



# The Shepherd's Staff

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## From Your Pastor :

Most of you know that I've been the president of a timeshare association out in the Colorado mountains for more than 10 years now. I'm part of a really great board that is charged with stewardship of these condos---making sure they are kept up to date and remain a good value for our owners. Recently I've thought about how we are part of a long line of people who have assumed leadership and helped steward these properties for more than 40 years. Some were better at the task than others. A few even took advantage of their position to profit themselves. But we are charged with a responsibility to exercise as best we can, leaving these properties for those who will come after us.

It's the same for us as a church. Whether pastor or council members, other leaders, or simply attendees. We are part of a mission that started at Good Shepherd some 83 years ago. Winfield Simons is our one member who may have attended here back in those days (in the arms of his mother). What we do in these days builds on the rich history of those who began this enterprise back in 1940. If you've not taken time recently to read the history of Good Shepherd, it's a good read. You can find it on the church website, [walterborolutherans.com](http://walterborolutherans.com). Of particular note is all the early challenges for that young church and how they built this community during the post-depression and World War 2 years.

These past few years we've endured a difficult season with a downturn in membership, a pandemic, and four years of ministry without a regular pastor. As a part time, non-resident interim pastor, I've been impressed with how you have assumed your roles as stewards of this ministry and given it renewed life. It's been a privilege to walk with you, to preach the gospel, teach, and nurture friendships in this place. As I

write this, we eagerly anticipate that a new chapter for Good Shepherd in partnership with the Ehrhardt churches is on the horizon.

Mindful of the future, your church council has authorized a special offering in support of an upcoming seminary student. In August we got to meet seminary student Jace Martinez. He was warmly received, preached his very first sermon here, and inspired several members to suggest that we provide some support for Jace and his wife, Julia. This is a great thing to do. When I went through seminary long ago, my home congregation provided generous support so that I could enter ministry with minimal debt. On October 1 and 8, the first two Sundays in October you are all invited to contribute toward a special offering toward Jace's education. I'd love to see this become an annual time of supporting our future pastors! God's mission lives on beyond us.

*Pastor Craig*

## Save the Dates :

Good Shepherd is invited to go to Ehrhardt on October 22nd 10:00 AM for their homecoming service and luncheon. Pastor Craig will be their guest preacher for the day. Those who want to go can meet at Good Shepherd at 9:15 AM to car pool. We will also have church at Good Shepherd for those who don't want to make the trip over to Ehrhardt. Hope all will go to one place or the other!

Also, don't forget to visit the International African American Museum in Charleston. The Inclusiveness Network of the SC Synod is sponsoring a visit to the recently opened International African American Museum in Charleston on Saturday Oct 7, 2023. We will meet outside the museum at 10:45 AM. After a set time at the museum we will go to St. Matthew's Lutheran church to talk about our experience and share a meal. The day will end by 4:00 PM. If you are interested, please email Amy Rusnak at [rusnakcats@yahoo.com](mailto:rusnakcats@yahoo.com)

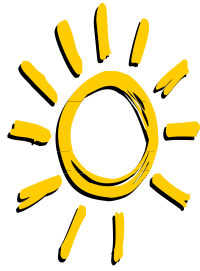
## Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting for the women will be Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the church. Marylyn Praga is the hostess for the evening and Diane Wicker has devotions. All women are encouraged to attend.

## Sunshine News :

The next **Welcoming Wednesday** will be Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 pm. Watch the bulletin and website for further details.

Good Shepherd will host **Trunk-or-Treat** on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm. Watch the bulletin and website for further details.



**The Loose and Special Designated offering 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”**.

The 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 Shannon Guess in honor of Hailey and Riley.

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

## Jace Martinez Love Offering

At their September meeting, your Council approved collecting a **“Love Offering”** for seminary student, **Mr. Jace Martinez**. You may recall that Jace is a student at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia and he helped lead our worship on Sunday, August 6, when he and his wife joined us for worship. You may donate to the Love offering by placing your gift in an offering envelope and earmarking it **“Jace Martinez”** or **“Love offering.”** We will collect through Sunday, October 8.

## SERVING IN OCTOBER :

**Lay Reader**  
**Communion Assistant**  
**Acolyte**  
**Ushers**

Rob Rusnak  
Kathie Whetsell  
Riley Guess  
Dean Brinson /  
Cheryl Clayton  
Natalie Gamble  
Bob Ferris /  
Charles Rister  
Natalie Gamble  
Jon Carpenter  
Sal Praga / Kevin Wicker

**Alter Guild**  
**Grounds Care**

**Council Devotions**  
**Lutheran Men program /**  
**Meal**

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.



