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Celebrating 84 Years of Ministry! (Continued)

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

In 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Nilson donated roof ventilators for the parsonage. On November 3, 1977, a neon lighted, gold painted, ten foot cross was installed on the parish building back exterior wall, facing Thompson Street. In addition, the church council established an endowment fund that same year.

Pastor Greenwalt retired on June 1, 1978, and moved to Mt. Dora, Florida. In July, an official call was sent to the Reverend Don C. Nolt of Springfield, Ohio, a recent graduate from the Hanna School of Theology. The Reverend Nolt was installed on September 10, 1978.

In 1978, the nursery in the Nilson Parish Building was carpeted, painted, and furnished. The kindergarten room also received new carpet. Also, in 1978, two candelabra were donated to the church by Colonel and Mrs. Donald M. Carter in honor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Elmer Carter.

On May 10, 1978, one of the organizers of Good Shepherd, Mrs. Amy Mary Nilson, passed away. She was the wife of Mr. David V. Nilson and mother of Mr. Ray D. Nilson, Mr. Howard A. Nilson and Mrs. Grace Nilson Mitchell.

In 1979, Pastor Nolt established a volunteer chaplaincy program at the Colleton Regional Hospital. Through this ministry, families suffering loss are cared for and visual tapes of meditation by local pastors began to be aired four times daily over the hospital's closed circuit television. Also, in 1979, Pastor Nolt served as President of the Walterboro Ministerial Association and applied through Church World Services for an Indo-Chinese family to be sent to Walterboro. In February, 1980, the Yang

family arrived, with donations and help from many area churches and businesses. On Easter morning, 1980, the choir wore new robes for the first time. During that service, the congregation began using the new Lutheran Book of Worship. Pastor Nolt planned and organized the fortieth anniversary celebration of Good Shepherd which was held August 3, 1980, led by Pastor Nolt and Dr. James S. Aull, Secretary of the South Carolina Synod. Those assisting in preparation were Wendy Herndon, Mary and Arden Lommen, Marilyn and Les Zielke, Doris and Ralph Doscher, Faye and Charles Rister, and Artelle and George Eckert.

Pastor Nolt resigned on October 1, 1981, to accept a call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida. Pastor Fred Dufford served as interim pastor from October, 1981, until August 18, 1982, when the Reverend B. Gene Baker started his work at Good Shepherd.

In June, 1982, the exterior of the church was painted. Harry and Janet Szymanski donated a cross for the front of the Nilson Parish Building and Robert and Jean Taylor donated a new cross for the church steeple. On December 12, 1983, new altar vases were donated by Mrs. Sheldon J. Jones, Sr. in memory of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold Doscher.

In January, 1984, six tape recorders were purchased and the church services were taped and distributed to the congregations shut-ins. New church signs were installed on the highways entering Walterboro.

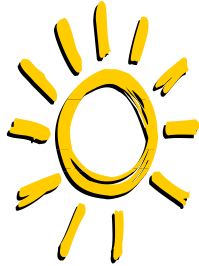
In 1984, Mr. Ray D. Nilson resigned as Church Treasurer and Mrs. Leona Nilson resigned as Financial Recording Secretary. Mr. Nilson served forty-five years and Mrs. Nilson served forty-one years. A congregational dinner was held in honor of the Nilsons on February 25, 1985, to express the congregation's appreciation for their faithful and dedicated services.

During 1984, the parsonage was repaired and the exterior was painted. A new heating and air-conditioning unit was installed in the parish building. The pastor's study was paneled and new carpeting was installed. The complete exterior of the Nilson Parish Building was painted by the men of the church.

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

Sunshine News :

The **American Red Cross** will be here at Good Shepherd for a **blood drive** on Monday, September 9, 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.



The **Amelia Conference Women of the ELCA** will be meeting at Good Shepherd on Saturday, September 21. Registration will begin at 11:30 am with lunch being served at noon. Program leaders for the meeting will be the Reverends Ray and Ruth Ann Sipe with Lutheran Disaster Response.

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.

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. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex for those who will need a ride to Ehrhardt and for those who are willing to drive. Further information will be in the bulletin in coming weeks.

