



# 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)

The Reverend Virgil A. Cameron moved to Good Shepherd on October 15, 1967. On November 19, 1967, the indebtedness on the Nilson Parish Building was paid and the congregation again declared debt free. Dr. Karl W. Kinard officiated in the mortgage burning of the parish building. On August 25, 1968, a five-ton air-conditioner was installed in the church at a cost of \$1,861.27. A new dossell curtain and new aisle carpet was installed at the same time. The interior of the church was painted in 1968. During that period of time many items and gifts were donated to the parish building. On July 23, 1969, twelve stained glass windows were installed in the church at a cost of \$2,471. Each window was donated by a member of the congregation. Also, on July 23, 1969, Mr. and Mrs. George Eckert donated eighteen hundred dollars for the purchase of a new electronic organ in honor of Harry D. Gates and Walter F. Eckert and families. At the same time, a gift from Mrs. Betty Kears of the sanctuary lamp was purchased and installed.

In October, 1969, a fire of undetermined origin was in the chancel of the church. Most damage resulted from water and the cost of repairs amounted to three hundred dollars.

The second parsonage building contract was let on October 4, 1970, at an estimated cost of twenty-six thousand dollars. The old parsonage was sold to the husband of Miriam Padgett Sauls for the bid of twenty-eight hundred dollars. The new parsonage was finished on May 1, 1971, and occupied by Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Cameron.

From 1971 to 1974 several gifts were donated to Good

Shepherd. A gift of one thousand bricks was given to be used as a plant border around the parsonage by Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Stuck. The Lutheran Church Women donated a set of white paraments at a cost of \$293. A new mimeograph machine was purchased and a baptismal font was donated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Bush by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fellers. The parish house building parlor was renovated and furnished by the Lutheran Church Women and a new outdoor church sign was installed and lighted.

Due to the severe snow storm of February 9-10, 1973, no services were conducted on February 11, 1973. The Nilson Parish Building was opened to stranded motorists and approximately forty-five people were housed for four days.

Following the retirement of Pastor Cameron on February 4, 1974, the Reverend Arthur E. Greenwalt, Sr. began his work at Good Shepherd on June 1, 1974. During the next several years, many items were purchased for use in worship for worship and education. Mrs. R. Elmer Carter, Sr. and family donated a new altar cross in memory of R. Elmer Carter, Sr. Mrs. David V. Nilson gave new communion vessels and paten. A new set of green paraments was donated by Mrs. Marion B. Glover, Sr. and family in memory of Marion B. Glover, Sr. Pastor and Mrs. Greenwalt purchased an American and a church flag. A new movie projector was purchased at the same time.

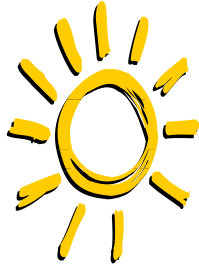
On May 23, 1976, the second parsonage mortgage burning was celebrated as the result of a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Nilson in the amount of \$4,540, Dr. Cauble and Pastor Greenwalt participating. Mr. H.S. Fellers, building committee chairman, represented the congregation.

August 7, 1977, marked the day of memorial of Mrs. Bessie Melchers Smith for her thirty-five years of faithful service as organist, 1940-1975. A new chalice was dedicated in her memory. In January, 1977, a mirror for the church parlor had been given in memory of Mrs. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Shook and Mr. and Mrs. John Gilgen and their children. Mrs. Smith passed away on October 30, 1975. She was one of the first twelve charter members of Good Shepherd.

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

## Sunshine News :

**Thank you** to everyone who came out in support of the blood drive held on Monday, July 8. A total of 35 units were collected. The next Red Cross blood drive here at Good Shepherd will be Monday, September 9, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There is always a need for blood. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment.



**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](mailto:thewickers@lowcountry.com).

**The Loose and Special Designated Offering for August** will support our **Social Ministry Fund**. At Good Shepherd, the Social Ministry program includes the Food Pantry as well as assistance for utility bills, prescription medication, etc. This is not a budgeted item, but you can help by placing loose offering in the offering plate, or by designating your gift for “**Social Ministry**” on your offering envelope.

**The sanctuary candles for the month of August** are given to the glory of God by Rob and Amy Rusnak in honor of Rob’s birthday.

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

## Worship and Music:

The next meeting for Worship and Music will be on Tuesday, August 13, at 10:00 am at the church.



