June 30 <b>Lutheroad Day Camp (Continues)</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays :</b> Joe Epple Ryan Barton</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>