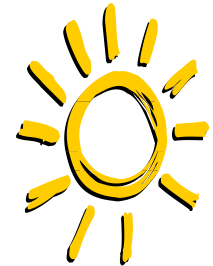
The Loose and Special Designated Offering for September will support **Lutheran Services Carolinas**. LSC places children in loving foster and adoptive homes, provides comprehensive services to adults with special needs, aids veterans in regaining their independence, helps refugees acclimate to life in a new country and counsels families in their time of need. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help LSC by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Lutheran Services Carolinas**” on your offering envelope, or by selecting “**Lutheran Services Carolinas**” on our on-line giving program on the church website.

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

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

Sunshine News : (Continued)

In a few days you will be receiving a letter from Good Shepherd asking for your response. **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.

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, the family of Dave Bockstege (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 September :

Lay Reader	Cheryl Clayton
Communion Assistant	Amy Rusnak
Ushers	Natalie Gamble / Kevin Wicker
Offering Tabulators	Natalie Gamble / Rusty Mezel
Alter Guild	Diane Wicker
Audio / Visual	Rob Rusnak / Matt Ferris
Grounds Care	Doug Lindstrom / Bob Ferris / Charles Rister
Council Devotions	Kevin Wicker
LMM Breakfast / Program	Rusty Mezel & Doug Lindstrom / Kevin Wicker

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In August !!!

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

GSLC Property and Grounds :

With the termination of our property and liability insurance with Church Mutual, we are losing several monitoring devices in our buildings like smoke alarms, water detectors, and the active intruder device. At their August meeting, Council approved purchasing similar equipment from SimpliSafe. Those devices have arrived and are now in operation in the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and the parsonage.

Altar Flowers for September :

September 1	Kevin & Diane Wicker
September 8	Carl & Gail Lindstrom
September 15	Janet Szymanski
September 22	Bob & Gloria Ferris
September 29	Winfield & Merri Simons

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."

August Council meeting notes : 08-11-2024

The meeting was opened with devotions by Bob.

- Members heard reports from Pastor Judy, Finance, Property and Grounds, Christian Education, Lutheran Men, and WELCA.
- Doug L reported that the next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, September 9 in our Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to donate blood.
- Kevin reported that the new Artificial External Defibrillator (AED) and LifeVac devices have been purchased. Council set training for these devices on Wednesday evening, August 28, at 6:00 p.m. All members and friends of Good Shepherd are encouraged to attend this short training session.
- Council discussed postage rates and our church newsletter distribution list. Council members will be reviewing the distribution list and sending post cards to some to verify that everyone who is receiving the monthly newsletter from Doug B is enjoying the publication.
- Council also discussed a "Christmas wish list" for Good Shepherd to include items that are used around the church throughout the year. Marylyn will be working on a draft list for a future meeting.
- Kevin made Council aware that water intrusion in front doors of the church is still a problem and he is continuing to seek a solution. Also, with the termination of our insurance coverage with Church Mutual, we will be losing our alarms for fire, water intrusion and active intruder alarm. Council approved the purchase of devices from SimpliSafe to replace the Church Mutual devices.

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 be hosting the Amelia Conference Women's Fall Meeting on Saturday, September 21, beginning at 11:30 am. There will be lunch, a program, and a business meeting. At our September meeting on **Tuesday, September 3**, we will be finalizing plans for the conference meeting. Patty Delaney is the hostess for the evening, and Kathie Whetsell will have the devotions.

Christian Education:

For the fall, to kick-off Wednesday programming, we will have a **cookout and ice cream social on Wednesday, October 2**. We will follow that event with a four-week Bible study on the teachings of Luther (October 9, 16, 23, 30). Then we will break. Sometime in November, we will plan to have some sort of social event. Then for the three Wednesdays before Christmas in December (December 4, 11, 18), we will have another study around the theme "Journey to Jerusalem." For the children, we will have "Trunk-or-Treat" at the church on October 31. We will also plan to go caroling to the shut-ins in December. Further planning will be discussed at our next meeting, which will be **Saturday, September 14**, at 10:00 am at the church. Watch the bulletin for more information.