**Did you Know : The Nina and Pinta were not the actual names of two of Columbus’ three ships.**

In 15th-century Spain, ships were traditionally named after saints. Salty sailors, however, bestowed less-than-sacred nicknames upon their vessels. Mariners dubbed one of the three ships on Columbus’s 1492 voyage the Pinta, Spanish for “the painted one” or “prostitute.” The Santa Clara, meanwhile, was nicknamed the Nina in honor of its owner, Juan Nino. Although the Santa Maria is called by its official name, its nickname was La Gallega, after the province of Galicia in which it was built.

<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-christopher-columbus>

## 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, the family of Bill Walters, Gail & Carl Lindstrom, Donna Murphy

### Friends and Family

Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Carolyn Rahn, Laura Spivey, Grace LaRouche, Michelle Rausch (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Willie Strickland and family, Katrina Fryar (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Tim Walters (Margaret Juttner), John Babcock, Louise Stokes (the Boehlkes), Nicole Carpenter (Jon Carpenter), Terry Matlosz, Jean Norton (Kevin Wicker), Marilyn Peters, Bruce Bell, Bonnie Thomas (the Risters), Allen George, Katie Howell (the Mezels), the family of Deborah Walker (Charlotte and Dean Brinson), Alice Dockal (Patty Delaney), Dave Detrick, Lizzy Musi, the family of Luther Hardee, Courtney McDonald Wilkins (Cheryl Clayton), Claudia Morton (Gloria Ferris), Douglas Fraser, Merri Simons, the family of Edd Wicker

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Mr. Berlie Edwin “Edd” Wicker** (Kevin’s Father), who passed away on Monday, September 18, 2023. Mr. Wicker was a faithful member of Grace Lutheran Church, an Honorary Life Member of the SC Lutheran Men in Mission and a Committee of 100 member. May God grant him eternal rest and ease the suffering of his family and friends.

## Remembering Those in Need :

Today, your church council approved collection of gifts for helping the people in Hawaii who have been impacted by the terrible fires. This money will be routed through Lutheran Disaster Relief for use in Hawaii as needed.

Over the next several weeks the “soup pot” will be in the narthex for gifts, or you may include your gift with your offering by earmarking it for the “Fire Relief.”

Also, a line has been added to the Tithely program for online giving for those of you who would like to use that method of giving. You can access the Tithely app on our website [www.walterborolutherans.com](http://www.walterborolutherans.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Wicker.

## Worship and Music

The Worship and Music committee met on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Choir was scheduled to start back on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 pm. Some changes to our current worship service was discussed. It was decided to offer communion on the first and third Sundays of each month, plus festival days, beginning in October. Communion will also be offered continuously at the altar rail. The communion hymn, “Lamb of God” will be added back to the liturgy. Preliminary plans for Advent and Christmas were briefly discussed. More planning will take place at the October meeting. The next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be Tuesday, October 17, at 10:00 am at the church.

## Christian Education:

There are a couple of activities planned for the month of October. “Welcoming Wednesday” will be on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 pm at the church. Bob Ferris will be preparing the meal for the evening. Further information will be in the bulletin. We will also host “Trunk-or-Treat” at the church in the back parking lot on Tuesday, October 31, beginning at 6:00 pm. Again, watch the bulletin for further information. The next meeting for Christian Education committee will be Saturday, September 30, at 10:00 am (which is after our newsletter deadline).



## Thank You!

**Thank you to everyone** who came out in support of the **Red Cross Blood drive** held on Monday, September 11, 2023. A total of 46 units were collected. Mark your calendars for the next blood drive to be held on Monday, November 20, 2023.

**Thank you to Kim and Alex Perri** for donating “Papa” Perri’s office chair and mat to Good Shepherd for our Audio/Streaming operator. The chair is a great improvement for the video control person each Sunday.

## Financial Corner

Good day from the Financial Corner. August was a strong month for gifts to the General Fund, and hopefully it marks the end of the “Summer Slump.” Soon you will hear all church treasurers shouting Praise be to God!

We collected \$584 for **Lutheran Disaster Response** and their work in Hawaii following the devastating fires there. I know that money will be used wisely and will be appreciated by those impacted by the fires.

Also during the month we paid off the balance of the **Sound System** invoice using the **Wallace Fund**. We now owe the Wallace Fund \$19,406 to replace the money we “borrowed” for the system.