## Alter Flowers for August :

August 4	Janet Szymanski
August 11	Maria Rodriguez
August 18	Rob and Amy Rusnak
August 25	The Lommen family

*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.”*

## 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, Cheryl Clayton, Patty Delaney and family

### 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), the family of Bobby Hiott, the family of Gerald Beach (Ron Szymanski), Don Rivers, the family of Dave Bockstege (Kevin Wicker), Pete Sudds, (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

## So Now You Know .....

At their July meeting, your Council members approved the purchase of an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** in memory of Arden and Mary Lommen using funds from the **Lommen Love Fund**. An AED is a portable device that can help people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AEDs are designed to analyze the heart's rhythm and deliver an electric shock to help restore a normal rhythm. Our Lommen AED is stored near the Pastor’s office in the Fellowship Hall and training will be forthcoming for all who are interested. Thanks to Arden and Mary’s children who established the Lommen Love Fund in memory of their parents.

## Serving In August :

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Doug Brinson
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Ferris / Amy Rusnak
<b>Offering Tabulators</b>	Bob Ferris / Amy Rusnak
<b>Alter Guild</b>	Cheryl Clayton
<b>Audio / Visual</b>	Kevin Wicker / Cheryl Clayton
<b>Grounds Care</b>	Doug Brinson / Kevin Wicker
<b>Council Devotions</b>	Bob Ferris
<b>LMM Breakfast / Program</b>	Jon Carpenter & Rob Rusnak / Doug Brinson

Special Thanks to Everyone Who Served In July !!!

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

## GSLC Property and Grounds :

Thanks to Cheryl Clayton, Charles Rister and Doug Brinson for attending the June meeting of the City of Waltherboro Tree Committee and obtaining the permit to remove the magnolia tree between the breezeway and the parsonage. And, thanks to Donnie and Cheryl Clayton for making arrangements for Mr. Landis Bunton to remove the tree and stump quickly and efficiently.

We're currently investigating the possibility of putting a couple of tree in the front yard of the parsonage to one day provide shade to the house in the evenings.



## July Council meeting notes : 07-14-2024

The meeting was opened with devotions by Marylyn.

- Members approved the minutes from the June meeting and heard Pastor Judy's report. The group also heard reports from Property and Grounds, Christian Education, WELCA, LMM and Finance.
- Council approved the purchase of an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** and a **Life-Vac** device for the congregation with funds from the **Lommen Love Fund**. Council also approved transferring money from the **Reserve Operating Fund** and the **Wallace Estate Fund** to a 12-month CD at 1<sup>st</sup> Federal to earn interest on that money.
- In other business, Council discussed the monthly **newsletter mailing list** in light of the rising postal rates. Members also approved a new list of **Usher Responsibilities** for those serving on Sunday mornings.

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.

## Lutheran Men in Mission :

Ten men met for food and fellowship on Sunday July 14th. Mr. Bob and Mr. Charles provided the breakfast and Rob gave a program about the background of St. Paul before and after he became a follower of Jesus. Since everyone was well-behaved, he didn't give them a pop quiz at the end.



Our next meeting will be Sunday August 11th at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Doug B. will have the program and Jon and Rob will provide breakfast. All men are welcome to attend!

## Good Shepherd Women:

The Good Shepherd Women had a call meeting before the worship service on Sunday, June 30, 2024. Faye Rister had a request that the women support Jake Jacobs by purchasing classroom supplies from his Amazon Wish List. The women agreed to spend up to \$100 from our treasury. Faye will handle ordering items from Amazon.

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. Diane Wicker will be meeting with the Amelia Conference Women's officers on Saturday, August 10, at the church to discuss plans for the meeting.



## Christian Education:

The Christian Education committee met Saturday, July 6, at 10:00 am at the church.

We looked at the surveys and discussed some possibilities for the upcoming fall through Christmas seasons. We came to a consensus to focus more on the adults in the congregation at this time, but also provide activities that could include the children in the congregation.

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.

