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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

MINUTES – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, June 22, 2025

Present: Pastor Andrew, Anna-Marie Plyler, Becky Shealy, Chris Herrmann, David Lucas, Deborah Whitlow, Don Caughman, Jan Haigler, Mary Margaret Hoy, Richard Inman, Sid Havird.

Absent: Barbara Nagy, Kate Ferlauto

Call to Order: President Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Devotion: Jan Haigler gave the devotion followed by prayer.

2025 Congressional Retreat Follow-Up Discussion:

President Shealy stated that discussion was still ongoing. Some of the topics covered at the last meeting were additional/new opportunities for worship, small group initiatives and Supper Club is being revived and will take place on August 23, 2025.

Adoption of the June 22, 2025 Council Agenda.

Secretary Plyler advised Council that an additional item is to be added under New Business, Item 2. "Vacancy on Mutual Ministry". Having no other changes, President Shealy declared the **Updated Agenda Approved**.

Adoption of the May 18, 2025 Council Minutes

President Shealy asked for any comments or corrections to the May 18, 2025 Council Minutes. Having none, President Shealy declared the minutes **Approved as Submitted**.

Attendance and Membership for May, 2025

<u>2025</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>YouTube</u>
5/4/2025	95	36	32		5/5/2024	94	37	51
5/11/2025	92	38	51		5/12/2024	98	43	39
5/18/2025	91	31	32	2024 & 2025 Graduate Recognition	5/19/2024	92	35	46
5/25/2025	86	34	41		5/26/2024	81	25	32
Average	91	35			Average	91		42

Note: YouTube numbers reflect number of views, not number of people viewing.

Total Membership as of 12/31/2024: 568

Total Active Members 12/31/2024: 397

Current active Realm membership at the time of the May 2025 Council Meeting: 398

Members Added since the May 2025 Council Meeting: 0

Members Removed since the May 2025 Council Meeting: 0

Current active Realm membership at the time of the June 2025 Council Meeting: 398

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Written Reports Submitted:
2. Realm Financial Reports: Written Report Submitted.
3. Pastor Andrew's Report: Written Report Submitted.

Standing Committees:

1. Communication – Don Caughman: No Written Report Submitted.
Mr. Caughman informed Council that he was preparing an article about Good Shepherd's 75th Anniversary for publication in the local Columbia Star newspaper.
2. Evangelism Committee – Sid Havird: No Written Report Submitted.
3. Finance Committee – David Lucas: Written Report Submitted.
4. Gifts Committee – Kate Ferlauto: No Written Report Submitted.
 - i. Memorials Committee – Written Report Submitted
5. Learning Committee – Barbara Nagy: No Written Report Submitted.
6. Parish Life Committee – Deb Whitlow: No Written Report Submitted.
7. Property Committee – Richard Inman: No Written Report Submitted.
Work in the Fellowship Activities Building will begin on Monday, June 23 and will continue through Friday, June 27. The FAB will receive a fresh coat of paint, and the ceiling tiles are being replaced.
8. Social Ministry Committee – Mary Margaret Hoy: No Written Report Submitted.
9. Worship Life Committee – Becky Shealy: No Written Report Submitted.
10. Youth & Children Committee – Chris Herrmann: No Written Report Submitted.
11. 75th Anniversary Task Force – Nancy Hyatt: No Written Report Submitted.

Old Business:

1. Synod Assembly Recap
Pastor Andrew gave a brief overview of the South Carolina Synod Assembly. Synod attendees David Lucas, and Deborah Whitlow also added to the discussion. Information regarding the SC Synod Assembly can be found on the SC Synod Website.

New Business:

1. Financial Review Discussion
Treasurer Haigler informed Council that it has been 5 years since the last audit of Good Shepherd's financial records. She made the Council aware that it is good practice to periodically take a comprehensive review of the church's finances. Formal audits are costly and there are other means by which the church's accounting practices can be examined. Ms. Haigler suggested that we conduct a "review" of all Good Shepherd accounts (savings, checking, Foundation, Sunday School, WELCA, etc.). The review could be conducted by college accounting students supervised by an accounting professional. The cost of conducting this thorough review as opposed to a formal Audit would be significantly less and provide the same accountability and assurance that best practices are being followed. Council agreed with this approach. Treasurer Haigler said that she would proceed with starting the process of the review.
2. Vacancy on Mutual Ministry
Pastor Andrew notified Council that Stacey Cohl was unable to finish her term on the Mutual Ministry Committee. Pastor has not yet received a reply from the potential candidate to complete Ms. Cohl's term. As soon as he receives a reply, he will notify Council.

