

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Greenville SC 29609

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SPIRITUALLY GROWING,
LITURGICALLY CELEBRATING,
MISSION MOTIVATED,
SERVING, FORGIVING,
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Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

LADIES LUNCH—Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM a group of ladies of LCGS (and friends) meet at a local restaurant for food and fellowship. The group is open to all ladies. If you like to eat out and want to try different places, join us. Please call Karen Meyer that you are joining us so we know what size table to get.

August schedule is:

Aug 6 – Sticky Fingers Ribhouse – 3 Market Point Dr Greenville (Near Whole Foods)

Aug 13-Pita House-495 S Pleasantburg (Across from Greenville Tech)

Aug 20-Genghis Grill-1140 Woodruff Road (Near Whole Foods)

Aug 27-Schwaben House-1810 Laurens Road



HOOKS & NEEDLES is a craft ministry for our community. Chemo caps, hats for the homeless and lap robes are made by our dedicated members. You could be one of these people who create tangible blessings for those in need right here in the upstate! Please join us on Saturday, August 10th in the Fellowship Hall, 9:00-11:00am.

Have you heard of Stephen Ministry?

Or what it can provide to people who are hurting?

On August 4th and August 18th at 9:12am, there will be a short meeting held to give our congregation more information about Stephen Ministry.



In congregations everywhere, there are many people who are hurting. Pastors want to make sure these people receive the ongoing care they need, and Stephen Ministry offers an effective and biblical way to provide that care. Stephen Ministry is a proven system (ministry) for training and organizing people in our congregation to provide quality Christian care to those experiencing life difficulties.

Since 1975, more than 12,000 churches from 750 denominations have trained over 600,000 lay people as Stephen Ministers. Millions of hurting people have benefited from their care.

Imagine the difference in OUR congregation if we had a team of 10 or more well-trained caregivers to work with Pastor Saxe in providing caring, confidential ministry to people who are hurting. Some examples of what can be ministered are: people who are or have been hospitalized; those who are grieving; those who are suffering loneliness or discouragement; those separated or divorced; the unemployed; people fighting a serious disease; one who is providing long-term care to a loved one; those dealing with dealing with losses or the changes of relocating; new parents; single parents; victims of disaster, those in spiritual crisis. The list goes on and on.

Stephen Ministry provides high-quality, Christ-centered, psychologically sound ministry. If this sounds like something you would like to know more about, please attend a future informational program, coming soon to LCGS!

How does it all work together?



Every congregation of Christians is organized to carry out Christ's mission. You often hear people say that they don't like "*organized religion*." I wonder if they would prefer "*disorganized religion?*" I usually reply to those who say they disdain organized religion with, "*You will really like the Lutheran church then; it's about as disorganized as can be*"

Truth be told, all Christian congregations –even "free" churches (Baptists) – have and are part of an organizational structure which enables them to maintain a legal incorporated status. Our congregation does so as well. We are organized according to civil and churchly laws, processes and structures which enable us to exist as a congregation and to own and maintain property and a facility for our Services and activities. Without such institutional and organizational entities, we simply could not exist as a congregation gathered around God's life-giving gifts.

As members of our congregation, each of you has voluntarily joined yourself to an expression of the historic catholic Faith that is taught and confessed according to the Lutheran Confessions. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we are part of a national and local organization of evangelical and catholic Christians who are committed to those Confessions. We belong to a Synod, District and Circuit to cooperate with other congregations for the purpose of a common confession and mission. As an individual member of the congregation, you do not belong to the Synod, but to one of her congregations that does hold membership. Only pastors, church workers and congregations belong to Synod and all agree to teach, preach and practice the doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions.

If you do not understand how our congregation is organized and how each of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod relates to the Circuit, District and Synod of which we are apart, plan to join me for some discussion and "Q&A" during the Sunday School hour from **9:15 AM** until **10:15 AM** on the **Sundays of August 18, 25 and September 1**. These sessions will be held to help you gain greater clarity of how our life together works, in both congregation and Synod.

