



The Shepherd's Staff

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Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry!

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

On March 6, 1949, a five and one-half foot right of way of the church property was granted to the South Carolina Highway Department to provide a four-lane highway for Jefferies Boulevard.

Good Shepherd Church was next served by students from the Southern Seminary until March 1, 1953, when the Revered Raymond Davis, Jr. began his pastorate. In January of 1955, following a motion made by Mr. Ray D. Nilson, the Men's Brotherhood was organized with Ralph Doscher serving as first president.

On January 8, 1953, iron railings were installed on the front steps of the church. Also, five church road markers were installed on the highways entering Walterboro.

On October 8, 1953, spotlights were installed to light the church steeple. The hurricane damage of September 1952, to the church roof and ceilings was repaired and an exhaust fan was installed at the same time.

On October 31, 1954, Good Shepherd services were broadcast over WALD radio for the first time. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mortgage Burning Ceremony was celebrated on April 24, 1955. Participating were Pastor Raymond E. Davis, Pastor M.L. Kester, D.V. Nilson, W.G. Kearsse, N.L. Bishop, R.D. Nilson, and R.E. Carter. In December of the same year, the congregation of Good Shepherd Church was removed from mission status. In fifteen years, Lutherans in Walterboro had organized, built, and paid for a church building, a parish building and a parsonage.

On December 8, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. David V. Nilson donated a new central heating system for the church.

On January 5, 1956, church records showed a membership of one hundred twenty-five.

An aisle carpet was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kearsse on February 9, 1956. On March 8, 1956, new tables were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Nilson. On April 12, 1956, a new church sign was given to the church by Dr. L.G. Cooper, Dr. C.E. Gibson, and Mr. N.L. Bishop. In May, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. David V. Nilson donated a piano for the Sunday School and on September 13, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. David V. Nilson donated a window air-conditioner for the parsonage and the exterior of the church was painted.

In September, 1956, a children's choir was started by Mrs. Bessie M. Smith, church organist and choir director.

Pastor Davis resigned November 12, 1956, to accept a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Savannah, Georgia, as Minister of Religious Education.

On April 11, 1957, a 100 feet x 150 feet lot behind the parsonage on Thompson Street was purchased for eight hundred dollars for a new parish building.....

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

Property and Grounds Report :

We have signed a contract with Southern Mutual for the property, liability and workers comp insurance for Good Shepherd beginning the end of June.

Final preparations are being made in the parsonage in anticipation of the arrival of our new pastor, Pastor Judy McGuire, on June 6.

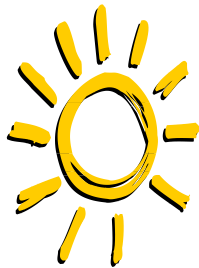
A new ceiling fan has been installed in the kitchen, just in time for summer, due to the failure of the old fan.



And finally, a “shout out” to those who have spent many hours maintaining the flowers, shrubs and magnolia leaves during the Spring. It’s always dangerous to begin naming people, but let’s try, with a standing apology for those I may have missed; Doug B, Carl, Sal, Marylyn, and Charles.

Sunshine News :

We are excited to welcome **Pr. Judy McGuire** as our new pastor for Good Shepherd along with our sister congregations in Ehrhardt; Ehrhardt Memorial Lutheran and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran. Pr. Judy will be serving as the “stated supply” pastor for our three congregations on a year-by-year agreement. She will be living in our parsonage three weeks out of each month and going back to her home in Spartanburg one week of each month. Pr. Judy’s first Sunday morning services will be on June 9 at 9:00 a.m. in Ehrhardt and 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd.



There will be an **informational congregational meeting** following worship on June 2 to discuss our agreement and arrival of Pr. Judy McGuire.

Synod Assembly this year will be a one-day virtual assembly held on Saturday, June 8. This meeting is the highest legislative body for our synod. The voting members who will be representing Good Shepherd this year are Doug Lindstrom and Kevin Wicker.

We wish Godspeed and farewell to **Dorn Cammon** as she settles into her new home in Georgia. You can reach Dorn at 3820 Cutshaw Trail, Hahira, Georgia, 31632.

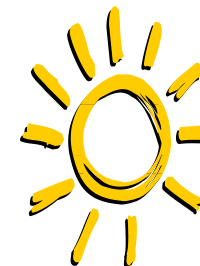
Applications for school scholarships are now available, along with the guidelines for the application. These scholarships are for those students in our congregation who are pursuing either an associate degree or a bachelor degree. Please see Diane Wicker for applications. The deadline for receiving applications is **July 1**.

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

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

Sunshine News : (Continued)

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 Loose and Special Designated offering for June will support the **South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission New Mission Start Program**. The purpose of this fund is to help pay the salary of the Mission Developing Pastor for new ELCA mission churches in **South Carolina**. Since 1996, all new ELCA mission congregations in South Carolina have been supported by SCLMM. In 2024, the New Mission Start Program is supporting three new mission starts in the SC Synod. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “SCLMM NMSP” on your offering envelope.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the blood drive held on Monday, May 13, at Good Shepherd. A total of 42 units were collected. The next blood drive will be Monday, July 8, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

Alter Flowers for June :

June 2	Janet Szymanski
June 9	John and Linda Gilgen
June 16	Rob and Amy Rusnak
June 23	Charles and Faye Rister
June 30	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.”

