



The Shepherd's Staff

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Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry! (Continued)

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

Mrs. Mattie Quattlebaum Beach passed away on August 29, 1984. A plaque in memory of her years of dedicated service was installed by the door of her Sunday School room in the Nilson Parish Building. Mr. Ervin E. Beach gave a gift of money to purchase needed items for the church in memory of his mother, Mrs. Beach. The items purchased were new blue paraments and stole, a funeral pall, albs for the crucifers and acolytes, and new cotas for the children's choir.

A new copying machine was purchased in 1984 for the church office. In December, 1987, a new water cooler was purchased by the Lutheran Men and installed in the Nilson Parish Building. In 1988, the church sanctuary was painted and sconces were made and donated to the church by William Foster. The lamps and globes were purchased in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Stuck and Mrs. Dodie Shealy. 1989 marked the fifteenth year that Mrs. Linda Gilgen had served as organist and choir director.

Pastor B. Gene Baker resigned effective January 21, 1990, to accept a call to Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in York, South Carolina, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Chester, South Carolina. Upon Rev. Baker's departure from Good Shepherd, Rev. Fred Wilson, retired Air Force chaplain, served as the interim pastor. Pastor Wilson was often joined at worship by his wife, Doti.

In July and August of 1990, new front church doors were installed and painted. The exterior of the church was cleaned and all of the outside woodwork, including the steeple, was painted. The Church Council, ELCW, ELCM, Worship and Music Committee, Property Committee, and Service Committee gave

many hours of their time in planning, cleaning, and painting in preparation of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Gifts of money from the congregation, former members, and friends were received to help defray the expenses.

On September 9, 1990, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with South Carolina Synod Bishop James S. Aull and some of the church's former pastors participating in the service. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Aull.

In November 1990, Rev. H. Norton Rosebrock became the new pastor at Good Shepherd. Pastor Rosebrock, his wife Julie, and daughters Sarah and Jessica were an active part of the life of Good Shepherd for almost seven years. In April 1997, Rev. Rosebrock accepted a call to serve as pastor of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church in West Columbia, South Carolina. During this time also, the Social Ministry program was started, including the Food Pantry, to help those in the community in need of food or assistance with their bills.

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



Sunshine News :

Beginning **Wednesday, October 2**, the Christian Education committee will be hosting Wednesdays Together. On October 2, there will be a cookout and ice cream social. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex so we can adequately prepare. We will be having hot dogs and hamburgers. We ask that participants bring a side dish and/or an ice cream topping.



Calling all who like to make a joyful noise! The choir is returning this fall. Practice will be on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am beginning **Sunday, October 6**. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please see Diane Wicker.

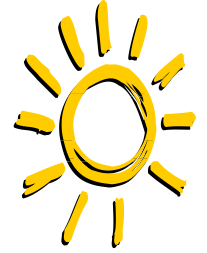
Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the Red Cross blood drive held on Monday, September 9. A total of 51 units were collected. The next blood drive at Good Shepherd will be Monday, November 11, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

We will start a **new prayer list** in October. 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

There are **new devotional booklets** in the narthex for the months of October, November, and December.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27! We are invited to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Ehrhardt, for their Harvest Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. that day. A covered dish meal will follow the service. **We will not have worship that day at Good Shepherd**, but will be joining the Ehrhardt Parish for worship there. There are **two sign-up sheets** in the narthex for this event: one for those who are willing to drive that day, and the other is for those who will need a ride that day.

Sunshine News : (Continued)



We have received about half of the newsletter postcards. If you have not mailed yours, please do so this week, or drop it by the church. **We dearly love sending you our monthly newsletter**, but we want to be as efficient in doing so as possible. So, we are asking that you return the post card to the church with your reply regarding how you would like to receive your newsletter. The choices are simple:

- I enjoy getting the newsletter each month by mail.
- I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail.
- I prefer not to receive the newsletter any longer.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail and e-mail, just check the first two options and we'll be happy to take care of that for you, also. Again, we want to communicate with you each month, but **we need your response** to know how to best do that. Thank you. Kevin kwicker@lowcountry.com

Good Shepherd will host Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2024, 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 Sal and Marylyn Praga in memory of Nick (son) and Olivia (granddaughter).

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

Save the Dates :

October is Reformation month and in honor of that, we will be having a series of Wed. Evening discussions on what Reformation means for us today. We tend to think of the Reformation as happening once for all times, but re-forming is an on-going reality. Our theology may be basically the same, but the 21st century is totally different from the world of Martin Luther's Day. How has the church changed? How have we changed?

Come join us on Wed. Evenings in October. We will share a meal beginning at 6:00 pm followed by evening discussions. We plan to be out the door latest by 7:30. Come - let's fellowship and discuss together.

