



# 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)

Rev. Don Loadholdt graciously served as the interim pastor from May until August 1997. His wife, Betty, often joined Pastor Loadholdt for worship at Good Shepherd.

Pastor John Wertz, Jr. served as pastor of Good Shepherd from August 1997 until April 2004. During his years at Good Shepherd, Corson and Parker were born to Pastor John and his wife Kris.

In 2001, the Special Gathering of Walterboro began meeting in the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd. The Special Gathering is a para-church ministry within the special needs (mentally challenged) community. They meet every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for a full worship service with refreshments following. They also give out groceries on most Sundays. Special Gathering provides parties and social gatherings to the participants as funds allow.

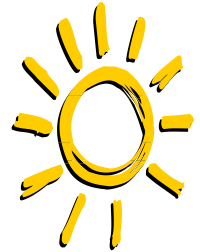
The sanctuary, which had served the congregation since its founding, was torn down in spring of 2001. The last service in the old sanctuary was the Easter service in 2001. The ground breaking for the new sanctuary was the first Sunday in May 2001. Construction of the new sanctuary began shortly thereafter and was completed in October 2001. The first service in the new sanctuary was on Sunday, October 21 and the dedication service was on Sunday afternoon, December 2, 2001.

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

**Happy New Year!**

## Sunshine News :

**Congratulations** to our newly-elected council members for 2025-2027: Jon Carpenter, Natalie Gamble, and Matt Ferris. They, along with the returning council members, will be installed during the worship service on Sunday, January 19.



The Super Bowl is **Sunday, February 9, 2025**. That is also the day for **the Souper Bowl of Caring**. Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations given that day will support our food pantry.



We will start a **new prayer list** in January. 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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com)

The **American Red Cross** will be at Good Shepherd on Monday, January 13, from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a blood drive. This will be the first blood drive for 2025. Come out and give the gift of life. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.



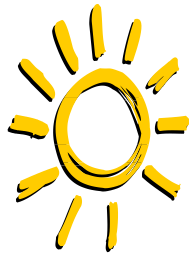
There will be a **congregational meeting** after worship on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a spending plan for 2025. **Church council** will meet after the congregational meeting that day, also.

**Choir** will take a break for the month of January. Choir will return in February.

The next **Wednesdays Together** will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Watch the bulletin for further information.

## Sunshine News : (Continued)

Sign-up sheets for 2025 are now available in the narthex. There are many volunteer opportunities, so please check it out!



**The Loose and Special Designated Offering for January** will support **Lutheran Homes of South Carolina**. After more than a century, Lutheran Homes of South Carolina's ministry continues to evolve and set standards for a comprehensive continuum of care and services for older adults. Lutheran Homes is also the managing agency for **Lutheran Hospice**. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help LHSC by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**Lutheran Homes of SC**" on your offering envelope.

**The sanctuary candles for the month of January** are given by Janet Szymanski.

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



## Serving In January :

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cheryl Clayton
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Ushers</b>	Rusty Mezel / Kevin Wicker
<b>Offering Tabulators</b>	Rusty Mezel / Natalie Gamble
<b>Alter Guild</b>	Diane Wicker
<b>Audio / Visual</b>	Rob Rusnak / Matt Ferris
<b>Grounds Care</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Council Devotions</b>	Pastor Judy McGuire
<b>LMM Breakfast / Program</b>	Bob Ferris & Charles Rister / Jon Carpenter

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In December !!!

**\*\*Note:** If you are unable to serve during your month, please be responsible and ask someone to substitute for you. hymns. Worship will be at 11:00 am.

## Financial Corner

Merry Christmas from the Financial Corner.

At their December meeting, your Council finalized the **2025 Spending Plan for Ministry** which will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on **Sunday, January 19**, following worship.

Exciting news! As a result of a very generous gift from **Mr. Marion and Mrs. Gail Glover**, we have returned all the money to the **Wallace Fund** that we borrowed for the **Sound/Streaming system!** The Wallace Fund is now available, once again, for future projects at Good Shepherd. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Glover!

I can't say "**Thank you!**" enough for your gifts to Good Shepherd in 2024. Without **every** gift we could not continue the ministry we do throughout the year, and your gifts to the General Fund allow us to pay those mundane, boring, routine, monthly bills which are necessary to continue being "church" here in Walterboro and Colleton County.

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

## November Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 7,150
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 605
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 185
Wednesdays Together	\$ 123
Wallace Fund (Sound System)	\$ 65
Memorial Fund	\$ 75
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 308
Poinsettias	\$ 160

## Fund Accounts

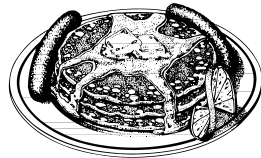
Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,100
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,214
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 13,356
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 7,197
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 67,886
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 12,817
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 994

## Good Shepherd Women:

The next meeting of the Good Shepherd Women will be Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Faye Rister will be the hostess and Kathie Whetsell will have the devotions. We will be discussing plans for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, and for the Chari-TEA for SC Lutheran Retreat Centers to be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

## Lutheran Men in Mission :

A wonderful time was had by all at the LMM/WELCA Christmas Party this year! Our first meeting in the New Year will be Sunday January 12th at 9 AM in the Social Hall. Jon will have the program and Mr. Bob and Mr. Charles will have the breakfast. All men are welcome to attend!