Lutheran Men in Mission :

Eight men met for food and fellowship on Sunday Aug 11th. Jon and Rob provided the breakfast and Doug B. gave a program about some of the signs of the end times from the gospels, Revelation, and the Book of Daniel: natural disasters, war and conflicts, restoration of Israel, famine and disease, moral decay, false prophets, false Christs, and persecution. We need to be watchful, but also careful not to jump to hasty conclusions because in the end it will be a surprise.

Our next meeting will be Sunday Sept 8th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Kevin will have the program and Rusty and Doug L. will provide breakfast. All men are welcome to attend!!

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations are given to the Glory of God :

Sound System

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wicker

Given by:

Lee & Anna Sease

In Honor of:

Kevin Wicker (Birthday)

Scholarship Fund

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:

Pr. Rebecca Wicker

Food Pantry

Given by:

Kathie Whetsell
Janet Szymanski
Janet Szymanski

In Memory of:

Maria Rodriguez's Brother
Maria Rodriguez's Brother
Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wicker

Social Ministry

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wicker

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:

All Food Pantry Volunteers

Worship and Music:

The Worship and Music committee met on Tuesday, August 13, at the church. Some of the highlights of the meeting include:

- Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent (December 1), communion will be offered every Sunday.
- The choir will start back with practice on Sunday, October 6, at 10:00 am.
- Altar Guild guidelines were updated to reflect current practices. For those who may be interested in learning more, Diane will offer training in January.
- Volunteers will be needed to lead portions of the worship service on Sunday, November 24.
- Diane and Cheryl will be checking on poinsettia prices for Christmas.

The next meeting for Worship and Music will be **Tuesday, October 15**, at 10:00 am.

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.

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.

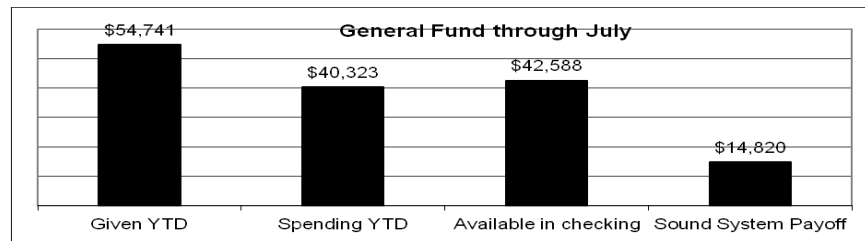
Kevin

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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Birthday :</u> Raymond Riles	2 Labor Day! <u>Birthday :</u> Abigail Alberts	3 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Birthday :</u> Raleigh Obenaus	4 <u>Anniversary :</u> Mimi and Eddie Wertz	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM LMM Breakfast Meeting 11:00 AM Worship / Church Council <u>Birthdays :</u> GSLC (1940) David Knapp	9 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive <u>Anniversaries :</u> Carl & Gail Lindstrom Pastor Craig & Georgia Boehlke	10	11 Patriot Day!	12 <u>Birthday :</u> Roberta McCullough	13	14 10:00 AM Christian Ed. Committee Meet
15 11:00 AM Worship with Communion <u>Birthday :</u> Melissa Murphy	16 <u>Birthday :</u> Carolina Jade Fralix <u>Anniversary :</u> Patricia & Raymond Riles	17 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry <u>Birthday :</u> Whit Carter	18 <u>Birthdays :</u> Linda Gilgen Lucas Connelly Billy Guess	19	20	21 11:30 AM Amelia Conference at GSLC <u>Birthday :</u> Amber Casella
22 1st Day of Autumn! 11:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	23 <u>Birthdays :</u> Matt Ferris Georgia Boehlke Pr. Rich Johnston	24 <u>Birthdays :</u> Alison McCullough Jamie Connelly Gaby Thomas	25 <u>Anniversary :</u> Holger Obenaus & Cindy Newman	26	27	28
29 11:00 AM Worship Service	30 <u>Birthday :</u> Jessica Steele Nettles <u>Anniversary :</u> Hope & Lloyd Smyly	1	2	3	4	5