



The

Shepherd's

Staff

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
106 May Street
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November 2019

Farewell :

Pastor Rich Johnston



From : Family and Friends of GSLC

Mutual Ministry Update

We are excited to announce that beginning in the month of November, Pastor Craig Boehlke will be serving as our interim pastor for two Sundays each month. Pastor Boehlke currently serves as the part time assisting pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort South Carolina. On the Sundays that Pastor Boehlke is not able to be with us, the SC Synod will be providing us with a supply pastor that might include a few faces from our past.

If any member of the church has a pastoral need or concern, please feel free to contact any of the Mutual Ministry Committee members.

Members names and telephone numbers are as follows:

Jon Carpenter	(864)980-9297
Shannon Guess	(843)607-4544
Angela Crosby	(843)909-3004
Kevin Wicker	(843)908-5138

The Rev. Dr. Craig Boehlke is a native of Euclid, Ohio. He has a BA from Capital University, M.Div. from Trinity Seminary, and D.Min. from Princeton. Pastor Craig served as associate pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, St. Paul, as senior pastor at All Saints Lutheran, Cottage Grove, and senior pastor of Christ the King Lutheran, Mankato, all in Minnesota. He also served 15 years as the Region 3 (MN and the Dakotas) Coordinator for Ministry Leadership for the ELCA before retiring to Sun City Hilton Head. He still serves one day a week and one Sunday per month at St. John's Lutheran, Beaufort. Pastor Craig is married to wife Georgia and has two adult children and one granddaughter.

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Good Shepherd

The annual **Fall Fish Fry for Social Ministry** is upon us; **Saturday, November 9**, in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. In addition to catfish fillets, there will be shrimp fried rice, and chicken for those who aren't particularly fond of fish. Tickets are available from any of the Lutheran Men for \$10 per plate. Young people age 10 and under eat for free.

Our November meeting will be on the third Sunday, November 17, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be provided by **Doug Brinson** and the program by **Doug Lindstrom**. All men of the congregation and their guests are very welcomed to join us for food and fellowship.

Financial Report For October 13, 2019

General Fund Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 2,035.00
General Fund Offering received last week	\$ 6,756.00
General Fund Offering received, year to date	\$ 78,384.00
Ministry Spending Plan in 2019; week # 41	\$ 83,397.00
Novus Way Ministries, month-to-date	\$ 56.00

Sunshine News :

The next **Good Shepherd Women's** meeting will be held on Monday, November 4 at the office of Shannon Guess, beginning at 6:00 pm. All women of the congregation are welcome!



The Finance Committee will be meeting in November to begin the budgeting process for 2020. If you would like to be part of the Finance Team, or just want to know more about our church finances, please let Jon Carpenter or Kevin Wicker know you are interested. You certainly don't have to be an accountant to be a valuable part of the Finance Team.

Lowcountry Empty Bowls is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, at St. Anthony's. There will be both a lunch (12 noon to 1:30 pm) and a dinner (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm) that day. Tickets are \$10 per person for each meal and will be available at the door. Volunteers are needed that day to provide soups and desserts and to help serve. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Diane Wicker.

Because of Empty Bowls, there will be **NO choir rehearsal** on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

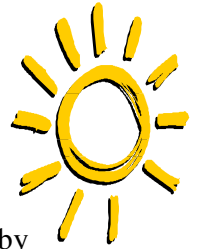
We are now taking orders for **poinsettias for Christmas Eve**. The order forms can be found in this newsletter and in the narthex. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 1, 2019.

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 an usher. The prayer list is updated every three months. You may also email your prayer requests to thewickers@lowcountry.com.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of November are given to the glory of God by Shannon and Billy Guess in honor of Hailey and Riley Guess.

**** Note:** The cost of Sanctuary Candles is \$20 per month. Please place a check in the offering plate to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church designated "**Sanctuary Candles**".

Sunshine News : (Continued)



The loose and special designated offerings for October will Our loose and special designated offerings for November will support the **ELCA World Hunger. World Hunger** responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of **relief, development, education, and advocacy**, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ's call to "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37), serving with compassion people who are most vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full participation of women and the needs of children.

Together, in Christ's name, **we experience the transforming power of connection**. As individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger.

This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for "**World Hunger**" on your offering envelope.

LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT FOR :

Good Shepherd Family

Brenda and Pat Ostendorf, the Vendricks, Roberta McCullough, Jim Strickland, Buddy and Joyce Carter, Frances Barton, Ted Avant, Elizabeth Miller, Eleanore Gloeckler, Mary Lommen, Frank Wilson, Margaret Juttner, Gloria Ferris

Friends and Family

Mr. & Mrs. M. Nettles, Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Bunch, the family of Gladys Mosandel, Lavern Smoak, Jolena Haulston, Mr. & Mrs. G. Spivey, Bill Walters (Janet Szymanski), the family of Dot Evans (Joyce Carter), Evans Simons (Winfield Simons), Jean Strickland (Theresa Crosby and Ray Strickland), Margaret Hoff (Amy Rusnak), Roxanne Lane (Kevin Wicker), Tim Reisner (Rusty and Lisa Mezel), the family of Allen Hart (Maria Patterson), Bradley Davis (Angela and Kevin Crosby), Inieg Wilson (Christine Henderson), the family of Gary Taylor (Olin Bishop), Tommy Sims (Bob and Gloria Ferris), the family of Sue Cook

Financial Corner:

Since our October newsletter, Pastor Rich has resigned as our pastor, thus totally changing the complexion of our **Spending Plan** for the remainder of this year, and certainly the planning process for next year. While we expect to experience savings in some areas, we also expect to experience increases in others, like funding various supply pastors and an interim pastor. As well, our Property Committee will be approaching Church Council regarding repairs needed to the parsonage during this interim period.

With that being said, your gifts are still extremely important to the ministry of Good Shepherd. With our **checking balance** down by \$5,500 since the beginning of the year, the **Fellowship Hall Roof Project balance** at \$5,230, the **Wallace Estate fund** down by \$42,000 over the past five years, and upcoming **expenses in the parsonage**, there will always be opportunities to help with our ministries and infrastructure of the church.

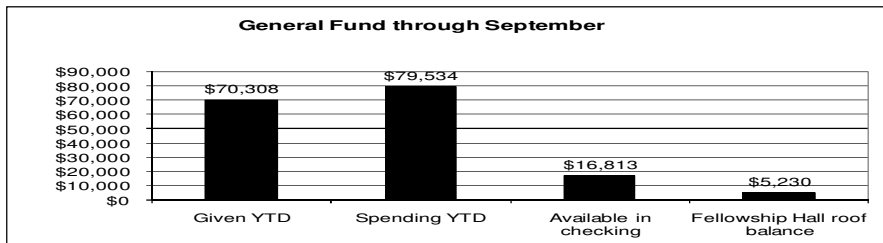
I'd like to close this month's update on a note of joy. You will notice below that we had wonderful gifts during September to our **Social Ministry** program, **Wonderful Wednesday** program, **Lutheran Services in the Carolinas**, **Lutheroad**, and the **Dorian Hurricane Relief** fund. These are all programs that are having a positive impact on lives outside of our immediate church family.

Meanwhile, until next month, I hope to see you in church.

Kevin

September Offering and Gifts

General Fund	
Wallace Fund	
Social Ministry / Food Pantry	\$ 230
Wonderful Wednesday	\$ 220
Lutheran Services Carolinas	\$ 112
Flowers	\$ 235
Candles	\$ 20
WELCA	\$ 10
Hurricane Relief	\$ 366
LutheRoad	\$ 850



Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA

The Good Shepherd Women met on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the office of Shannon Guess. Marie Wilson was the hostess for the evening, and Diane Wicker had the devotions. The minutes from the September 2019 meeting were reviewed, and the treasurer's report was received as information.

Business:

1. **The 2020 SCWELCA Convention** will be held June 12-13, 2020, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Newberry, SC. There will be more information about the 2020 convention in the next issue of the Ripple.
2. The Fall 2020 meeting of the **Amelia Conference Women** will be at St. Nicholas, Fairfax, on Saturday, September 19, 2020.
3. **Proceeds from May yard sale:** After some discussion, it was decided to disburse the funds to the following groups: to The Fill-the-Stocking Project of First Steps of Colleton County, to the Boy Scouts' Christmas project for the Veterans Victory House, and to Special Gathering. Faye will also see about applying for Thrivent Action teams for the Fill-the-Stocking project and for the Boy Scouts' project.
4. **Lowcountry Empty Bowls** will be on Tuesday, November 12, for lunch and dinner. Diane attended the planning meeting at St. Anthony's on Thursday, October 10. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to provide soups or desserts and to help serve.
5. **LMM/WELCA Christmas dinner:** The dinner will be on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Kevin and Diane Wicker. Further plans will be discussed at the November meeting.