Pr. Steve +

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD -OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

ELECTED OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Daniel Elias
PAST-PRESIDENT: Tom Greinke
VICE-PRESIDENT: Jeffrey Skeris
RECORDING SECRETARY: Molly Skeris
TREASURER: Amy Dammers
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Karen Carson
CHRISTIAN ED: Jennifer Johnson
ELDERS: Emme Gannon
Gary Meyer
Jim Blazek
Craig Beaton
LuAnn Nielsen
Ralph Clements
TRUSTEES: Paul Ableman
Rick Bruns
Jacob Nagy
Keith Jones
Bill Dammers
Jonathan Sparks

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

HEAD USHER: Marque Kilpatrick
ALTAR GUILD: Joan Winkelman
FAMILY LIFE: Betty Wade
LIBRARY: Leslie Weirmeir
If I left out a committee please let me know.

REMINDER TO ALL OFFICERS

CHURCH COUNCIL: shall consist of ALL Elected and appointed officials and Past President. Pastor is a non-voting member.



Herdclotz Park was once the home to the Hopewell Sanitarium, a nationally recognized hospital for patients with tuberculosis. Remains from the root cellar were saved during park construction.

The park offers panoramic views of downtown Greenville skyline and nearby Paris Mountain. There are playgrounds for kids, a .545 mile walking trail and sport playing fields.

It is located a little over a mile from Good Shepherd on Rutherford Road. Going North on Pleasantburg turn right at the light at Rutherford. Beverly Road is to the left just over the bridge past the Farmer's Market. The park will be on your right.

Church Picnic



SUNDAY—AUGUST 11, 2019

9:00-2:00

HERDKLOTZ PARK
126 Beverly Road Greenville

Come one Come all
TO A PICNIC
SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2019

Park opens at 9:00 AM
CHURCH SERVICE AT 10:00 am. At the park.
(One service only this Sunday.)

DINNER TO FOLLOW:
MEAT AND BEVERAGES , TABLE WARE—WILL BE FURNISHED.
BRING A COVERED DISH OR TWO

Sign up on the Bulletin Board so the committee knows how much
meat and beverage to purchase.
(No alcohol allowed in park)

For your comfort you may wish to bring your own chairs.





AUGUST 31 2019

7:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



The Biennial LWML YARD SALE is coming!!

Donations are coming in and there is an exciting and interesting mix of items from which to choose!

You do not have to be a member of LWML to help with the sale.

We need assistance on Sunday, August 25th at noon moving tables and bringing items out of the donation room. Pizza and drinks will be served for those helping with that.

All that week, we will be sorting and pricing. If you want an "early-bird" chance to shop, this is how to do that. Contact Barb Kilpatrick for information on hours of work.

If you can't help before hand, please come the day of the sale, Saturday, August 31st, and find your treasures! Doors will open at 7:00am; we will sell until 1:00pm.

Then we need help boxing up items and re-setting the room for Sunday School the next day.

Thank you for your donations, your support and your assistance!



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**



Pastor Ted's 37th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The date of the outing is **Sunday, October 6th.**

Registration starts at 11:30AM followed with our customary
1:00 PM shotgun start.

The tournament committee is excited to announce our return to
SOUTHERN OAKS GOLF CLUB

Our mission is to raise funds for area food banks. Last year with the generous support of our participants and sponsors we raised \$3000. We believe that set a new record and records are made to be broken. Through the area food banks, the funds are used to assist local families in need during the Thanksgiving / Christmas season in hopes of easing their burdens at that particular time of the year. This longstanding fundraiser is run completely by volunteers. You do not need to know golf to help. If you can join us, please let a committee member know of your interest and we will find a job for you.

Along with the satisfaction of contributing to a great cause, here is what all you get for a \$50 per player entry fee.

Eighteen holes of golf along with golf cart.