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	\$ 8,069
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 557
Hawaii Fire Relief	\$ 320
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 190
Sound System	\$ 50

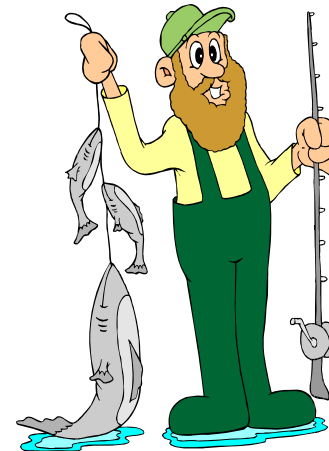
## Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,972
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,176
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,772
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,285
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 50,402
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 1,743
Service Committee	\$ 477

**Happy Halloween !!!**  
October 31, 2023

## Lutheran Men in Mission:

Six men met in the social hall at 8 AM on Sept 10 for food and fellowship. The Two Dougs provided the breakfast and Mr. Kevin had the program. He continued the history theme and discussed the history of Good Shepherd. He said a previous member, Mr. Doscher, had written up a booklet to celebrate the church’s 40th anniversary and then another for the 50th. The material from the booklets has since been transcribed to the church’s web page if anyone is interested. Mr. Kevin surprised the group with a pop quiz on the history of the church. The class average was a “C-minus”.



Mark your calendars: The Men’s Fish Fry will be held on Saturday November 4th! Tickets will be 12 dollars. There will be a choice of fried catfish or grilled chicken and all plates will come with Mr. Bob’s famous shrimp fried rice, hush puppies, green beans and coleslaw. Dessert will be banana pudding made from a secret Lutheran recipe.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday Oct 8th at 8 AM. Jon will have the program and Kevin and Sal will have the breakfast. All men are welcome to attend!

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

### Social Ministry

#### Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker  
Janet Szymanski  
Kathie Whetsell

#### In Memory of:

Bill Walters  
Bill Walters  
Bill Walters

### Food Pantry

#### Given by:

Charles & Faye Rister  
Doug & Ellen Brinson  
John & Linda Gilgen

#### In Memory of:

Bill Walters  
Edd Wicker  
Edd Wicker

## September Council meeting notes: 09-10-2023

The meeting was opened with devotions by Kevin and Council approved the minutes from the August meeting.

- Members heard the Financial report, the Pastor's report, and reports from LMM, WELCA, Social Ministry, Property and Grounds, Worship and Music, and, the Call Committee.
- Amy reported that the Call Committee has chosen a "Primary Candidate" for our next pastor. Amy has communicated with the candidate but does not expect to hear back until after September 22.
- From the Worship and Music Committee recommendations, Council approved that we will resume communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, plus festival Sundays, beginning in October.
- Also, from Worship and Music, Council agreed we will develop an Infectious Disease Guideline for Good Shepherd. Kevin agreed to provide a draft of that policy at the October meeting.
- In new business, Council approved collecting a "love offering" for seminary student Jace Martinez on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of October. Pastor Craig will speak more about this on the first Sunday of October and we will publish this in the bulletin and newsletter.

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

Your Council members are Jon Carpenter (Chair), Doug Lindstrom (Vice Chair), Natalie Gamble (Secretary), Amy Rusnak, Cheryl Clayton, Bob Ferris, Dean Brinson, and Kevin Wicker.

## Alter Flowers for October

October 1	Jon Carpenter
October 8	Doug and Ellen Brinson
October 15	Doug Lindstrom
October 22	Cheryl Clayton
October 29	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."*

## Prayer List October - December, 2023

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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com)

To be prayed for:

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Requested by:

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Condition:

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Please remove:

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

# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>	2 6:00 PM <b>Good Shepherd Women</b>  <u>Anniversary :</u> Donald & Mary Eason	3 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b> 6:00 PM <b>Chior Rehersal</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Emily Carpenter	4	5  <u>Birthday :</u> Doug Lindstrom	6	7
8 8:00 AM <b>LMM Breakfast</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship Service followed by Church Council</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Graham Brinson	9 <b>Columbus Day</b>	10 6:00 PM <b>Chior Rehersal</b>	11 6:00 PM <b>Welcoming Wednesday</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> John Corley	12  <u>Anniversary :</u> Ryan & Theresa Barton	13  <u>Birthdays :</u> Carrie Shaw Gerald Thomas	14  <u>Birthdays :</u> R. J. Riles Elizabeth Miller
15 10:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Brandon Fralix	16  <u>Birthday :</u> Jessie Rosebrock	17 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship &amp; Mistic Committee</b> 6:00 PM <b>Chior Rehersal</b>	18  <u>Birthdays :</u> Kylie Hiers Jake Jacobs	19	20	21
22 10:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b> 10: 00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Marilyn Zielke	23	24 6:00 PM <b>Chior Rehersal</b>	25  <u>Birthday :</u> Aaron Brinson  <u>Anniversary :</u> Ethan & Rebecca Alberts	26  <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 <b>Reformation Sunday</b>	30  <u>Birthday :</u> Patricia Riles	31 <b>Halloween</b>  6:00 PM <b>Trunk-or-Treat</b>  <b>No Chior Rehersal</b>	1	2	3	4