Petitions and Communications

1. Treasurer has arranged for a weekly message to be placed in the Sunday bulletin requesting that members to continue the church's financial support during the summer vacation months.
2. Mary Margaret Hoy has volunteered to schedule the Tabulators.

The Pulse

Executive Session

N/A

Adjourn

President Shealy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Pastor Andrew closed the meeting by offering prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Anna-Marie Plyler

Committee Business and Parish Activities

I have met with Social Ministry, the 75th Anniversary Task Force, Shepherd's Visitors, Gifts Committee, Finance Committee, and Executive Committee. I also attended the Ice Cream Social sponsored by Parish Life. We are getting the liturgy, program, and activities ready for our 75th Anniversary Homecoming Sunday in September.

Pastoral Care

With the faithful help of our Shepherd's Visitors, I continue to provide care and support for the congregation. The past two months I made 8 home visits, 9 hospital/facility/nursing home visits, and made 27 pastoral care phone calls. I am working with the Mutual Ministry committee to strategize ways to maximize visitation effectiveness.

Worship

Summer worship has continued as usual. Our attendance and giving are up this year over last year, which is an encouraging trend. Adult Sunday school participation also continues to be a strength. As the summer winds down, Becky Shealy and I will be assembly the worship life task force to explore additional worship opportunities.

Teaching

Throughout the summer I taught an adult Sunday school class focusing on the Holy Spirit. At the end of the summer we've shifted to a combined class to focus on a "confirmation/catechism refresher" for adults. My gratitude for my fellow teachers, those who attended and participated, as well as the volunteers who made our children's Sunday school such a wonderful summer addition this year! In September I will be starting a new year of Confirmation instruction for our 6th-7th grade students. We're gearing up for Rally Day at the end of August.

Personal

Our family spent a week at Edisto at the end of July and beginning of August. Son of the congregation, Rev. Joe Woodward provided pulpit supply during my vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Andrew Isenhower

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**Finance Committee Meeting - MINUTES
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
August 12, 2025**

PRESENT: Jan Haigler, Deb Embrey, David Lucas, Janet Lockhart, Gloria Oakes, Karen Lucas, Becky Shealy

ABSENT: Rod Kent

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM, by David Lucas, chairperson of the Finance Committee.

DEVOTIONAL: Janet Lockhart presented a devotion from the Churchwide Assembly newsletter.

MINUTES: The minutes from June 10, 2025 were emailed to all members. Gloria Oakes moved, and Becky Shealy seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jan Haigler shared that for the first time this year she had to move [REDACTED] from the Reserve Fund to the checking account to cover July, due to the timing of expenses. It has been a year since we had to pull some money out of the Reserve Fund. Last year we had to move money multiple times.

Jan provided the end of July balance sheet for the savings and checking accounts. The money market savings account balance was [REDACTED] and the checking account balance was [REDACTED].

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Deb Embrey reported that the June general offerings received were [REDACTED], which was [REDACTED] of budgeted need of [REDACTED]. In 2024, June offerings were [REDACTED] of need, and in 2023, they were [REDACTED] of need. Deb stated that we are halfway through the year, and we are in a better financial position with our monthly offerings received than the previous two years.

Deb said that the end of the year is normally good for offerings.

Jan Haigler is planning to do another temple talk covering our financial position and information from the Gifts Committee.

TABULATORS REPORT: Becky Shealy stated that Mary Margaret Hoy continues to schedule the tabulators and that all is working well.

Deb Embrey said there was a post-dated check that was given, and the bank would not accept. She requested that the tabulators check closely the dates of the check.

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Becky Shealy stated that Eric Kemp was out of town right now, but he has a computer that will go to the office, either to Deb Embrey or Deborah Mitchell. Their computer will go to Susan Sturkie.

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the Statement of Activities showed nothing out of the ordinary. The Statement of Financial Position showed no issues.

The Financial Audit committee has not been appointed yet. Rebecca Richardson has found her papers. We are still considering using college students to do the audit. Becky Shealy will find someone to oversee the students doing the Financial Audit.

Becky Shealy found the 501c3 number for the Church. It matches the number that Rebecca Richardson has.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a question about money being available for Fun Friday. Fun Friday is under Social Ministry. There is money available to be used for Fun Friday.