Pastor Judy

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations are given to the Glory of God :

Social Ministry

Given by:

Joe Todd

In Honor of:

People of Good Shepherd

Altar Flowers for October :

October 6	Jon Carpenter
October 13	Doug Lindstrom
October 20	Cheryl Clayton
October 27	No Flowers

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."



Financial Corner

Just a few weeks ago, on Sunday, September 8, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church turned 84 years old, and I was thinking of how many offerings and gifts had been given over those decades to make church at 106 May Street possible today. In addition, there have been countless hours of talents and time given freely to see that Christ's Church exists in our little part of the community. And, just as those before us have invested in this little corner of God's World here in Walterboro, so too we are investing into future generations of Christ's children in this place. So, give joyfully knowing that today we are continuing to build the church for those yet to come and that God's will may be done.

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.

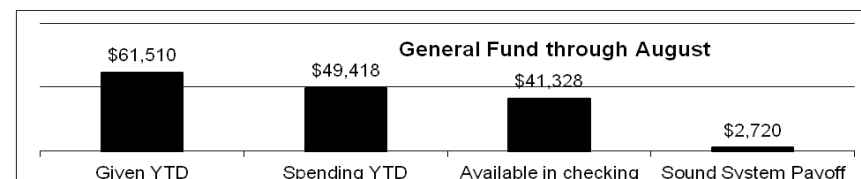
Kevin

August Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 6,769
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 3,290
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 140
Scholarship Fund	\$ 15
Wallace Fund (Sound System)	\$ 12,100

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,098
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,139
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 13,342
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 7,094
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 67,690
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 11,154
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 849



“God Knows”

“The Lord knoweth them that are his” II Timothy

They’ve loved you well for many years,
But now you often choke back tears.
The diagnosis is so clear.
God knows.

The many memories you have made,
In their mind begin to fade,
And now you feel alone, afraid.
God knows

They may forget those special days,
That in your mind are still engraved,
Like the day that they were saved.
God knows.

God saves, He keeps and He secures,
Even when there is no cure.
So, friend, take heart, and be assured,
God knows.

There are some things that God forgets,
Those sins that we have since confessed.
For that, we are supremely blessed!
God knows.

But God won’t forget the one you love.
His grace for you will be enough.
Keep trusting Him, who reigns above.
God knows.

Mrs. Andrea Shihady, Pastor’s wife, Bethel BCW. Carroll
(Dedicated to Sister Shihady’s family members and all
who are navigating the difficult path of Alzheimer
disease/dementia.)

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, Amy Rusnak, Sal Praga, Patty Delaney and family, Winfield and Merri Simons

Friends and Family

Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Carolyn Rahn, Laura Spivey, Grace LaRouche, (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Willie Strickland and family, Katrina Fryar, (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Ray Strickland (Theresa Strickland), the family of Bobby Hiott, the family of Gerald Beach (Ron Szymanski), Don Rivers, Chuck Hackman (Kevin Wicker), Pete Sudds, Jack & Dee, Sue, Pam (Sal & Marylyn Praga), Emily Carpenter (Jon Carpenter), Janice Kjellberg, Alice Sundt (Patty Delaney), Chase Sanders (Angela Crosby), Echo Poirier (Donna Murphy), Lauren Long (Kathie Whetsell), the family of Margaret Hoff

Serving In October :

Lay Reader

Amy Rusnak

Communion Assistant

Volunteer Needed

Ushers

Cheryl Clayton /
Jon Carpenter

Offering Tabulators

Doug Brinson /
Cheryl Clayton

Alter Guild

Marylyn Praga

Audio / Visual

Kevin Wicker /
Cheryl Clayton

Grounds Care

Volunteer Needed

Council Devotions

Natalie Gamble

LMM Breakfast / Program

Sal Praga & Kevin Wicker
/ Jon Carpenter

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.

Financial Corner

We are quickly moving through the summer months and you have done well in avoiding the infamous financial “Summer Slump.” We all know that the expenses of our ministry continue during the summer months, and in some cases, like with utility bills, the expenses of the summer increase. Fortunately, with the new heating and air conditioning equipment installed in the Fellowship Hall, we are seeing minor decreases in energy costs for that building. And, we are seeing savings from our new property insurance contract with Southern Mutual Insurance. It’s faithful giving, and controlling costs, which are helping us avoid that slump.

