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Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry!

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

Great difficulty was encountered in the search for a contractor. Everyone was busy under the strain of their nation being at war. It seemed that God, who works in mysterious ways, sent one of his faithful servants, Mr. R. B. Bush of Norfolk, Virginia, father of Juanita Glover, who offered his services, free of charge, for the initial erection of the church building. After Mr. Bush left, the Councilmen and the Pastor took charge until it was completed. The first services were held in the building on the second Sunday in May 9, 1943.

Due to the fact that it would be sometime before the furnishings would arrive, the dedication services were to be held later in the fall. On August 15, the furnishings were installed.

The opening services with the dedication of the building were set for October 3, 1943. The services were conducted by the Reverend Karl W. Kinard and Pastor Sink. On this day, the membership records showed fifty-seven confirmed and eighteen baptized children.

Pastor Sink resigned on December 31, 1943, to serve as chaplain with the United States Air Force. A new pastor was called and on April 15, 1944, the Reverend Paul G. McCullough was installed.

On August 1, 1944, the first parsonage was started and soon was finished. The dedication service was conducted by the Reverend Karl W. Kinard with the Reverend Paul G. McCullough, H A. McCullough, D. D., and W. Brant attending.

Two natural springs developed in the back corner of the basement used for the Sunday School. This kept the basement flooded. On January 14, 1945, it was decided to abandon its use for

the Sunday School and have the basement filled in with sand.

Mr. George Segelken donated shrubbery for the church grounds and the Lions Club donated oak trees for the front of the church and parsonage. Venetian blinds were installed on the church windows. On April 14, 1946, the stairs to the basement were removed.

Pastor Paul G. McCullough resigned August 1, 1946, to accept work at Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, South Carolina.

The church constitution was amended in 1946 that members of council be changed from six members to nine, beginning October 5, 1947.

The next pastor to serve Good Shepherd was the Reverend Moses L. Kester who started his work on October 28, 1946. Under his leadership a parish building was built. The building costing twenty-six hundred dollars was completed by June 7, 1947 and dedicated free of debt on April 25, 1948. The dedication service was by the President of the Synod, Karl W. Kinard, and the service was conducted by Pastor M. L. Kester. Pastor Kester remained at Good Shepherd until January 6, 1952, when he resigned to accept a call to the Ehrhardt parish.

On March 6, 1949, a five and one-half foot

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

Property and Grounds Report :



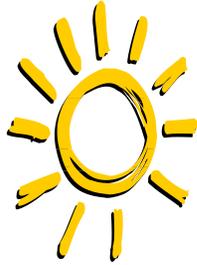
We're glad to report that the Fellowship Hall sewer issues have been resolved.

We're awaiting a contractor to repair the expansion joint on the steeple, replace two vent boots, and replace any missing shingles as a result of the January 9 storm.

Our insurance company, Church Mutual, has notified us that they will drop our insurance coverage in June due to their financial problems and our being in "Zone 2" coupled with our "building construction." We are in contact with two other insurance companies regarding property, liability and workers compensation insurance.

Sunshine News :

Our next “**Welcoming Wednesday**” will be **Wednesday, May 8**. We will be having “make your own sandwich” for the meal, and we will have “make your own ice cream sundae” for dessert. We ask participants to bring their favorite ice cream topping to share. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm. For our activity in May, we will have a Q & A: “What, Where, When, Why, Who?” An offering will be collected to help with costs. Come, join the fun! To help in planning, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



The **American Red Cross** will be holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd on Monday, May 13, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please come out and donate! Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

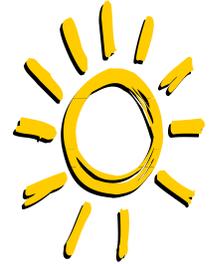
We will have a **congregational dinner** after worship on **Sunday, May 19** (Pentecost Sunday), to recognize our college and high school graduates. The Good Shepherd women will provide the meat for the meal. We ask that the congregation bring side dishes and/or desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we will know how many plan to attend.

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 **Christian Education Committee needs your help!** We are conducting a survey to find out interests in future parish education offerings. We really need your input. Copies of the survey are in this month’s newsletter and will be in the bulletin and in the church narthex. They may be returned to the church or to one of the members of the Christian Education Committee: Amy Rusnak, Kevin Wicker, Diane Wicker. **Deadline for the surveys is Sunday, May 19.**

Sunshine News : (Cotinued)

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 May** will support the **SC Women of the ELCA local and global projects for 2024**. The local project will support Neighbors Together in Charleston. The global project is to help the women in the Southwest Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania build a storage shed and to purchase a tractor and implements for their farm. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**SC WELCA**” on your offering envelope.

