



The Shepherd's Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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HOMECOMING

(Has Arrived)



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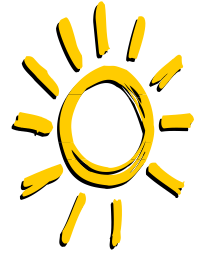
Celebrating 85 years in Colleton County

Please join us

Sunday, September 21, 2025

(See inside for more information)

Sunshine News :



SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, September 21, 2025**, Good Shepherd will celebrate 85 years of ministry in Walterboro with a Homecoming Service. A congregational covered-dish dinner will follow the service. The meat for the meal will be provided. In order to adequately plan for the meal, we need for those of you planning to attend to RSVP by either calling the church (843-549-5353) or signing up on the sheet in the narthex. **Deadline is Monday, September 8.**

The American Red Cross will be at Good Shepherd on



Monday, September 15, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The need for blood is always great. Come out and give the gift of life. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.

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.

On the first Sunday of September, **Rev. Sarah Quinney** from **Lutheran Services Carolinas** will lead our worship service.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of September are given by Margaret Juttner in memory of Bill.

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

News from NovusWay :

Greetings Camp Friends,

Another incredible summer at Lutheridge, Lutherock, and Luther Springs is in the books—and our hearts are full. More than 2,000 children and adults experienced a week at Lutheridge, over 500 at Lutherock, and more than 400 at Luther Springs. That total includes over 800 participants in the Disaster Response Program, traveling from as far away as Nebraska, Texas, and Illinois, as well as from communities closer to home.

Our gratitude for your overwhelming response to Hurricane Helene recovery continues. We are humbled to share that, through your financial generosity and volunteer time, as well as the generosity of LDR and insurance claims, we are in a strong financial position to continue our recovery effort as a ministry. Hurricane recovery gifts are no longer needed. For the second half of 2025, we are turning our efforts toward continuing to strengthen our regular "where needed most" giving, which supports our day-to-day work of planning and implementing summer camp and year-round programs that provide meaningful experiences, authentic friendships, high adventure, leadership development, and fun in God's creation.

In Christ,

Mike + Mitzie

Interim CEOs

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wish List

Many thanks to those who have helped fulfill our Wish List. A new Wish List will be coming out soon! Keep checking the bulletins and newsletters for more needed items.

If you have any questions please contact:

Marylyn Praga: 518-768-8207 or
email: Mip8207@aol.com

Thank you for your support!

Your Church Council

Good Shepherd Women:

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies during the month of July. A total of 27 complete kits were put together from your donations. These kits, as well as the extra supplies, were handed out at the food pantry during the month of August. The next meeting for the women will be on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 pm at the church. Diane Wicker will be the hostess and have the devotions.

Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met Saturday, August 23, at the church. Plans for the fall were discussed, including hosting Trunk-or-Treat, a Bingo night, and caroling. The possibility of having a study series during Advent was also discussed. The date for the next meeting is Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 am.

Worship and Music:

The Worship and Music committee met on Tuesday, August 12, at the church. Plans for Homecoming were discussed. The next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be Tuesday, October 7, at 10:00 am at the church. We will start planning for Advent and Christmas.



September 1, 2025

Altar Flowers for Septeber :

September 7:	Janet Szymanski
September 14:	Margaret Juttner
September 21:	Bob and Gloria Ferris
September 28:	Winfield and 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: 08-10-2025

Amy called the meeting to order and Matt lead the group in devotions.

- The minutes from the July meeting, presented by Natalie, were approved and the financial report for July and year-to-date was presented by Kevin.
- Council then heard reports from Pastor Judy, Property and Grounds, Christian Education, Good Shepherd WELCA, Lutheran Men, and Worship and Music.
- Pastor Judy offered to hire a contractor to cut the shrubs around the entire church property before our homecoming Sunday. Council graciously and unanimously accepted her offer.
- Council discussed receiving quotes from two individuals to provide custodial services in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary narthex. This item was tabled until quotes are received.
- Council also discussed an offer from two Good Shepherd members to provide new floor covering for the "parlor." This item was tabled until more information is gathered.

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

Your Council members are Amy Rusnak (Chair), Doug Lindstrom (Vice Chair), Natalie Gamble (Secretary), Doug Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Matt Ferris, Marylyn Praga, Rusty Mezel, and Kevin Wicker.

