



# The Shepherd's Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
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## Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry!

The History of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Revision February 20, 2024)

On March 15, 1939, the Reverend Thomas Suber, Superintendent of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, made a trip to Walterboro for the purpose of locating and identifying Lutheran families. Along with Professor I. Y. Caughman, Reverend Suber located five Lutherans. In later visits, five more names were added and the ten expressed interest in scheduling worship. On May 13, 1939, about twelve people attended a worship service in Walterboro High School. A conference followed the service.

During the meeting, the twelve unanimously requested that Reverend Suber arrange for regular services to be held twice each month. These bi-monthly services continued until the end of 1939 when the Reverend J. N. Slice, newly called pastor to Trinity Church in Elloree, accepted the call to develop also the Walterboro mission.

Attendance and participation increased during the next several months and on September 8, 1940, Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized with thirty-six charter members. On December 31, 1940, the Reverend Slice resigned to accept a call in Savannah, Georgia.

The struggling congregation then asked the Board of Missions for financial aid in the amount of \$600. With this assistance granted, Good Shepherd called a full-time pastor, the Reverend Voigt Sink, who was completing his studies at Southern Seminary. Pastor Sink began work in Walterboro on June 1, 1941, with twenty-nine out of the original thirty-six members.

For the next three years until May of 1943 most services were

held in the Walterboro Christian Church. These were lean years, but also years of dedication. On January 1, 1941, the treasurer's report recorded a ninety-two cent balance. By June, however, the church had accumulated one hundred and fifty dollars; and at a meeting of the congregation on August 17, it was voted to purchase a lot of 300 feet x 100 feet in Mayfield Terrance. The purchase price was fifteen hundred dollars. The membership was thirty-nine at that time. By the end of 1941, the lot was one-half paid and the balance on hand was three hundred dollars. On June 16, 1942, the lot was fully paid and on October 4, 1942, a building fund was begun. The committee selected to organize a building program included Mr. David V. Nilson, Mr. Elmer Carter, and Dr. Clyde Gibson. The committee made application to the War Production Board for permission to begin construction of a church building.

Membership had increased steadily during those first two years and by the end of 1942, the congregation counted forty-eight confirmed and eleven baptized members.

On January 24, 1943, the ground was broken to begin construction of worship space to seat one hundred and twenty people with a basement equally as large to be used for a Sunday School. The service was conducted by the Reverend E. K. Derrick and Pastor Sink used the first shovel.

Great difficulty was encountered .....

(To be continued : or you can go online to [www.walterborolutherans.com](http://www.walterborolutherans.com) and read all about it for yourselves)

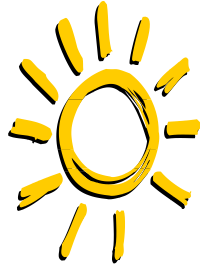
## Alter Flowers for April:

April 7	Janet Szymanski
April 14	Jon Carpenter
April 21	Angela Crosby
April 28	Cheryl Clayton

*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."*

## Sunshine News :

We will start a **new prayer list** in April. 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 the narthex (and in this newsletter) and place it in the offering plate or give it to Diane Wicker. You can also email your prayer requests: [thewickers@lowcountry.com](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com)



Our next **Welcoming Wednesday** will be Wednesday, April 10, with the meal at 6:00 pm. For our activity, we will have a scavenger hunt. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we will know how many to plan for the meal.

**Applications for camp scholarships** are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for children attending one of the Novus Way Camps this summer: Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch, or Luther Springs. Please see Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **May 1**.

**The Loose and Special Designated offering for April** will support the **ELCA Clean Water** initiative to provide sources of clean, safe, drinking water for our sisters and brothers in our sister Synod in Tanzania. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help provide clean water systems in Tanzania by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for **“Clean Water”** on your offering envelope.



**The sanctuary candles for the month of April** are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Diane Wicker in memory of Edd and Jane Wicker.

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

## Lutheran Men in Mission:

Nine men met for food and fellowship on Mar 10, 2024. Carl and Kevin had the meal and Mr. Bob the program. Everything seemed to be happening an hour earlier that day for some reason.