The practice range is included.

Water will be available on the course.

There will be prizes for low gross and low net winners. If you would like to donate extra to the cause, there will be a great selection of prizes to be raffled off along with a split the pot (cash) contest for closest to the pin and longest drive. The grill will be open for a separate purchase of a meal or snack. The golf course will also allow you to bring a personal cooler. Please remember, this is a rain or shine event.

Another great way to help out is to sponsor a tee box for a business. Or you may prefer to sponsor a tee box with a memorial dedicated to a loved one. Ask a committee member for details.

Our committee members are: Marque and Barb Kilpatrick,

Al and Leslie Weirmeir,

Molly and Jeff Skeris,

Howard Nix,

Michelle and Otis Smith,

Keith Jones,

Jenny Davidson and

Dorsey Finn.

Our primary sponsor is the local Thrivent office operated by Dennis Barry. We greatly appreciate the involvement from Dennis and his office staff over many years.

Yours sincerely, Pastor Ted's Committee



Treasurer's Corner:

Hello All,

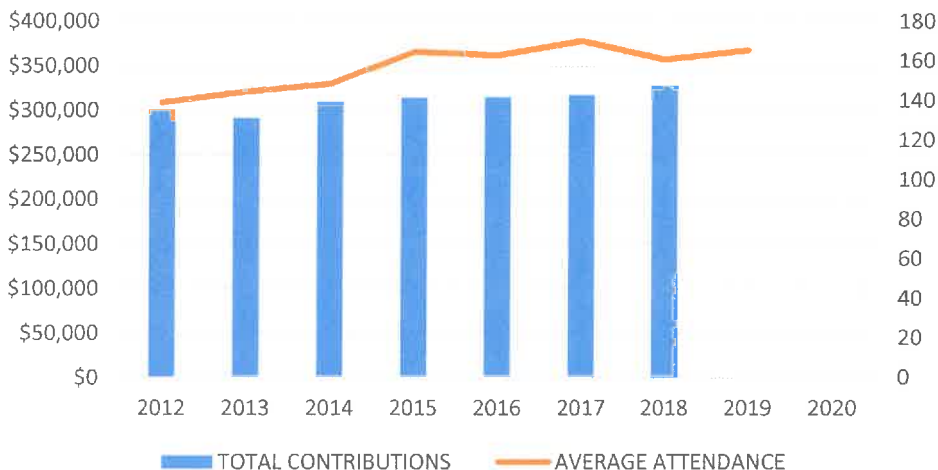
I am writing to update the congregation, we are not presently operating at a deficit (end of June), but are very close to doing so and may very likely be in a deficit operating situation by the end of July or August because of known obligated expenses.

Each year the church goes through a process of evaluating how much we can count on for contributions. We don't always know what that number will be. The congregation's demographics change. For example, if we have four, two earner couples and they move away and two families come in and several members retire, that changes the mix quite a bit.

Below is a graph of attendance (not membership) by year against total contributions. Our plan number for this year was \$345,890. As you can see we have not ever reached that amount in our past and we don't expect to this year. My best estimation is that we may finish the year at \$326,000.

YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$301,257	\$291,850	\$309,971	\$314,196	\$315,172	\$317,560	\$327,576		
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	139	144	148	165	163	170	161	166	

Total Contributions to Average Attendance



The numbers we do know are things like Salaries, Utilities and Facilities Maintenance. Those items have a predictable increase every year. Like your own family expenses, you notice your electric bill, gas bill, water, insurance and other expenses go up every year. They do for the church as well. If we continue to add fixed expenses in the form of, programs, additional ministries and additional staff we will soon find ourselves as a congregation operating at a larger deficit.

As the church is aging it has been noted that the roof will need to be replaced, HVAC units will go, plumbing problems will arise, and maintenance expenses will increase. Do we need to set aside more money from the general fund to cover these expenses? The bible call us to be wise stewards of what we have been given.