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the family of Anne Marie Flanders-Vendrick, Roberta McCullough, Jim & Ilona Strickland, Frances Barton, Ted Avant, Margaret Juttner, Gail & Carl Lindstrom, Donna Murphy, Winfield & Merri Simons, Maria Rodriguez, Pastor Craig & Georgia Boehlke, Bill Turza, Gloria Ferris

Friends and Family

Gary Bunch, Carolyn Rahn, Laura Spivey, (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Katrina Fryar, (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Don Rivers, Chuck Hackman, (Kevin Wicker), Courtney Wilkins, Wesley McDonald, Ronald Harvey, Jimmy Fitts (Cheryl & Donnie Clayton), Brenda Colston (Rusty & Lisa Mezel), Lauren Long, Autumn, Josh Lyons (Kathie Whetsell), Larry Kenngott (Donna Murphy), Dee, Cecile and Mike (the Pragas), Joanne Perrin

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.

Lutheran Men in Mission :

Eleven men met for food and fellowship on August 10. Mr. Bob and Mr. Charles had the meal. Rob (in a surprise switch) was able to finish his talk about "What Happened between the Old and New Testaments" and talked about how debates in the Jewish world as the time spilled over into the life and teachings of Jesus and the early church. The truant officer made sure that Sal and Mr. Charles attended this time.

The men began planning for the fall fish fry in November: stay tuned! Our next meeting is Sunday Sept 14th at 9 AM in the social hall. Mr. Kevin will have the program and Rusty and Doug L. with have the meal. All men are welcome to attend!

Serving In September:

Lay Reader	Kathie Whetsell
Communion Assistant	Amy Rusnak
Ushers	Rusty Mezel / Natalie Gamble
Offering Tabulators	Rusty Mezel / Natalie Gamble
Alter Guild	Cheryl Clayton
Audio / Visual	Rob Rusnak / Matt Ferris
Grounds Care	Doug Brinson
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.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations are given to the Glory of God :

Wallace Fund

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Honor of:</u>
Emmett Wicker	Kevin Wicker (Birthday)
Edwina Wicker	Kevin Wicker (Birthday)
Lee & Anna Sease	Kevin Wicker (Birthday)

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Doug & Ellen Brinson	Ann Marie Flanders-Vendrick

Lommen Love Fund

<u>Given by:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
Kevin & Diane Wicker	Ann Marie Flanders-Vendrick

Financial Corner

Well, July is “in the books.” The bad news is we spent a bit more than we collected during the month, but the good news is that year-to-date we have spent less than we have collected. And, in other good news, there were no unexpected expenses during the month. Also, in the good news category; our debt to the Wallace Fund for our new roof went below \$3,000 in July. So, because of your generosity, the financial good news continues to outpace the bad!

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	\$ 7,008
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 2,580
Flowers	\$ 185
Wallace Fund	\$ 180
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$ 1,147
Service Committee	\$ 350
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 94
Wish List	\$ 35
Candles	\$ 50

Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,934
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,366
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 846
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 6,985
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 69,070
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 12,531
Service Committee	\$ 443
Wednesdays Together	\$ 741



First Day of Autumn – September 22, 2025

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SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day! <u>Birthday :</u> Raymond Riles	2 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Women Meet <u>Birthday :</u> Abigail Alberts	3 <u>Birthday :</u> Raleigh Obenaus	4 <u>Anniversary :</u> Mimi & Eddie Wertz	5	6
7 10:00 AM Choir 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	8 <u>Birthdays :</u> GSLC (1940) David Knapp	9 <u>Anniversaries :</u> Carl & Gail Lindstrom Pr. Craig & Georgia Boehlke	10	11 Patriot Day!	12 <u>Birthday :</u> Roberta McCullough	13
14 9:00 AM LMM Breakfast 10:00 AM Choir 11:00 AM Worship with Communion Followed by Church Council	15 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive <u>Birthday :</u> Melissa Murphy	16 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Food Pantry <u>Birthday :</u> Carolina Jade Fralix <u>Anniversary :</u> Patricia & Raymond Riles	17 <u>Birthday :</u> Whit Carter	18 <u>Birthdays :</u> Linda Gilgen Lucas Connelly Billy Guess	19	20 11:30 AM Amelia Conference WELCA
21 Homecoming! 10:00 AM Choir 11:00 AM Worship with Communion Followed by Congregational Dinner <u>Birthday :</u> Amber Casella	22 First Day of Autumn! 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	26	27
28 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	29	30 <u>Birthday :</u> Jessica Steele Nettles <u>Anniversary :</u> Hope & Lloyd Smyly	1	2	3	4