The Food Pantry committee is planning to allow a Family to come twice a month in September and October, instead of once a month. Anne Rush is also checking on the possibility of carrying bread. Day-old bread stores and Publix are good sources of bread. There is [REDACTED] in the Food Pantry account that needs to be used.

The proposed worksheet for the 2026 Budget requests was presented. The format is the same as used in previous years. David Lucas will give a copy of the total budget worksheet to each Committee Chair. Becky Shealy will give a copy of the total budget worksheet to Bruce Shealy and Marcia Woodward.

Charlie Calhoun wants to power wash the church before the 75th Homecoming celebration in September. There is money in the Unallocated Interest Income account that can be used for this. Charlie has already gotten the cost for the power wash.

The Congregational Retreat Committee has requested [REDACTED] to cover some initial expenses. Becky motioned and Gloria Oakes seconded that we provide the [REDACTED] from the Unallocated Interest Income account. The motion carried.

The ice machine in the FAB is currently broken. Joey Allison called the mechanic and the mechanic said he was very busy and did not know when he would be able to work on the ice machine. We need it fixed by September 14th for the Homecoming event. Supper Club, which is on August 23rd, also will need the ice machine in the FAB. Becky Shealy will check into the cost of fixing the ice machine versus buying a new one.

Pitney Bowes has agreed to extend the postage meter contract for 60 more months at the same price we pay today. We have agreed to continue with Pitney Bowes, which gives us 5 more years under this contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM with a prayer from Pastor Andrew. Next meeting will be September 9th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. Gloria Oakes will have the devotion. Janet Lockhart will take minutes due to Karen Lucas being unavailable.

Respectfully Submitted:
Karen Lucas

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT ADDENDUM:

On July 14th, 129 mid-year contribution statements were mailed out to the membership.

Deb reported that we received \$30,332.25 in general offerings for the month of July, which is 82.09% of the monthly budget needs. This is the best July offerings received in the past three years. In July of 2024 we received 68.11% of the monthly budget needs and July of 2023 we received 79.62%.

Respectfully Submitted:
Karen Lucas

August 4, 2025
Gifts Committee Meeting
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Present: Kate Ferlauto, committee chair
Bruce Shealy
Becky Shealy
Mark Lovern
Gaye Tucker
Pastor Andrew

The meeting was called to order by the committee chair at 6:00 pm. The main purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm and diagram the next few months regarding Time/Talent pledges and Commitment Sunday on October 19th, 2025.

A)

The theme for this year will be 'Walking in the Spirit/Fruit of the Spirit' based on the scripture from Galatians 5:16 and the idea of stewardship for all seasons.

The timeframe will be as follows:

September 1st - Committee chair will send a letter to the congregation introducing the theme, stating the importance of the time/talent pledges, and detailing the next few weeks up to Commitment Sunday

September 30th - Mail out time/talent pledge cards

October Newsletter - Pastor Andrew will write a letter regarding Time/Talent and Commitment Sunday

October 5th - Temple Talk at the church service. The committee chair will reach out to a speaker

October 12th - Announcement at the church service to remind the congregation of Commitment Sunday and to walk through the time/talent pledge card.

October 19th - Commitment Sunday

B)

Brainstorming Ideas:

There was a suggestion for each committee chair at Church Council to review the time/talent pledge cards and edit as needed regarding current needs of his/her committee and the Church.

The committee chair will request for Pledge cards to be included in the August 17th

Church Council packets. Each chair will be encouraged to review the cards and also to identify anything that they are lacking or positions that would make things better to reach their goals.

Jan Haigler was highly recommended to do the Temple Talk. She was effective last year after giving a financial state-of-the-church address. ***The committee chair will reach out to Jan and see if she is willing and available to do something similar this year at the October 5th service.***

The October 12th congregational announcement will be to remind the congregation of Commitment Sunday the following week and also to review how to fill out the time/talent pledge card in person and online. ***The committee chair will reach out to Pastor Andrew and Becky Shealy for recommendations on who would be good to give the announcement.***

It was suggested that recognizing current members of the congregation who are involved and always willing to devote time, skills, and/or money to the Church might be a way to inspire continued and new commitments. ***1. The committee chair will reach out to Nancy Hyatt and see if there is any way to include recognitions and thanks at the Homecoming celebration on September 14th. 2. The committee chair will also look into introducing a recognition box at church council meetings. Council members will be encouraged to submit congregational members who have been essential to meeting goals and/or have gone above and beyond for the church. Submitted members will receive a thank you from the gifts committee.***

C)

After discussions concluded, the meeting ended with a prayer by Pastor Andrew at 6:30 pm. The committee chair will submit the minutes to the church council and will email committee members regarding the next meeting.