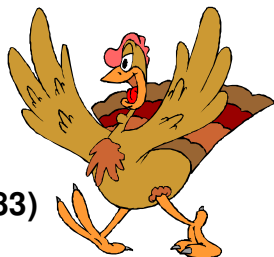
There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 4, beginning at 6:00 pm, at the office of Shannon Guess. Shannon will be the hostess and Amy Rusnak will have devotions.

Diane Wicker, Secretary

November Birthdays :

November 1 Becky Hitchens
November 3 Brantley Carter
November 4 Leila Shaw
November 8 Julie Epple
November 10 Martin Luther (1483)
November 11 Bob Ferris
November 12 Braeden Rhea Westbury
November 17 Dorn Cammon
November 20 Kevin Crosby
November 21 Patrick Smith
November 22 Charles Roberts
November 23 Vonda Calcutt
November 25 Ben Wicker
 Alice Vendrick
November 26 Donnie Clayton



November Anniversaries:

November 3 Garrett & Tara Brinson
November 7 Sue & Bud Nussman
November 8 Phil & Carrie Shaw
November 30 Danielle & Douglas Fraser

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Flowers for November

November 3: Marie Wilson
November 10: Angela and Kevin Crosby
November 17: Maria Patterson
November 24: Kevin and Diane Wicker

Christmas Poinsettia- Order Form

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please fill out the form and place in the offering plate. There are two options with the price listed for each option. Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd. You may pick up your poinsettia following the Christmas Eve service.

Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Size

Color

_____ small: \$20

_____ red

_____ large: \$25

_____ white

Check enclosed Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Saturday, Nov. 2	10:00 AM	Christian Education Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 3	2:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	10:00 AM	All Saints' Sunday / Worship with Communion
Monday, Nov. 4	6:00 PM	Good Shepherd Women Meet
Tuesday, Nov. 5	7 AM -7 PM	Election Day
	10 AM-Noon	Food Pantry
	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Nov. 6	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Saturday, Nov. 9	4:30 -7 PM	Lutheran Men's Fish Fry
Sunday, Nov. 10	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11	All Day	Veterans Day
	1 -7 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, Nov. 12	12 -1:30 PM	Empty Bowls Lunch
	5:30 -7 PM	Empty Bowls Dinner
	TBA	NO Choir Practice
Wed., Nov. 13	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Sunday, Nov. 17	8:00 AM	LMM Breakfast Meeting
	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	4:30 PM	Special Gathering Board Mtg
Tuesday, Nov. 19	10 AM-Noon	Food Pantry
	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Nov. 20	5 -7 PM	Wonderful Wednesday
Friday, Nov. 22	10:00 PM	Newsletter deadline
Sunday, Nov. 24	10:00 AM	Christ the King Sunday
		Worship with Communion
Tuesday, Nov. 26	5:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wed., Nov. 27	TBA	NO Wonderful Wednesday (Thanksgiving break)
Thursday, Nov. 28	All Day	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, Dec. 1	10:00 AM	First Sunday of Advent
		Worship with Communion

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Ushers :	Charles Rister / Bob Ferris
Lay Reader :	Jon Carpenter
Altar Guild :	Diane Wicker
Communion Asst. :	Shannon Guess
Acolyte :	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Offering Tabulators :	Angela Crosby / Faye Rister
Grounds Care :	Doug Brinson
Council Devotions	Shannon Guess
Women of ELCA : (hostess)	Shannon Guess
	(Devotions) Amy Rusnak
LMM : (program)	Doug Lindstrom
	(meal) Doug Brinson

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.*

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Donations given to the Glory of God to:

Wallace / Roof Fund

Given by:

Janet Szymanski (Wallace)
Doug & Ellen Brinson (Roof)

In Memory of:

Dot Evans
Frieda Davis

Food Pantry

Given by:

Ernie & Cleo Gartner
Hazel Brabham
Hazel Brabham

In Memory of:

Frieda Davis
Roy Brabham
Judy Broderick

Service Committee

Given by:

Janet Szymanski

In Memory of:

Frieda Davis

Social Ministry

Given by:

Kevin & Diane Wicker

In Memory of:

Frieda Davis