The **sanctuary candles for the month of May** are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak in honor of their anniversary. *The cost of sanctuary candles is \$25 per month.*

Thank You!

Dear Members of Good Shepherd,

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve at the ministries of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, which include Franke at Seaside, the Heritage at Lommen, Rice Estate, RoseCrest, Trinity on Laurens, Lutheran Hospice and BeWell Home Services. Your partnership is vital to achieving our mission of enhancing the well-being of older adults.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Beck

President and CEO

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 May :

Lay Reader

Kathie Whetsell

Communion Assistant

Kathie Whetsell

Ushers

Kevin Wicker /

Natalie Gamble

Offering Tabulators

Natalie Gamble /

Rusty Mezel

Alter Guild

Marylyn Praga

Grounds Care

Doug Brinson

Audio / Visual

Rob Rusnak /

Matt Ferris

Council Devotions

No Meeting in May

LMM Breakfast / Program

No Meeting in May

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In April !!!

****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 April meeting the Good Shepherd women discussed plans for the congregational dinner in May. We also discussed plans for the upcoming SCWELCA convention in June and the fall meeting of the Amelia Conference Women. The Good Shepherd women will meet on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the church. Kathie Whetsell is the hostess, and Faye Rister has the devotions. We will be finalizing plans for the congregational dinner on Sunday, May 19 to honor our graduates. All women are welcome!



Worship and Music:

Worship and Music met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Since the meeting was after the newsletter deadline, check the bulletin for any news from Worship & Music.

Lutheran Men in Mission:

Eight men met for food and fellowship on April 14, 2024. Jon and Rob had the meal and Mr. Sal the program. Last minute plans were made for the Chicken Perlo dinner which proved to be a great success: the men served 122 meals on Saturday and had a brisk "next day" sale after church. Proceeds will be donated to Good Shepherd's Social Ministry Fund/Food Pantry.

For the program, Sal discussed what it feels like to find out that someone you had wronged had forgiven you a long time earlier. Often, the hardest person to forgive is ourselves and we are often our harshest critics. Sal discussed how he had taken John Wesley's prayer "Less of me, more of Thee" (see Mr. Kevin's earlier program) to heart.

Due to scheduling conflicts in May, our next meeting will be on June 9 at 9 AM in the social hall. The Two Dougs will have the meal and Mr. Charles the program. All men are welcome!

Financial Corner

Happy Spring, which actually has felt a bit like Summer already this year. We had a good month of March, with spending less than our **Spending Plan for Ministry**, except of the sewer issue in the Fellowship Hall. Hopefully, we can maintain this level of giving through the Summer while also controlling our costs within our plan.

Thanks to **Kathie Whetsell** for contributing her **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Good Shepherd in March. 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



March Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 9,311
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 176
In His Name Ministry	\$ 262
Candles	\$ 50
Flowers	\$ 270
Sound System	\$ 160
Lenten Offering	\$ 768
Lilies	\$ 80

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,016
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,138
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,802
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,692
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,200
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 6,892
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 812

April Council meeting notes : 04-14-2024

Cheryl opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

- Members then approved the minutes from the March meeting presented by Natalie.
- The financial reports were presented by Kevin.
- Doug Lindstrom presented a letter to the Council from the SC Synod thanking the congregation for our mission support gifts.
- Doug then spoke of the difficulty in finding supply pastors for both Good Shepherd and the Ehrhardt congregations due to the time and travel involved to conduct worship at both locations on Sunday mornings. He is going to speak with Mr. Mark Sease from the Ehrhardt churches about this situation. Doug has also been in regular contact with Pr. Rick Carter at the Synod office regarding an interim pastor for us, Ehrhardt Memorial and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran.
- Council approved Doug Brinson to use portions of the church history for the cover page of the monthly newsletter in the absence of an article from an interim pastor.
- Council approved Doug L and Kevin to represent Good Shepherd at the SC Synod Assembly this summer. The Assembly this year will be a one-day, on-line event on Saturday, June 8.
- Council approved a congregational dinner on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, to honor our graduates.
- Because of Mother's Day on May 12 and the dinner on May 19, the May Council meeting will be canceled. If action is needed by Council, a "call meeting" will be held.
- Doug L reported that our Food Pantry program will not be partnering with the Low Country Food Bank, but we are receiving a grant from Wittenberg Lutheran Church in Leesville for \$1,600. Kevin will be attending worship at Wittenberg on May 5 to receive the gift. He also told members that we have received a generous gift of \$724 from the members of Bethel Presbyterian Church.
- On behalf of the Christian Education committee, Amy told Council that a questionnaire will be in the May newsletter regarding a possible Sunday School program for Good

