



The Shepherd's Staff

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From The Pastor :

It is with joy and thanksgiving that as of the second week of June, I now serve Good Shepherd as well as Ehrhardt Memorial and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Churches as your pastor.

I've been overwhelmed with the welcome by all churches who made me feel at home even before I arrived on the scene. The parsonage was renovated and basic furniture and kitchen items supplied in order that I could move in and start serving without missing a beat. It's taking me some time to learn everyone's name so I much appreciated the name tags the first couple of weeks! Thank you!

I would be happy to make home visits if you wish which is a way for us to get to know each other on a one-to-one basis. My office hours are: Tuesday and Thursday office hours 9:00 - 1:00 and I would be willing to make home visits in the afternoons of those days.

In the meantime, may your summer be a safe one; may you feel God's love and presence in whatever you do and wherever you go.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Judy

Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry! (Continued)

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

The Reverend Ernest T. Burns accepted a call on June 9, 1957, to serve Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. On November 29 of the same year, Mrs. Mattie Q. Beach was the first woman elected to serve on the church council. Pastor Burns resigned on August 24, 1958, and moved to Trinity Lutheran Church in Anniston, Alabama, and was succeeded by the Reverend Harry L. Rau on February 11, 1959. The church

records showed one hundred forty baptized members at that time.

On August 24, 1958, a parish building fund was started. In November, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Stuck gave a gift of ten shares of stock to be applied to the parish building fund. Shortly after Pastor Rau arrived, plans for a new parish building were approved by the congregation. On September 11, 1960, ground breaking for the parish building was held and the service was conducted by the Reverend Karl W. Kinard and Pastor Rau. The cornerstone was installed October 2, 1960, with the inscription "Nilson Parish Building in honor of Mr. and Mrs. David V. Nilson, 1960." Mr. H. Stanley Fellers served as the chairman of the building committee and the new Christian Education unit was dedicated on May 7, 1961 with the service conducted by the Reverend Karl W. Kinard and Pastor Harry L. Rau, Jr. The cost of the building was \$24,336.61 excluding the electrical and heating costs which were done by the men of the church at a cost of \$1,200.

On June 24, 1962, a memorial gift of two thousand dollars in memory of Harriett Amy Nilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David V. Nilson, was received. In honor of Mrs. Bessie M. Smith's twenty-five years of service as organist, a processional cross was dedicated on December 24, 1963. The cross was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kearse. An alms basin had been given in memory of Mrs. Smith's husband, R. Estes Smith, in 1959.

Pastor Harry L. Rau resigned on June 16, 1964, to accept a call to the Lutheran Chapel in China Grove, North Carolina. The church records showed one hundred twenty-six baptized members - one hundred confirmed and eighty-four communing.

The Reverend James D. Bayne moved to Good Shepherd August 25, 1964. On September 19, 1965, the congregation celebrated its twenty-five years of Christian witness and work in Walterboro. Pastor Sink, Chaplain with the United States Air Force and first pastor to serve Good Shepherd, delivered the sermon and Pastor Bayne served as worship leader.

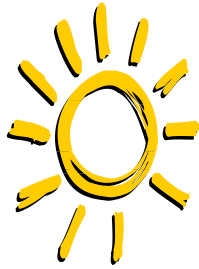
Mr. David V. Nilson, one of the first five members and organizers of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church passed away on April 30, 1967.

Pastor Bayne remained at Good Shepherd until May 3, 1967, when he resigned to serve in the United States Army as Chaplain.

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

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 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



The **American Red Cross** will be here at Good Shepherd for a **blood drive** on Monday, July 8, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and give the gift of life. The need is critical, especially this time of year. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

On Sunday, July 14, we will recognize our Doscher/ Fellers scholarship recipients during the worship service. This year's recipients are **Raleigh Obenaus and Sierra Obenaus**. Raleigh will be starting his college career this fall at Clemson University. Sierra is continuing her studies at Furman University.



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 Jon Carpenter.

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

Lutheran Men in Mission :

After going on hiatus for May, nine men met for food and fellowship on June 9th, 2024. The Two Dougs had the meal and Mr. Charles the program. The Chicken Perloo dinner was a success - \$2,000 was donated to the Good Shepherd Social Ministry/Food Pantry fund. Mr. Charles gave a devotional about how Christians can be like trees: some are "evergreens" who frequently are active in the church, and how some Christians are like trees who blossom at certain times of the year. The issue is, how can we as a church make more members perennials and how can we remind ourselves that all people are children of God, even if they don't always act that way?

Our next meeting will be on July 14th at 9 AM in the social hall. Rob will have the program (let us hope he doesn't give us another history lecture) and Mr. Bob and Mr. Charles will have the breakfast. All men are welcome!

Alter Flowers for July :

July 7	Hugh Murray
July 14	Janet Szymanski
July 21	Cheryl Clayton
July 28	Kevin and 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."

Thank You !

