

## THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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Have a joyful Easter! Join SOTG in  
worship with great praise at 7:00, 8:30, or  
10:30 a.m.

BUT *God*  
DEMONSTRATES  
HIS OWN *love* TOWARD  
US,  
IN THAT WHILE  
WE WERE STILL SINNERS,  
*Christ* DIED FOR US.  
ROMANS 5:8



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!**

April 16th marks the joy of the resurrection this year. Our journey through the valley of Lent comes to its conclusion, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Thanks to all who made this Lenten season memorable. Thanks to the pastors who preached on Wednesdays during Lent: Rev. Dr. Bob Trendel, Rev. John Burgbacher, Rev. Ray Branstiter, and Rev. Peter Lyberg. Thanks to all who made soup from the Fellowship Committee, the Choir, the Sew-Sews, Property group, Council, Bible Study groups, and staff and pastor's wives. Thanks in advance to all who participated in the Passion pageant, especially Penny Moken and Connee Zeman who organized and directed it. Thanks to Megan Cianflone and all the music folks. Thanks to all the ushers, the Altar Guild, and Worship Assistants.



Our Wednesday Lenten series in the Small Catechism was terrific! In keeping with the 500th Anniversary theme of the Reformation, please enjoy the following:

“Martin Luther was one of the most influential giants of religious reform in the history of mankind. And he was more. The father of the Reformation was a multi-faceted person who addressed a variety of important social issues throughout his life. Today, half a millennium later, his words remain relevant in our lives.”

Approach to living - “God grant us all to live as we teach and to practice what we preach.”

The need for love - “Just as there is no fire without heat and smoke, so there is no faith without love.”

The importance of prayer - “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

The feeling of joy - “It is pleasing to God whenever you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart.”

The living word of God - “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.”

The blessedness of marriage - “To have peace and love in a marriage is a gift that is next to the knowledge of the gospel.”

The preciousness of friendship - “I for my part consider the loss of all my possessions less important than the loss of a faithful friend.”

The power of music - “Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest

## PASTOR'S PAGES. . .

praise.”

The gift of children - “Daily learn the article of divine creation by looking at your children and offspring, who stand before you . . . Here you may behold the providence of God, who created them out of nothing.”

Justification by faith - “When by the Spirit of God, I understood these words, ‘The just shall live by faith,’ I felt born again like a new man. I entered through the open doors into the very Paradise of God!”

The purpose of possessions - “Possessions are not given that we may rely on them and glory in them . . . But that we may use and enjoy them and share them with others . . . Our possessions should be in our hands, not in our hearts.”

The nature of giving - “We cannot give God anything; for everything is already God’s, and all we have comes from God. We can only give God praise, thanks, and honor.”

His is risen, indeed!

Peace to All,

Pastor Doug

## COMPASSION IN ACTION. . .

On Sunday, March 26th, the Sew-Sews displayed some of their handiwork on Blanket Sunday. These are not all the quilts they have made this season. Some have already gone to help those at The Shelter for Abused Women and Children and Saint Matthew’s House. For those with nothing, a hand made quilt can mean the world! The Sew-Sews meet on Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. to quilt and fellowship.



## **COUNCIL CORNER. . .**

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Marty Roddy and opened with a prayer by Pastor Wahlberg. Devotions were given by John Burgbacher. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting.

Pastor's report: Pastor Wahlberg reported he would have a hernia repaired on April 20, 2017. John Burgbacher will fill in for him on Sunday, April 23, 2017. April 23, 2017 will also be the beginning of our summer schedule with one service at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Wahlberg's vacation substitutes are as follows-Pastor Ray Branstiter on July 30 and August 6; Food for the Poor Sunday on August 13; Tara McGraw on August 20. The A.A. meeting for women continues to meet on Monday evenings. They sometimes have six or eight in attendance. Becky Brooks will register this meeting with the national headquarters in New York. By consensus of the Council they may continue to meet rent free. Pastor noted that attendance was down for February. However, giving was up. Team Reports: Accounting- In Tony Zeman's absence, he provided a written report in which he said offerings are \$16,000 over budget due to stock gifts. Expenses unbudgeted were caused by Florida Power and Light, who had a new pole installed and damaged the irrigation system and caused \$700 in repairs. A claim has been made. Benevolence expenses are higher than budgeted because income was higher than expected. Parish Relations – No report Endowment – No report Property – A new mower may need to be purchased. Ron may check to see if Lead On Lord has money to use for this. Fire ants will be treated again as people are being bitten. Stewardship – Chuck Keller reported that 77 pledges had been received for \$208,380 in pledges. This is a 70% increase in giving. \$109,000 was given last year for which no pledges were received. For those people who purchase on line from Amazon, AmazonSmile will donate a certain percentage to our church. More information will be in the newsletter. Fellowship – The committee will provide supper for the Carthage Choir on March 19, 2017. After that there is one more function for the year. Education – Judy Kobs reported that the teaching team consists of Bonny Dery, Chair, Lori Bernabei, Adele Giacometti, and Nadine Kelly. They are very creative and are ready every Sunday if children show up. Evangelism – Linda Tidmore said the committee will meet March 21, 2017 to brainstorm how to attract more people to our church. Ads will be in the paper for the Peter Simon Concert and for Easter. Worship and Music – Carole Graesser said she still needs housing for the Carthage Choir. Ushers and assistants are scheduled. On Passion Sunday, a drama is to be performed. Some members of the cast are disciples and those people in groups of two will serve communion at stations at the head of each aisle. By consensus, the Council approved this. Sew-Sews – Pat Cumor reported that she had visited the quilting group and was very impressed with the things they do. They will be displaying the quilts some Sunday before too long. Lead On Lord – No report.