## DESIGNATED GIFTS

*Donations are given to the Glory of God :*

### General Fund

Given by:  
Margaret Juttner  
Margaret Juttner

In Memory of:  
Bill Walters  
Mary Kelly

### Lommen Love Fund

Given by:  
Margaret Juttner

In Memory of:  
Mary & Arden Lommen

### Social Ministry

Given by:  
Kathie Whetsell  
Doug & Ellen Brinson

In Memory of:  
Margaret Hoff (Amy's Grandmother)  
Patty Delaney's Brother

### Scholarship Fund

Given by:  
Charles & Faye Rister  
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Kevin & Diane Wicker  
Doug & Ellen Brinson  
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In Memory of:  
Margaret Hoff (Amy's Grandmother)  
Patty Delaney's Brother  
Cheryl Clayton's Dad  
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Cheryl Clayton's Dad  
Margaret Hoff (Amy's Grandmother)

### Food Pantry

Given by:  
Kevin & Diane Wicker  
Doug Lindstrom  
Kathie Whetsell  
Janet Szymanski  
Janet Szymanski  
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Janet Szymanski

In Memory of:  
Margaret Hoff (Amy's Grandmother)  
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Patty Delaney's Brother  
Patty Delaney's Brother  
Mrs. Mary Kelly (Mrs. Juttner's Sister)  
Bobby Hiott  
Gerald Beach

Given by:  
Bethel Presbyterian

In Honor of:  
Good Shepherd's Ministries

# Financial Corner

With one half of the year accounted for, I'm happy to report that we had a strong month of giving in June and our financial situation is stable. I hope this will be a good indicator for the summer months ahead.

At their July meeting, Council approved investing some of our checking and saving accounts in a 12-month CD at our bank in order to earn interest on those funds.

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.

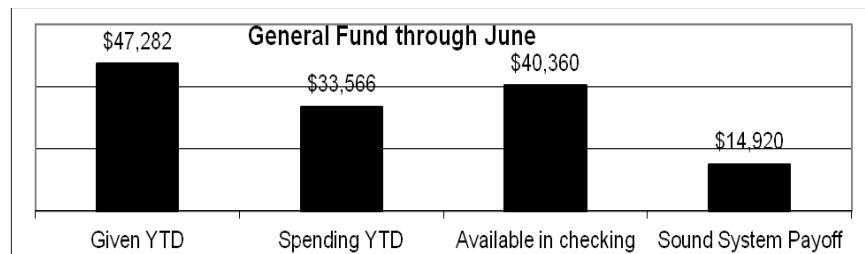
Kevin

## June Offering and Gifts:

General Fund	\$ 9,266
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 860
Candles	\$ 25
Flowers	\$ 180
Scholarship Fund	\$ 30
SCLMM New Mission Start Program	\$ 245
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 100
Maintenance Fund	\$ 80

## Fund Accounts

Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,097
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,139
Scholarship Endowment	\$ 6,805
Lommen Love Fund	\$ 8,795
Wallace Estate Fund	\$ 55,470
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$ 8,976
Service Committee	\$ 477
Welcoming Wednesday	\$ 849



# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	29	30	31	1	2  <b>Birthdays :</b> Sandy Alberts Marge Johnston	3  <b>Birthday :</b> John McCullough <b>Anniversary :</b> Dean & Candace Fralix
4  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <b>Birthday :</b> Caroline Reynolds	5	6  9:30 AM – 11:00 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>	7	8	9  <b>Birthdays :</b> Rusty Mezel Donna Murphy	10
11  9:00 AM <b>LMM Breakfast Meeting</b>  11:00 AM <b>Worship followed by Church Council</b>	12	13  10:00 AM <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</b>	14  <b>Birthday :</b> Dalbert Reser	15  <b>Birthday :</b> Rob Rusnak	16  <b>Birthday :</b> Tara Brinson	17  <b>Birthdays :</b> Angela Crosby Sara AVant
18  11:00 AM <b>Worship with Communion</b>  <b>Birthday :</b> Justine Murphy	19  <b>Birthday :</b> Erin Johnston	20  9:30 AM – 11:00 AM <b>Food Pantry</b>	21	22  10:00 PM <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  <b>Birthday :</b> Theresa Reynolds Barton	23  <b>Birthday :</b> Eddie Wernitz	24  <b>Birthdays :</b> Faye Rister Merri Simons
25  11:00 AM <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>Birthday :</b> Pastor Craig Boehlke	26  <b>Birthday :</b> Pastor John Wertz <b>Anniversary :</b> Winfield & Merri Simons	27	28	29	30  <b>Birthdays :</b> Sheree Avant Jaymie Strickland	31