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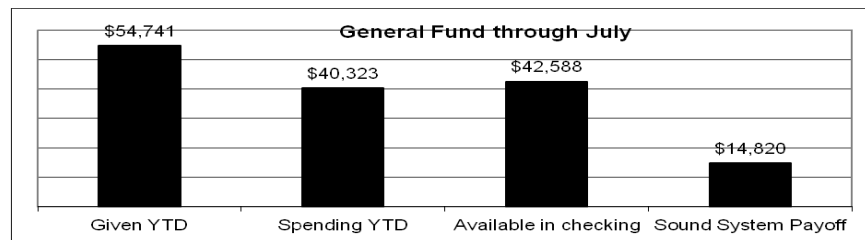
Kevin

July Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,459
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 480
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 190
Scholarship Fund	\$ 7,290
Wallace Fund (Sound System)	\$ 100

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,098
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,139
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 13,327
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 7,094
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,590
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 8,387
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 849



September Council meeting notes : 09-08-2024

The meeting was opened with brief devotional by Kevin.

- Members heard reports from Pastor Judy, Finance, Property and Grounds, Christian Education, Lutheran Men, and WELCA.
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- Council discussed the progress of the survey sent to the members and friends regarding the newsletter distribution list. The results will be compiled before the October newsletter distribution.
- Members also discussed the upcoming 2025 to 2027 Council election process that will begin October 6. Again this year, the election will be conducted in-person and by mail and will be completed before Christmas.
- Council approved the congregation attending the Harvest Sunday worship service and covered dish dinner on October 27 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran in Ehrhardt. On that Sunday, Good Shepherd will **not** have worship. There will be more details about carpooling and optional worship services via Facebook in coming weeks.
- Members discussed planting evergreen trees in front of the parsonage to provide shade to the front of the house in future years. Bob offered to donate red cedars from his land for this project. The trees will be planted in November.

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

Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd women will meet on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 pm. The hostess for the evening is Maria Rodriguez. Maria will also have devotions. We will be discussing plans for November and December.

Christian Education:

For the fall, to kick-off Wednesday programming, we will have a **cookout and ice cream social on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:00 pm.** We will follow that event with a four-week study of “Luther’s Teachings in Today’s World” (October 9, 16, 23, 30). We will start each week with a meal at 6:00 pm, followed by the program led by Pastor Judy. We should be finished by 7:30 pm each Wednesday. The next meeting of the Christian Education is Saturday, October 12, at 10:00 am. We will be finalizing plans for November and December.

Lutheran Men in Mission :

Eight men met for food and fellowship on Sunday Sept 8th. Rusty and Doug L. provided the breakfast and Mr. Kevin gave a program about some of the religious and biblical ideas that might impact a person’s decision whether to be cremated or not after they have passed away.

Mark your calendars: the Lutheran Men’s Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday Nov 9th. There will be a choice of fried catfish or grilled chicken, along with shrimp fried rice, green beans, cole slaw and our World Famous Lutheran Banana Pudding!

Our next meeting will be Sunday Oct 8th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Jon will have the program and Sal and Kevin. will provide breakfast. All men are welcome to attend!

Worship and Music:

The next meeting for Worship and Music will be **Tuesday, October 15,** at 10:00 am. We will be discussing plans for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Prayer List October - December, 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.

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry	2 6:00 PM Cookout and Ice Cream Social <u>Anniversary :</u> Donald & Mary Eason	3 <u>Birthday :</u> Emily Carpenter	4	5 <u>Birthday :</u> Doug Lindstrom
6 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	7 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet	8 <u>Birthday :</u> Graham Earl Brinson	9 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together	10	11 <u>Birthday :</u> John Corley	12 10:00 AM Christian Ed. Committee Meet <u>Anniversary :</u> Ryan & Theresa Barton
13 9:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship Service/Church Council <u>Birthdays :</u> Carrie Shaw Gerald Thomas	14 Columbus Day! <u>Birthdays :</u> R. J. Riles Elizabeth Miller	15 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM Worship and Music Committee <u>Birthday :</u> Brandon Fralix	16 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together <u>Birthday :</u> Jessie Rosebrock	17	18 <u>Birthdays :</u> Kylie Hiers Jake Jacobs	19
20 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	21	22 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline <u>Birthday :</u> Marilyn Zielke	23 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together	24	25 <u>Birthday :</u> Aaron Brinson <u>Anniversary :</u> Ethan & Rebecca Alberts	26 <u>Birthdays :</u> Hailey Guess Cindy Newman
27 11:00 AM Worship Service/Congregational Dinner at Mt. Pleasant <u>Birthdays :</u> Pastor Nancy Oliver Donald Eason	28 <u>Birthdays :</u> Rolfe Martin Sierra Obenaus	29	30 6:00 PM Wednesdays Together <u>Birthday :</u> Patricia Riles	31 Halloween! 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat at Good Shepherd	1	2