## Christian Education:

The next meeting of the Christian Education committee will be Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the church.

## Worship and Music:

The next meeting of the Worship and Music committee will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the church.

## Altar Flowers for January :

January 5	Charles and Faye Rister
January 12	Kathie Whetsell
January 19	Janet Szymanski
January 26	Kevin and Angela Crosby

*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."*

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations are given to the Glory of God :*

### Lommen Love Fund

Given by:  
Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:  
Arden & Mary Lommen

### Social Ministry

Given by:  
Kevin Wicker

In Honor of:  
Diane Wicker  
(Merry Christmas)

### LDRC

Given by:  
Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Honor of:  
Pr. Judy McGuire  
(Merry Christmas)

Kevin Wicker

Diane Wicker  
(Merry Christmas)

### General Fund

Given by:  
Olin H. Fralick, Jr.

In Memory of:  
Mrs. Beverly Fralick

Given by:  
Pr. Rebecca Wicker

In Honor of:  
Diane Wicker  
(Merry Christmas)

## November Council Meeting Notes: 12-8-2024

The meeting was opened with devotions by Rusty.

- Members then reviewed the financial reports for 2024 through November.
- They then reviewed a draft of the **2025 Spending Plan for Ministry**; made necessary changes, and approved the Spending Plan to be presented to the congregation at the **annual meeting on January 19** following worship.
- Council then heard Pastor Judy's report, as well as reports from Christian Education, Lutheran Men, WELCA, Property Committee, Worship and Music Committee, and Social Ministry.

- Members then heard updates on the Council ballot process, the church “wish list” for Christmas, and our support of Lutheran Disaster Response Carolina following Hurricane Helene. During October, Good Shepherd collected \$1,195 for LDRC. Council approved LDRC as our designated offering for the month of December.

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.

## Something to Share :

### **“Before He Was Born, After He Died”**

by Willard Thomas

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”  
Hebrews 13:8

Jesus lived before He was born.  
Even before that first Christmas morn.  
From ivory palaces & streets of gold,  
He came to a stable, damp & cold.

He came not to live, but He came to die;  
In Joseph’s new tomb, His body would lie.  
But on the third day, as dawn was a-breaking  
The earth was a-quaking, and death was a-shaking.

Out of the tomb with His head held high,  
He lives today in His home in the sky!  
He lived, yes; He lived before He was born,  
He lives after death on His glorious throne!!

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25)

## LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

### Good Shepherd Family

Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim & Ilona Strickland, Frances Barton, Ted & Sara Avant, Margaret Juttner, Gail & Carl Lindstrom, Donna Murphy, Sal Praga, Winfield & Merri Simons, Cheryl Clayton, Pastor Craig & Georgia Boehlke, John Gilgen

### Friends and Family

Gary Bunch, Lavern Smoak, Carolyn Rahn, Laura Spivey, Grace LaRouche, the mother of Dorn Cammon (Janet Szymanski), Jean Strickland, Katrina Fryar, (Ray and Theresa Strickland), Ray Strickland (Theresa Strickland), Don Rivers, Chuck Hackman, “Chop” Cooper (Kevin Wicker), Dee, Cecile, Mike, Dave (Sal & Marylyn Praga), Joy Shuler (Gloria Ferris), Betty Weaver (Natalie Gamble), Amanda Elkins (Marilyn Peters), Parks Mangum, John Koger (the Risters), Nell Worden (Amy Rusnak), Scott Frazier, Kim Fitts and family (Cheryl Clayton), the family of John Babcock (The Boehlkes), Echo Poirier, Angela Piaseczny, Patricia Hickman (Donna Murphy), Lauren Long, Carmen Johnson (Kathie Whetsell), the Pulis-Wolf family (Angela Crosby), Madison Strickland (Jaymie Strickland)

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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!**

January 20, 2025



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# JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 <b>New Year's Day!</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Madison Strickland <u>Anniversary :</u> John & Cindy Corley	2  <u>Birthday :</u> Jesse Carter	3	4  <u>Anniversary :</u> Charles & Faye Rister
5  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>	6  6:00 PM <b>Good Shepherd Women Meet</b>	7  9:30 AM – 11:00 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>	8	9  <u>Birthday :</u> Addison Crosby	10	11  10:00 AM <b>Christian Ed. Committee Meets</b>
12  9:00 AM <b>LMM Breakfast Meet</b>  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>	13  1:00 PM – 7:00 PM <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	14  <u>Anniversary :</u> Mike & Sandy Alberts	15	16	17  <u>Birthday :</u> Patty Delaney	18  <u>Birthdays :</u> Janet Szymanski Scarlett Austyn Fralix
19  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion followed by Congregational Meeting / Church Council Meets</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Donna Eason Burns <u>Anniversary :</u> Rusty & Lisa Mezel	20  <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!</b>  <u>Birthday :</u> Gail Glover	21  9:30 AM – 11:00 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>  10:00 AM <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meet</b>	22  6:00 PM <b>Wednesdays Together</b>  10:00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <u>Birthday :</u> Chapin Jacobs	23	24	25
26  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <u>Birthdays :</u> Owen Crosby Olin Bishop	27	28	29	30	31  <u>Birthdays :</u> Mimi Wertz Danielle Fraser	1