Thank you, **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**. I am extremely grateful for the support of this congregation from the time that I was attending Wonderful Wednesday till now where I am beginning my college career. I will forever be thankful for helping me develop my relationship with God from a young age. The love and support I have received from this congregation over the years is truly incredible. Sincerely,

Raleigh Obenaus

My Friends at Good Shepherd, Thank you for the lovely card and contribution to the food pantry in my name. I am both humbled and honored by your kindness and thoughtfulness. You are a wonderful and loving congregation of God's Holy people. It is always a joy and privilege to serve at Good Shepherd. Thank you,

Pastor Holley

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), Don Rivers, (Kevin Wicker), Janet Kinard, the family of K.C. Campbell (Cheryl Clayton), Pete Sudds, Steve Graham (Sal & Marylyn Praga), Connie Bryant (Natalie Gamble), the family of Debi Price

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Food Pantry

Given by:

Good Shepherd Members
Charles & Faye Rister

In Honor of:

Pr. and Mrs. Robert Holly
Ben & Susan Harrison

Given by:

Kathie Whetsell
Kevin & Diane Wicker
Charles & Faye Rister

In Memory of:

Mrs. Mary Kelly (Mrs. Juttner's Sister)
Mrs. Mary Kelly (Mrs. Juttner's Sister)
Annette Ashcroft

Red Cross Sign Team

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:

Jon, Carl, Marylyn and Sal

Good Shepherd Women:

Amy Rusnak and Marylyn Praga represented the Good Shepherd Women at the annual convention of the SC Women of the ELCA, held June 21-22, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville.

Board members and officers were elected for the coming year, and the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was approved. Our chaplain for convention was Rev. Rebecca Wicker of Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, Newberry. We also heard from numerous speakers from SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, Newberry College, SC Lutheran Men, and Thrivent, to name a few. The women are always encouraged to support various projects.

This year, the international project was to raise funds for a "She Shed" in Tanzania to store a tractor and other tools that the women can use to grow wheat and other food products. As of Saturday, a total of \$37,800 had been raised for this project. Other offering totals included \$672 for the Joy offering, \$1,685 in convention offering, \$875 for the Fifth Gospel Foundation, \$975 for Neighbors Together, \$4,291 for the Newberry College Nursing scholarship, and \$50 for Katie's Fund. In addition to those donations, the following items were collected for Neighbors Together: 172 backpacks, 793 bars of soap, 9,769 wash cloths, 492 packages of wet wipes, and 523 other items.



Worship and Music:

The next meeting for Worship and Music will be on Tuesday, August 13, at 10:00 am at the church.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee will be meeting on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 10:00 am at the church. We will be discussing plans for the fall. Anyone interested in being a part of this planning meeting is welcome to attend.

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 2024 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	\$ 7,584
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 1,715
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 81
Flowers	\$ 45
Sound System	\$ 100
SC WELCA Projects	\$ 400

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,017
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,139
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,805
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,695
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,470
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 7,061
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 969

February Council meeting notes : 06-09-2024

Amy opened the meeting with devotions and Doug L. welcomed Pr. Judy to Good Shepherd and to Council.

- Members reviewed the financial report for May and Year-to-Date and approved that Kevin use the General Fund offerings to pay off the expenses incurred over the past two weeks to get the parsonage ready for Pr. Judy.
- Doug reminded the group of the upcoming blood drive on July 8. Everyone is encouraged to "give the gift of life."
- Council approved the college scholarships for Raleigh Obenaus (Clemson Univ.) and Sierra Obenaus (Furman Univ.) from the Doscher/Fellers Scholarship Fund. Council also acknowledged Raleigh's request to transfer his membership to Bethel Methodist Church.
- Council approved a gift to the Food Pantry in honor of Pastor Holley and Mrs. Janet from the Thrivent Choice Dollars fund. Members also acknowledged that the Lutheran Men were transferring the proceeds from their recent fundraiser to the Social Ministry fund.
- Concerning the church Property and Ground, Kevin updated members on the church roof repairs and the steps being taken to remove the magnolia tree from between the breezeway and the parsonage. He also informed Council that beginning June 25 we will have property, liability and workers comp insurance through Southern Mutual Insurance Company. Our coverage with Church Mutual Insurance, which is being terminated due to our proximity to the coast, is ending June 25. Our premiums with Southern Mutual will be lower but our deductibles will be higher than with Church Mutual. Kevin emphasized that it is imperative that we do everything we can to avoid a claim with our new insurance carrier.
- Amy informed the Council that the completed surveys by the Christian Education committee will be shared with Pr. Judy at the next meeting as we plan for the Fall activities.
- The members discussed monitoring systems for water intrusion, fire and theft. Kevin will investigate a system

that Doug B. uses and report back to Council at the next meeting.

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.



Serving In July :

Lay Reader	Kevin Wicker
Communion Assistant	Kevin Wicker
Ushers	Doug Lindstrom / Charles Rister
Offering Tabulators	Doug Lindstrom / Marylyn Praga
Alter Guild	Faye Rister
Audio / Visual	Rob Rusnak / Matt Ferris
Grounds Care	Kevin Wicker
Council Devotions	Marylyn Praga
LMM Breakfast / Program	Bob Ferris & Charles Rister / Rob Rusnak

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.

Prayer List July - September, 2024

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

To be prayed for:

Requested by:

Condition:

Please remove:

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

JULY 2024

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