One of the things that we have identified is that expenses are incurred before being authorized by the person that is charge of the account in the plan. If you don't know if the church has budgeted an expense ask the person in charge of that area; they need to authorize your expenditure. If you are unsure, please ask. Also if you would like to come to a council meeting and propose a project whether it requires monies or not council would appreciate the "Proposal To Council" form be completed. It will help council to organize the meeting and understand what the needs are.

Please pray that the Lord help us as a congregation go through this process and show us all ways to cut costs.

Amy Dammers

Proposal To Council:

Please submit to Council President one week in advance of Council meeting and request to be placed on the agenda

Name of Activity

Description of Activity

Is this a Ministry or a Mission or both and why:

Church Members Involved in Carrying out Ministry or Mission:

Amount Needed to Fund Activity:

One Time Outlay \$ _____ Future Annual Budgeted Amount if needed \$ _____

Any additional resources needed: _____

Other Alternatives Considered:

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

14 July 2019

LCGS Council Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order** – 12:03 by Thomas Greinke. Attendance: 12 Members
- 2) **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Steve Saxe
- 3) **Additions/Changes to Agenda** – Thomas Greinke: No changes to the agenda announced
- 4) **Previous Council Meeting Minutes** - Molly Skeris to bring meeting minutes to next council
- 5) **Financial Secretary's Report** – Frank Meyer not in attendance. Motion to approve Financial Report dated 1/7/2019 to 7/7/2019 on file by Al Weirmeir, 2nd: Craig Beaton, motion passed unanimously
- 6) **Treasurer's Report** –Amy Dammers. Financial report for period ending June 30, 2019 on file.
- 7) **Superintendents' of Christian Education Report** – Brandy Ableman & Jennifer L. Johnson not in attendance. No new items to discuss.
- 8) **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Steve Saxe. No new agenda items to discuss.
- 9) **Board of Elders** – Ann Reisinger not in attendance. No new agenda items to discuss.
- 10) **Board of Finance** – Amy Dammers. Board of Finance meeting scheduled on July 28, 2019 after 2nd service
- 11) **Board of Trustees** – Dan Elias. See attached report dated July 14, 2019
- 12) **AD Hoc & Standing Committees & Coordination Reports** – Leslie Weirmeir discussed garage sale drop off location and Fall Rally date potentially on October 6, 2019
- 13) **New Business**
 - a) **Motion to approve Molly Skeris to fill open Recording Secretary position vacated by Susanne Fisher for remainder of Susanne's term** – Thomas Greinke. Leslie Weirmeir, 2nd: Gary Meyer, motion passed unanimously.
 - b) **Motion to approve Karen Carson for 2020-2021 Financial Secretary position** – Thomas Greinke. Al Weirmeir, 2nd: Leslie Weirmeir, motion passed unanimously.
 - c) **Motion to suspend adult Sunday School class on occasions where Youth Sunday School is suspended.** – Ann Reisinger. Al Weirmeir, 2nd: Leslie Weirmeir, passed unanimously.
 - d) **Motion to add an Associate Membership** – Ann Reisinger. Discussion held whether a By-law or Constitution change is required to create an Associate Membership. Motion approved by Council to bring to voters meeting by Al Weirmeir, 2nd: Dan Elias, motion passed unanimously.
 - e) **Recommendation to open attendance to Council for all Elders** – Ann Reisinger. Open attendance is already allowed. No further discussion necessary.
- 14) **Announcements** – Thomas Greinke submitted a list of proposed dates for upcoming Council meetings and events. Report dated July 14, 2019 attached.
- 15) **Next Council Meetings is scheduled for August 18th, 2019.**
- 16) **Next Voter Meeting is scheduled for September 8th, 2019**
- 17) **Motion to Adjourn** – Thomas Greinke. 12:45 by Leslie Weirmeir, 2nd: Jim Blazak, motion passed unanimously
- 18) **Benediction** – Pastor Steve Saxe.