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 (Cheryl Clayton), Pete Sudds (Sal & Marylyn Praga), Connie Bryant (Natalie Gamble), the family of Debi Price



Serving In June :

Lay Reader

Rob Rusnak

Communion Assistant

Angela Crosby /

Addison Crosby

Ushers

Doug Brinson /

Jon Carpenter

Offering Tabulators

Doug Brinson /

Cheryl Clayton

Alter Guild

Diane Wicker

Audio / Visual

Kevin Wicker /

Cheryl Clayton

Grounds Care

Doug Lindstrom /

Bob Ferris /

Charles Rister

Council Devotions

Doug Lindstrom

LMM Breakfast / Program

Doug Brinson &

Doug Lindstrom

/ Charles Rister

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.

Good Shepherd Women:

At the May meeting the women finalized plans for the congregational dinner to honor our graduates on Pentecost. We also discussed plans for the SCWELCA convention in June. Amy Rusnak and Marylyn Praga will serve as delegates from Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd women will meet on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the church. Amy Rusnak will be the hostess and have the devotions. All women are welcome to attend!

Worship and Music:

Worship and Music met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The committee discussed and reviewed the various activities and worship opportunities offered during Lent and Holy Week. The next meeting for Worship and Music is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 10:00 am at the church.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee conducted a survey on parish education opportunities. The deadline for the survey was May 19. The committee planned to meet on Saturday, May 25, to look at the responses to the survey. Information about the results will be shared at a future date.



June 20, 2024

Financial Corner

This month we are looking at our financial status through the month of April. April's giving was a little "weak in the knees," but the good news is our year-to-date giving is still averaging above our needs-per-week. And, we are still operating within our Spending Plan for Ministry for 2024.

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.

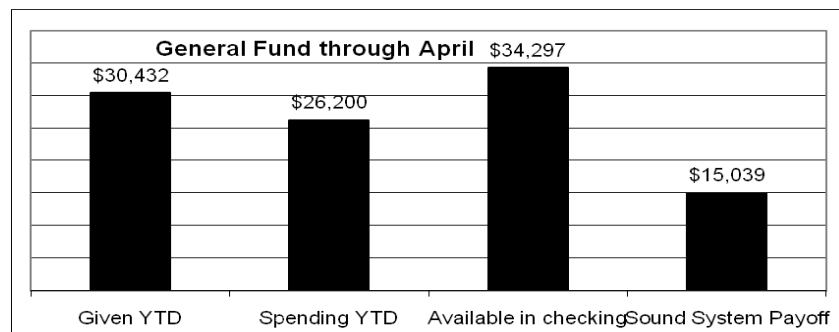
Kevin

April Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,386
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 1,084
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 160
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 235
Sound System	\$ 150
ELCA Clean Water	\$ 145

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,016
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,139
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,805
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,695
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,370
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 7,502
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 888



Social Ministry :

In May, the demand for food assistance at our Food Pantry was "furious." The first Tuesday of the month we exhausted our food supply within an hour and fifteen minutes, and the third Tuesday in just one hour. We are extremely thankful for our volunteers who help with the Pantry preparation and distribution and for the donations from our Good Shepherd family. We would also like to mention that this year we have received Food Pantry assistance from our neighbors: Church of the Cross in Bluffton, the Elks, the Eastern Star, the Post Office, Bethel Presbyterian, Wittenberg Lutheran in Leesville, Dominion Energy (through Rusty Mezel) and Friends of the Colleton County Animal Society. Please try to continue supporting this vital ministry in any way you can. Thank you!!



DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

General Fund

Given by:
Meaghan McKenna

In Honor of:
Pr. Judy McGuire

SC WELCA Projects

Given by:
Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:
Marylyn Praga

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	31	1
2 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	3 6:00 PM GSLC Women Meet Birthday : Dean Fralix Anniversaries : John & Linda Gilgen Jamie & Melissa Connelly	4 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry Birthday : William Brinson Anniversary : Doug & Ellen Brinson	5	6 Birthdays : Lloyd Smyly Loren Weihemuller	7	8 Synod Assembly online Birthday : Hugh Wilson
9 9:00 AM LMM Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship Followed by Council Birthday : Douglas Fraser	10 Birthdays : Jackson Lord Ron Szymanski Charlotte Johnston	11 Birthday : Nancy Peer	12 Birthday : Weston Williams	13	14 Flag Day! Birthday : Amy Rusnak	15 Birthdays : Dean Brinson Samantha Knapp
16 Father's Day! 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	17	18 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry Birthday : Jon Carpenter	19 Anniversary : Joe & Julie Epple	20 First Day of Summer!	21 SCWELCA Convention	22 SCWELCA Convention 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline Birthday : Cleo Gartner
23 11:00 AM Worship Birthdays : Lisa Lord Richie Johnston	24	25 Anniversary : Kevin & Diane Wicker	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 AM Worship Birthdays : Joe Epple Ryan Barton	1	2	3	4	5	6