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MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parish Life Committee Meeting

Date: June 26, 2025 5:45 PM

Present: Bobbie Story, Terri Tokaz (not a member), Laura Leigh Smith & Deborah Whitlow

Absent: Mike Weaver, Amy Kemp, Suzanne Sanders, & Kappy Steck

Call to Order and Devotion: Deborah Whitlow provided the devotion for the night

Meeting Minutes:

Everyone enjoyed the Congregational Birthday Party. We had 35-40 people that attended. The cake kits were well received. Next time all of the pans need to have the clear lids.

Calendar updates:

-No event in July

August Event- Ice Cream Social details:

- August 3, 2025
- Sign-up board- Bobbie Story
- Tea & Lemonade- Deb Whitlow

Future Event Updates:

- August 23rd Supper Club, using the FAB
- Ask Pam and Frank Fusco to provide music (Deb Whitlow)
- Reach out to Parklane Seafood to provide meal (Laura Leigh Smith)
- Sign-up sheet to the office for the bulletin
- Article for the newsletter
- Inquire about child care
- Send an email out to vote to cancel September event so we do not have too many events back to back ahead of the 75th Anniversary Dinner

New topic of discussion- Meal train for those recovering from surgery. Discussion was held on how to identify, reaching out to those to see if the need is there. Who would organize? We decided to table this to a later date since our big focus is on reviving Supper Club.

Adjourn:

Led in prayer by Deb Whitlow, Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Whitlow

Parish Life Events Calendar:

Aug. - Ice Cream Social

Oct. - Picnic & Games

Nov. - Hot Dogs for Heroes

Dec. - Cookies, Cards & Carols

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MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parish Life Committee Meeting

Date: August 14, 2025 5:35 PM

Present: Bobbie Story, Laura Leigh Smith & Deborah Whitlow

Absent: Mike Weaver, Amy Kemp, Suzanne Sanders, Kappy Steck, Gloria Oakes, Elizabeth Whitlow

Call to Order and Devotion: Deborah Whitlow provided the devotion for the night

Meeting Minutes: Deb Whitlow has been told by Gloria Oakes that she no longer can devote time to the Parish Life Committee. Elizabeth Whitlow has moved to LA and is not able to continue with the Parish Life Committee.

The ice cream social was a hit. We had 4 store bought flavors and 3 homemade flavors. We had all the toppings you can think of and some yummy cookies.

Calendar updates:

-In an email vote we decided to cancel the September event.

Supper Club Details:

- Jan Haigler to donate the wine
- Bruce and Becky Shealy to donate the beer
- Social Hour at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Laura Leigh Smith to contact Parklane Seafood Catering for invoice
- Planning for 60 people
- There will be no child care, no one that signed up needed child care.
- Laura Leigh, Bobbie, and Deb Whitlow will make the dessert
- Planning to decorate FAB Friday afternoon around 2:00 PM
- The Fusco's will be out of town
- The meal will be fried fish, fried shrimp, and chicken tenders, mac n cheese, fries, baked beans, and green beans, tea, and lemonade.

Future Event Updates:

- October 5, 2025 Congregational Picnic & Games

- We will meet by email for the September meeting. Parish Life will supply the meat for the picnic.
- Send article to Deborah Mitchell for the September newsletter.

Adjourn:

Led in prayer by Deb Whitlow, Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Whitlow

Parish Life Events Calendar:

Oct. - Picnic & Games

Nov. - Hot Dogs for Heroes

Dec. - Cookies, Cards & Carols

MINUTES - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Social Ministry Committee Meeting

Date: July 8, 2025

Present: Don Caughman, Janice Haigler, Mary Margaret Hoy, Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Steve Steck, Susan Sturkie

Absent: Jim Johnson, Rod Kent, Cathy Milejczak, Suzanne Sanders, Kerry Stubbs, Susan Uehling

Call to Order: Mary Margaret Hoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Devotion: Don Caughman gave the devotion followed by prayer.