Mark your calendars: the men will be holding a Grilled Chicken and Chicken Perloo dinner on April 20th. There will also be coleslaw and green beans and our World Famous Lutheran Banana Pudding for dessert. Doors are open for take-out or dine-in from 4:30 to 7:00. Tickets will be 12 dollars and are available from any of the men.

Our next meeting will be on April 14th at 9 AM in the social hall. Sal will have the program and Jon and Rob the breakfast. All men are welcome!

## Property Report :

First, **“Thanks”** to **Sal** for painting the front door of the parsonage and the front doors of the fellowship hall and sanctuary. And, **“thanks”** to **Charles** for many hours cleaning out the flower beds. And thanks to **Charles and Faye** for replacing the worn rug at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall.

The report from our insurance company, Church Mutual, indicated that the damage to the sanctuary roof due to wind on January 9 is not extensive enough to meet our deductible. There is also some damage to the roof due to the age of the roof and not due to wind damage. We are currently seeking a quote from a local roofer to make the repairs to the roof. If the price of repairs is greater than 3% of the 2024 Spending Plan, the matter will have to go to the congregation for approval.

We are still struggling with the plumbing issues in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your patience during this trying time.

## Worship and Music:

Worship and Music will be meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 10:00 am at the church. Anyone interested in Worship and Music is welcome to attend!

## **March Council meeting notes:** 03-10-2024

The meeting was opened with devotions by Doug Brinson.

- Members then reviewed the financial report for February.
- Council members then approved the minutes from the February meeting prepared by Natalie.
- Doug Lindstrom notified the Council of the SC Synod Assembly which will be a one-day virtual meeting this year, on Saturday, June 8. We need two members to represent Good Shepherd for this meeting and registration is now open.
- Doug L also reminded the Council members to watch the YouTube video provided regarding the work of the SC Synod.
- In Property and Grounds, Kevin updated the members on the status of the church roof which was damaged by the wind on January 9. The damage is not costly enough to reach our insurance deductible, so Kevin will be seeking a bid from a local contractor to make the necessary repairs, and also getting a bid for replacing the roof for future reference. The Council also expressed appreciation to Sal, Dean, Doug L and Charles for the work they have been doing on the property this year.
- Amy reminded the Council that our Maundy Thursday “Love Feast” will be held this year at Ehrhardt Memorial and our Good Friday worship will be at Good Shepherd. Also, a sunrise service will be held Easter morning at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran in Ehrhardt.
- Council agreed that Amy will be the communications liaison with the Ehrhardt Parish during this time of transition.
- Doug L informed that he and Kevin attended a meeting at the Low Country Food Bank in Charleston and we have submitted an application for partnering this year with LCFB. A representative of LCFB will conduct a site visit at Good Shepherd as part of the application process.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord Prayer.

Your Council members are Doug Lindstrom (Chair), Bob Ferris (Vice Chair), Natalie Gamble (Secretary), Doug Brinson, Amy Rusnak, Cheryl Clayton, Marylyn Praga, Rusty Mezel, and Kevin Wicker.

## **Thank You!**

**Thank you** to everyone who came out in support of the Red Cross blood drive held on Monday, March 11, at Good Shepherd. A total of 39 units were collected. The next blood drive will be on **Monday, May 13, 2024**, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

### **DESIGNATED GIFTS**

*Donations given to the Glory of God to:*

#### **Sound System**

##### **Given by:**

Emmett Wicker  
Edwina Wicker  
Kevin Wicker

##### **In Honor of:**

Diane Wicker (Birthday)  
Diane Wicker (Birthday)  
Easter Choir  
(Diane, Kathie, Marylyn,  
Natalie, Jon, Doug B and Sal)



### **Good Shepherd Women:**

The Good Shepherd women will meet on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the church. Kathie Whetsell is the hostess, and Marylyn Praga has the devotions. We will be discussing plans for the coming months. All women are welcome!

### **Christian Education:**

The Christian Education committee will meet on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 am at the church. We will be discussing plans for Welcoming Wednesday in May as well as looking ahead to the summer and the fall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend!