#### **New Business:**

Pike Electric – A bill of \$805 was sent to FPL, who was forwarding the bill to Pike Electric, their subcontractor to pay for the damage caused to our irrigation system. Synod Assembly – The dates for the Assembly have been changed from June to the Fall. Nadine Kelly is still available and will be a delegate. The other delegate will be Lynn Wahlberg. Soup – The Council will provide soup on March 22, 2017. People making soups are Pat Cumor, Carole Graesser, Joanne Hogan, Judy Kobs, Linda Tidmore, and Connee Zeman. Chuck Keller will provide bread.

## **COUNCIL CORNER (Continued). . .**

Old Business:

Everglades Chorus – They will sell tickets for their concert on the patio.

The next Council meeting will be April 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Carole Graesser. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Wahlberg.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Hogan, Secretary

## **ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .**

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TWO Sunday worship service times at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. through Easter Sunday, April 16th. One service time at 9:30 a.m. will commence on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

### **A CALL FOR ACTION:**

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades collects and donates canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew's House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/ jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the church and give to the ushers every Sunday morning. All items are delivered the end of each month. We extend our thanks to all who faithfully give food items for our local need organizations. The last donations were just delivered to St. Matthew's House .



### **SEW-SEW GROUP**

The Sew-Sews are quilting in Hanson Hall at 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. If you enjoy sewing and fellowship, come join in, making quilts for those who need them. Questions? Please contact Marjean Cossette at 239-353-6786.

### **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding. The birds begin to sing...the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you want to sing; it's fresh like spring...you want to pass it on. Last month we celebrated "MARCH GLADNESS" learning Bible verses and songs focused on the joy of having Jesus in our lives. On Easter Sunday, April 16th we are having a Resurrection Celebration Egg hunt between the 8:30 am and 10:30 am church services (approx 9:45 am). All children are invited to come and join in the fun. If anyone is available to help this day, please contact Lori Bernabei @ [708-349-1299](tel:708-349-1299).

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Women's Bible Study, led by Elaine Sima, will continue on Friday on April 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. Come & bring a friend. This will be the last one of the season.

## SOTG CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES . . .

### Peter Simon, Pianist/Orator Presents THE MUSIC & POETRY OF LOVE

Sunday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

International concert pianist/entertainer PETER SIMON has designed a special program for an enchanting romantic evening. In this one-of-a-kind program, Mr. Simon will not only perform some of the world's greatest romantic piano music but will also recite some of the world's most cherished romantic poetry. Audiences will have the opportunity to hear not only selected works of Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and others, but also the timeless expressions of love written by Shakespeare, Wadsworth, Browning, the Old and New Testament, and others. This deeply moving experience of *Love* and *Romance* in the uniquely gorgeous presentation by PETER SIMON will captivate its listeners and linger in their memories for years to come. There is not a charge for tickets, but a freewill offering will be taken, thanks to the generous sponsorship of a donor, the Alex Blagojevic Group of Morgan Stanley™ in Fort Myers, FL.



## FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Three Months Ended March, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$136,151	\$116,787	\$19,364
Operating Expense	\$93,306	\$98,710	\$5,404
Net Income (Deficit)	\$42,845	\$18,077	\$24,768

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

*"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."* Hebrews 12:2-3

"You must be overwhelmed by the frightful wrath of God who so hated sin that he spared not his only begotten Son. Ponder this and you will tremble, and the more you ponder, the deeper you will tremble. Take this to heart and doubt not that you are the one who killed Christ. Your sins certainly did, and when you see the nails driven through his hands, be sure that you are pounding, and when the thorns pierce his brow, know that they are your evil thoughts. Consider that if one thorn pierced Christ you deserve one hundred thousand. But if one does meditate rightly on the suffering of Christ for a day, an hour, or even a quarter of an hour, this we may confidently say is better than a whole year of fasting, days of psalm singing, yes, than even one hundred masses, because this reflection changes the whole man and makes him new, as once he was in baptism." *Martin Luther*

## **MAKING THE MOST OF OUR RESOURCES . . .**

Did you know you can donate to SOTG every time you shop on Amazon? Amazon has a program where they donate .5% of the value of your Amazon purchases to the non-profit that you designate. The program is called AmazonSmile.



### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to use the purchases you already make on Amazon to benefit SOTG. It's another way to make the most of your resources and accomplish more with what you are already doing. When you shop at Amazon, log on first to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). You will find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to SOTG.

### **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

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## **CARTHAGE COLLEGE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE . . .**



Carthage College Women's Ensemble performed in concert on Sunday evening, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Their Spring Tour Concert was entitled "I Have a Voice". The group of thirty-six women was conducted by Dr. Peter Dennee, Professor of conducting music education, and global music at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.

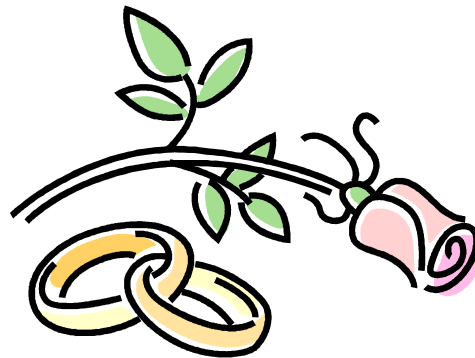


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

April 1 Jose A. Ardaya  
April 1 Jose C. Ardaya  
April 1 Vicki Dunlop  
April 1 Deirdre Woods  
April 2 La Morris Cook  
April 2 Jeffrey Nelson  
April 4 Mark Batson III  
April 5 Merlyn Bowers  
April 5 Elizabeth Cianflone  
April 5 Esther Dressler  
April 6 Kubra Akyuz  
April 7 Joanne Bartsh  
April 7 Bob Dunkle  
April 11 Matthew McWaters  
April 11 John Olson, Jr.  
April 12 Marilyn Barikmo  
April 12 Carole Graesser  
April 12 Gerald LaStella  
April 13 Ken Sebe  
April 14 Lester Larrabee  
April 14 Leila Sellman  
April 14 Beverly Smith  
April 15 Gary Dieterichs  
April 16 Vernon Rasmussen  
April 16 Linda Salisbury  
April 17 Irmi Bjerken  
April 17 Be Oppermann  
April 19 Anne Burgbacher  
April 20 Rachael Lyberg  
April 21 Don Bassett  
April 22 Gerald Campbell

April 23 Maria Vinhal  
April 24 Mason Batson  
April 24 Marilyn Wintz  
April 25 Mason Ciampa  
April 25 Cori Klocek  
April 26 Mitchell Rife  
April 29 Mary Jingling  
April 30 Lawrence Buettner  
April 30 Jeffrey Seminario



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

April 7 Jeffrey & Mary Prod  
April 10 Howard & Jennifer Wiesener  
April 13 James & Susan O'Neal  
April 18 Bob & Linda Tidmore  
April 26 Tony & Connee Zeman  
April 27 Donald & Barbara Glaser  
April 28 Dexter & Pat Spanitz  
April 29 Harlo & Karen Peterson



## CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

### PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Janet Anderson	Family of Annie Doara	Maryanne
Tom Archard	M. Kathleen Dube	Morgan
Anthony	Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Carol Nauert
Lee Arendt	Eric Ernst	Susan O'Neil
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Freathestone Fmily	Michael O'Donald
Zoey Berger	Yamilla Frederick	Family of P.J. Read
Corrine Besee	Jonathan Gance	Robert
Betty	Annette Gjesdahl	Laura Robertson
Mary Ann Blair	Sally Guerra	Neva Marie Rucci & Sons
Irene Boden	Judy & Ron H.	Connor & Linda Ruisz
Merlyn Bowers	Sue Haberkorn	Janet Ruth
Luke Bradley	Dave Hedges	Sally
Dory, Rosemary & Chris Braun	Ann Marie Hill	Hermann Schamberger, Jr.
Family of Betty Brisky	Carl Hydes	Joe Schamberger
Ernie Burch	Jeannie	Kathie Schmidt
Anne & John Burgbacher	Ardent Jensen	Larry Segerlind
Josh Cane	Judy & Rich	Shannon
Harry Cappa, Jr.	Kathi	Patrick Smith
Velma Carasco	Lily & Billy Kelly	Annette Stamburger
Jerry Carson	Reina Klassen	Steven
Casey	Al Lane	Todd Strausser
Mia Cervoni	Barb & Dave Lees	Majelle Susler
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Carl Lohmann	Tommy's Family
Jill Coulthard	Rose Maki	Family of Sharon Varn
Roland Cumor	Douglas & Dorothy MacKenzie	Shirley Watson
Emily Davies	Matthew Marderosian	Patricia Wiley
"Debbie"	Mary & Drew	Tony Zeman
Lena Deter	Mary R.	

Please let us know when someone should be added or removed from the Prayer List.

## REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Lt. Col. Paula Behrens  
Staff Sergeant Adam Crown  
Master Sergeant, Christopher Farnsworth  
Airman Corey Malinowski  
Enlisted Army, Kendra Schwenneker  
Capt. Michael Scott



## **CALENDAR CUES . . .**

### **CALENDAR NOTES:**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Last Lenten Wednesday Worship with soup supper following

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Last Bible Study; 5:30 p.m. New Member Orientation and dinner

Friday, April 7, 2017, Last Women's Bible Study for season

Sunday, April 9, 2017, Palm/Passion Sunday; 4:00 p.m. Peter Simon Piano Concert

April 12, 2017, May/June newsletter deadline

Thursday, April 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Good Friday, April 14, 2017, 7-7:00 Good Friday Prayer Vigil; Noon, Good Friday Service at East Naples United Methodist Church; 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship; 9:45 a.m. Resurrection Celebration Egg Hunt for children

Friday, April 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m. God Be With You Potluck Supper in Hanson Hall

Friday, April 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. May/June Newsletter mailing

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

June Synod Assembly postponed until October 12-14, 2017

July 30 - August 26, 2017, Pastor Doug and Lynn Wahlberg on vacation

Sunday, July 30 and August 6, 2017, Rev. Ray Branstiter preaching

Sunday, August 13, 2017, Food for the Poor Sunday, Bob Berger preaching

Sunday, August 20, 2017, Rev. Tara McGraw preaching

## **AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .**

### **LAST FELLOWSHIP EVENT OF THE SEASON**

On Friday evening, April 21, 2017, the last Fellowship event of the season will be held. Clean out your refrigerators and pantries before you go home for the summer and make a delicious dish to share for the "Peace Be with You" Potluck Dinner. Potluck will be at 6:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. Come and enjoy all your SOTG friends before returning North.

### **MINNESOTA REUNION SCHEDULED!**

If you're in the Minnesota vicinity, you are cordially invited to renew fellowship with folks from SOTG! By August you will be missing us, so pencil in on your calendar: Monday, August 7, 2017 - Annual Minnesota Reunion at Gabe's By The Park at 1:00 p.m. Gabe's is at 991 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul, MN 55108. (Phone-651-646-3066) Please RSVP by July 21, 2017 to Chris & Dave Willits, who are coordinating the event this year. You may reach them by phone (763) 300-9482 or by email (cmwdww@msn.com).



# APRIL, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. LAST NEW MEMBER CLASS 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>3</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>4</b> 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS	<b>5</b> LENTEN WED. 5:30 P.M. WORSHIP W/ SOUP SUPPER 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	<b>6</b> 2:00 & 7:00 P.M. PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: "LUTHER & THE REFORMATION" 5:30 P.M. NM ORIENTATION	<b>7</b> 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  DEADLINE FOR LILY ORDERS	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. SS 4 P.M. PETER SIMON PIANO CONCERT	<b>10</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>11</b> 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	<b>12</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR  MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>13</b> 5:30 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP	<b>14</b> 7-7 PRAYER VIGIL NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT ENUMC 7:30 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> EASTER SUNDAY 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:45 A.M. EGGHUNT FOR CHILDREN	<b>17</b> OFFICE UNAVAILABLE IN HONOR OF EASTER 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>18</b> 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 P.M. GOD BE WITH YOU POT-LUCK SUPPER	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 WORSHIP w/ PR. JOHN BURGBACHER 9:30 A.M. SS	<b>24</b> 7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>25</b> 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SS						

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