Approval of Minutes/Actions: Mary Margaret Hoy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025, Social Ministry committee meeting. Jan Haigler provided the motion which was seconded by Anne Rush. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Committee Projects:

- **Food Pantry** – Anne Rush reported that in May the food pantry served 23 families with 80 individuals. For June, the people served were 25 families with 65 individuals. There have been fewer food pantry clients this year than last, and Anne believes it may be related to clients going to other church food pantries that now distribute fresh food.
- **Meals on Wheels** – Don Caughman reported that the route was cut in half a few weeks ago from 16 to 8 clients which allows more time for the volunteers to visit with the meal recipients. A request to lessen the number of clients served by our team had been made from our team because 16 were too many to do an adequate job with the daily visits, so one housing complex was moved to a different route. A few more clients may be assigned in the future.
- **Fun Fridays** – Susan Sturkie reported that Fun Fridays has been going well.
- **Ramp Ministry** – Steve Steck reported that a ramp was built a couple of weeks ago with more than adequate volunteers. There is another ramp scheduled to be built on 7/19. When the question arose as to how much on average the ramps cost, and the answer was [REDACTED].
- **Family Promise** – Jim Johnson indicated by email that there was no report.
- **MORE Justice** – Pastor Andrew Isenhower reported that MORE Justice is on a summertime lull with there being some meetings with the executive director discussing reorganization of team leaders and strategies for the fall. A well-received suggestion was made to include MORE Justice on the time and talents sheet in the future.
- **A.C. Flora** – Pastor Andrew Isenhower reported that with the schools out this summer, there is not much going on right now. However, last year there had been discussion of GSLC hosting a meal in the FAB for some students, possibly Multiple Language Learners, so he will check with the school counselor about interest in such an event in the future.

Old Business:

- **Noisy Offerings** – Nearly [REDACTED] was collected in June to be sent to the Synod for baby warmers for Tanzania. The upcoming noisy offerings for 2025 are listed below.
 - August (8/31/25) – A.C. Flora Backpack Program
 - November (11/30/25) – Pawmetto Lifeline
- **Monthly Emphasis** – The committee chose for August's monthly emphasis to be Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas and that the Free Medical Clinic should be the emphasis for September.
 - July – Big Red Barn
 - August – Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas
 - September – Free Medical Clinic

- **“God’s work. Our hands.”** – Because GSLC members serve our neighbors in need every day, the committee decided there was no need to have a special day set aside for additional service as the ELCA annual day of service.
- **75th Anniversary Invitations** – Names and addresses were submitted to the 75th Anniversary committee of people to be invited from our Social Ministry projects. The food pantry volunteers decided not to invite any clients due to concern that the people would feel uncomfortable in such a setting. Susan Sturkie has concerns for Fun Fridays participants relating to how the people will be recognized and what they will be doing during the celebration. The 75th Anniversary committee is meeting on 7/15, and hopefully some of the questions will be answered during that discussion.
- **Parish Life Cake Packages for Food Pantry** – Anne Rush indicated that the food pantry clients have been excited for the addition of the cake mixes packages in their food distribution.
- **Food Pantry Account Balance** – There has been a surplus in the food pantry account this year with [REDACTED] in the account at the end of June. In thinking about how to best spend this money for our food pantry clients, a number of ideas were offered including distributing 3 days of food per person per month instead of 2 days, buying bags or backpacks for clients to use when receiving the food, adding bread to the food given out, offering gift cards to restaurants as part of the monthly distribution, and allowing clients to receive food twice a month instead of only once a month. Anne Rush noted that there is enough equipment in the food pantry and that the administrative costs are covered. The committee briefly discussed a fresh food option with a refrigerator but decided that was not the best solution at this time. The decision was made to do a 3-month trial in August, September and October allowing the clients to receive food twice a month and to hand out day-old bread in addition to the usual items. After this trial, the committee will re-evaluate the situation to determine how to proceed in the future. While this change means needing up to twice as much food as in the past, the committee is hopeful that the congregation will continue to provide the food and monetary donations needed for this endeavor. Because this change will also involve more work for the food pantry volunteers, Anne will think about how to best recruit more volunteers, particularly younger people to help more with the physical parts of food distribution.
- **School Supplies** – School supplies will be collected for Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary beginning 7/13 though 8/10 with a box in the narthex. Supplies may also be donated at the ice cream social on 8/3.