Shepherd. She also notified the members of the next Welcoming Wednesday program on May 8 featuring an ice cream social.

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.



Alter Flowers for May :

May 5	Kevin and Diane Wicker
May 12	Rob and Amy Rusnak
May 19	Dean and Charlotte Brinson
May 26	Bob and Gloria Ferris

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."

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 am via Zoom. Plans for the May Welcoming Wednesday were discussed. The committee also reviewed and edited a survey about Christian Education that will go out in the May newsletter and will be included as an insert in the April 28 bulletin. The deadline for the survey will be Sunday, May 19. The next meeting of the committee will be on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 am, where we will look at the survey response in making future plans.

Christian Education Survey 2024

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. We are exploring possibly starting a Bible study class at our church on Sundays at 10:00 am, as well as activities for our children and youth. Your input will help us gauge interest and plan accordingly. Please return your survey to the church by Sunday, May 19, 2024.

1. Demographic Information: Age: - (Under 18) (18-35) (36 and above)

2. Interest in Sunday Bible Study Class:

- a. How interested are you in participating in a Bible study class at our church on Sundays at 10:00 am? - Very interested - Somewhat interested - Neutral - Not very interested - Not interested at all
- b. If you are interested, what factors contribute to your interest? (Select all that apply) - Time of day - Day of the week (Sunday) - Desire for spiritual growth - Fellowship and community - Other (please specify)
- c. If you are NOT interested why? (Select all that apply) Time of day – Day of the week (Sunday) -Other (please specify)

3. Food Option:

- a. Would you be interested in having food options available during the Bible study class? - Yes, I would appreciate the option of having food - No, I prefer not to have food
- b. If yes, what type of food options would you prefer? (e.g., snacks, light refreshments, etc.)

4. Preferred Topics: What biblical or theological topics would you be interested in exploring during the Bible study class? (Select all that apply) - Lutheran doctrine and teachings - Study of specific books of the Bible - Christian ethics and values - Prayer and meditation - Other (please specify)

5. Leading: Would you like to lead the Bible study class? –(Yes) – (Yes but with help)–(No)

6. Children and Youth: Could you recommend an event or activity suitable for our children and youth? If yes, please share.

7. Volunteering: Would you like to help with an event for our children and youth?(Yes)– (No)

8. Additional Comments: Is there anything specific you would like to suggest or share regarding the proposed Sunday Bible study class?

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Birthdays : Rebecca Wicker Samantha Bell	2	3 Birthdays : Ava Smyly Morgan Dandridge	4
5 Cinco de Mayo! 11:00 AM Worship with Communion Anniversary : Dean & Charlotte Brinson	6 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Birthdays : Luke Shaw	7 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry Birthdays : Jared Fralix	8 6:00 PM Welcoming Wednesday	9	10 Birthdays : Ethan Alberts	11
12 Mother's Day! 11:00 AM Worship Service	13 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive Birthdays : Samantha Crawford	14	15 Anniversary : Rob & Amy Rusnak	16 Birthdays : Anne Marie Flanders	17	18 Armed Forces Day! Birthdays : Alisha Casella
19 11:00 AM Pentecost Sunday followed by a Congregational Dinner	20	21 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry Birthdays : Matt Zielke Anniversaries : Sal & Marylyn Praga Shannon & Billy Guess	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 10:00 AM Christian Education Committee Birthdays : Mary Eason Cindy Corley
26 11:00 AM Worship Service Birthdays : Sarah Rosebrock	27 Memorial Day! Birthdays : Hope Brinson Smyly	28 Anniversaries : Charles & Sandra Roberts	29 Anniversaries : Bob & Gloria Ferris	30	31	1