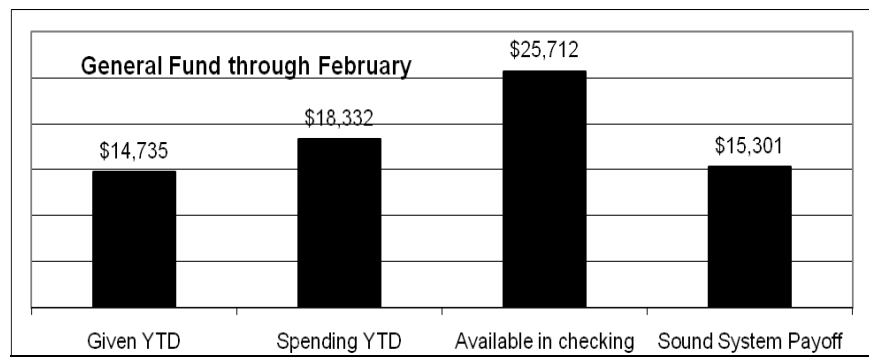
## Financial Corner

You'll note, from the attached chart, that our spending in January and February has exceeded our offerings to the General Fund. Part of that is due to the unexpected plumbing issue in the Fellowship Hall and part due to accelerated gifts to the SC Synod per our 2024 Spending Plan. So, the plumbing issue is a negative hit to our Spending Plan, but the donations to the SC Synod will level out as planned through the remainder of the year. In summary, we're doing fine in regards to our finances.

Thanks to **Charles and Faye Rister** for contributing their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Good Shepherd in February. Many thanks also to **Thrivent** for making these funds available for their members to distribute to organizations they see fit.

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



## February Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,515
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 264
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	\$ 162
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 90
Sound System	\$ 100
Lenten Offering	\$ 440
Lilies	\$ 180
In His Name Ministry	\$ 20

## Serving In April :

**Lay Reader**

Jon Carpenter

**Communion Assistant**

Cheryl Clayton

**Ushers**

Bob Ferris /

Charles Rister

**Offering Tabulators**

Bob Ferris /

Amy Rusnak

**Alter Guild**

Diane Wicker

**Grounds Care**

Kevin Wicker /

/ Carl Lindstrom

**Audio / Visual**

Kevin Wicker /

Cheryl Clayton

**Council Devotions**

Cheryl Clayton

**LMM Breakfast / Program**

Jon Carpenter & Rob

Rusnak / Sal Praga

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In March !!!

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

## LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

### Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim & Ilona Strickland, Frances Barton, Ted & Sara Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Margaret Juttner, 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, the family of Netta Adkins (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Larry Rathe, Don Rivers, (Kevin Wicker), the family of Bill Crissman, the family of Sarah Cole Hardy (Cheryl Clayton), Jim (Sal & Marylyn Praga), Karen Akers, Michael Alexander (Rusty and Lisa Mezel)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <b>April Fool's Day!</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Lisa Mezel	2 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Christine Peterson	3	4 <u>Birthday :</u> Gloria Ferris <u>Anniversary :</u> Ray & Theresa Strickland	5 <u>Anniversary :</u> Ned & Alice Vendrick	6 <u>Birthdays :</u> Chastity Patterson Charity Patterson Kathie Whetsell Diane Wicker Ilona Strickland
7 11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>	8 6:00 PM <b>Good Shepherd Women</b>	9	10 6:00 PM <b>Welcoming Wednesday</b>	11 <u>Birthday :</u> Mike Herrin	12 <u>Birthday :</u> Corson Wertz <u>Anniversary :</u> Marion & Gail Glover	13 10:00 AM <b>Christian Education Committee</b>
14 9:00 AM <b>LMM Breakfast</b> 11:00 AM <b>Worship Service followed by Church Council</b> <u>Anniversary :</u> Ted & Sara Avant	15 <b>Tax Day!</b>	16 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM <b>Food Pantry</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Helana Strickland	17	18 <u>Birthday :</u> Madi Lynn Alberts	19	20 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Lutheran Men's Chicken Dinner</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Christa Gilgen Martin
21 11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Hagan Strickland	22 <b>Earth Day!</b> 10:00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23 10:00 AM <b>Worship and Music Committee</b>	24	25	26	27 <u>Birthday :</u> Bobbie Smith
28 11:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b>	29 <u>Anniversary :</u> Cheryl & Donnie Clayton	30 <u>Birthday :</u> Kristen Paindiris	1	2	3	4