New Business:

- **Walk for Life** – The church was contacted about supporting the 10/11 Walk for Life benefiting Prisma Health Breast Centers in the Midlands. The committee decided to publicize the event in the church newsletter.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:30 in Classroom 2

Devotion for September: Steve Steck

Adjourn with Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM after a prayer was offered by Pastor Andrew Isenhower.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Margaret Hoy

Monthly Gift Report 2024 and 2025

Month/Year	Emphasis	Amount	Noisy Offering/Other	Amount	Food Pantry	
					Families	Individuals
January 2024	Woodyard Fund	[REDACTED]	--	--	33	114
February 2024			--	--	38	146
March 2024	Lenten Self Denial • Homeless No More • Providence Home • Women's Shelter	[REDACTED]	A.C. Flora	[REDACTED]	41	119
April 2024	TZ Farm Project	[REDACTED]	--	--	36	125
May 2024	Big Red Barn	[REDACTED]	--	--	31	104
June 2024	Project HOPE	[REDACTED]	Camp Cole	[REDACTED]	35	123
July 2024	Back Pack Programs Forest Lake, Conder, Bradley School Supplies Forest Lake, Bradley	[REDACTED]	--	--	50	162
August 2024	Free Medical Clinic	[REDACTED]	--	--	43	134
September 2024	Senior Resources (Andrew Boozer)	[REDACTED]	Epworth Children's Home	[REDACTED]	43	148
October 2024	Lutheran Disaster Relief Ray & Ruth Anne Sipe	[REDACTED]	--	--	41	135
November 2024	VA Food Pantry	[REDACTED]	--	--	42	143
December 2024	Angel Tree ELCA Good Gifts	[REDACTED]	City of Columbia Animal Shelter	[REDACTED]	27	92
January 2025	Woodyard Fund	[REDACTED]	--	--	28	93
February 2025			--	--	26	98
March 2025	Lenten Self Denial** • Homeless No More • Providence Home • Women's Shelter	[REDACTED]	Epworth Children's Home (Shrove Tuesday and Noisy Offering)	[REDACTED]	35	131
April 2025	Lutheran Services Carolinas (refugees)	[REDACTED]	--	--	20	77
May 2025	Project HOPE	[REDACTED]	--	--	23	80
June 2025	Palmetto Place		Tanzania Fund (baby warmers)		25	65
July 2025	Big Red Barn Retreat		--	--		
August 2025			A.C. Flora Backpack program			
September 2025			--	--		
October 2025			--	--		
November 2025			Pawmetto Lifeline			
December 2025			--	--		

* Because ELCA Good Gifts donations are sent directly to the ELCA and not through GSLC, no total amount can be provided.

** Per committee vote, includes [REDACTED] in surplus Angel Tree donations from December.

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75th Anniversary Task Force Report

The Task Force met on July 15, 2025.

Items discussed and update:

- A. September 14, 2025 – 75th Homecoming worship service at 10:30 a.m., no Sunday School and a catered meal afterwards in the FAB.
 - a) Pastor Ron Feltman preaching -- Pastor Feltman providing transportation and accommodations; to be paid honorarium.
 - b) Bishop Ginny Aebischer attending.
 - c) Jim Johnson emailed information about worship service. Children's and Adult choirs participating and two trumpeters will accompany hymns and liturgy.
 - d) Scott Hall Catering – Deb Whitlow, Kappy Steck, Joey Allison and Nancy Hyatt will meet with caterer on August 28th to confirm set-up and details.
 - e) Special 75th Anniversary cake will be purchased from Publix.
 - f) Special guest invitations to be sent to former pastors, friends of congregation and representatives from various social ministries the first week in August; RSVP by 9/8/25.
 - g) Decoration of FAB – to be determined at walk through time.
 - h) Recognition will be given at the luncheon to 90+ year old members.
 - i) Pastor Andrew will give comments at the luncheon about GS's support to many social ministries needs throughout its history.
 - J) Ed Beaman is helping with the production of streaming photos during the lunch.
 - k) Bulletin insert will be included several Sundays prior to event. Members are encouraged to invite family, friends and former members.
 - l) Task Force will contact Property Committee in desire to have facilities and property looking its best for the 75th celebration.
- B. Advertising/Communications/Publications
 - a) Newsletter articles – Don Caughman will continue to write various articles to be published in newsletter.
 - b) Notices will be placed on website and Facebook; will submit article to Columbia Star.
 - c) Booklet and Magnet – These items have been well received. These will continue to be available for members to pick up if they have not done so.

Next meeting date – September 2, 2025, 4:30 p.m.