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SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S PAGE . . .

"REST A WHILE"

³⁰ "The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves." Mark 6:30-31



As I write this newsletter article, Lynn and I are getting ready to "REST A WHILE?" We are packing, getting the house ready to be gone, getting the car ready for the long drive, dealing with things like the daily mail and plants, etc. You may notice the question mark after the statement "REST A WHILE?"

Jesus is trying to get away as the above passage indicates. The disciples had just gotten back from their short term mission trips, telling, "All they had done and taught". Jesus was still mourning the senseless beheading of his cousin, John the Baptist. (Mark 6:14-29) So again, Jesus wanted a short, quick vacation in order to "REST A WHILE". Of course, it didn't happen for Jesus and the disciples. They did go "away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves", but (verse 33) "Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them." It just didn't happen! This is an exciting time for Lynn and me. The first weekend where we have a "deserted place" - Grindstone Lake in Minnesota - will, at some times of the year, be teaming with about 150 or so relatives, "a great crowd". (verse 34) "As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." Monday, July 30, about 20 or more SOTG folks (great crowd?) will gather in St. Paul for lunch and catching up. (See details on page 3.) The wedding of Leslie Gjesdahl, our Congregational President, and Hank Beers brings us to Fargo, North Dakota on August 4. We will spend some time in Chicago with Lynn's mom, who is recovering from heart surgery and the following complications. Wow, what an exciting trip, but "REST A WHILE"? Someone once said, after a very exciting busy vacation, I'm glad I'm back so I can get some rest. Well, Lynn and I will be very glad to be back for worship on August 26. Jesus "had compassion for them" (verse 34), and so do I for you as best as I can in my feeble human way. It will be great to get away and even greater to get back.

NEW MEMBERS

Our parish saw seven folk come forward to join Shepherd of the Glades on June 24, 2012 (See pages 6 and 7), and that's a great number for the summer. The next New Member Sunday will be Reformation Sunday, October 28, with a New Member Class beginning on Sunday, September 16.

PASTOR'S PAGE . . .

RALLY DAY

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 9. Our hard working education folks are working on plans. We continue to be ready for children. If you may have a passion for this, contact Bonny Dery or Lynn at the church office.

PULPIT SUPPLY

The pastor who will be here at SOTG July 29, August 5, 12, and 19 was the former interim pastor, Carl Kaltreider. He was here from about August, 2008 through my arrival in May, 2009. If you need any pastoral assistance in my absence, please call Lynn at the church office, and she will make arrangements.

Can't wait to "come away" and also can't wait to come back. Thank you for our partnership in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ and for your prayers for safe travel and "REST".

Pastor Doug

AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .

MINNESOTA REUNION!

It is time for anyone in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, or anywhere else in the area in July to mark their calendars to save the date for the SOTG Reunion! The date has been set for July 30, 2012 at Gabe's by the Park, 991 North Lexington Parkway in St. Paul, MN. Pastor Doug and Lynn will be on vacation with family in MN. A room has been reserved for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Please make your reservation with Betty Sauer at (608) 334-3359 or Vi Bohler at (608) 643-4433. Hope to see a lot of you there!

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY . . .

Perhaps you are not yet aware! With the installation of the new sound system, compliments of the capital campaign, SOTG can now record worship services. With that ability a couple of additional options are available to folks. You can listen to the last four weeks of worship services by accessing our website, www.sotgweb.org. When you bring up the home page, look for a link on the right hand side of the page and click on "Worship Audio Files". A page will appear with the description of each service. Click on the orange arrow of the service you want to listen to, and you can hear a whole service even if you are a million miles away (as long as you have internet access)! The other option available for those who can't make it to church physically is to have a worship CD mailed or taken to them. At the beginning of each week, the recorded service is put on a CD that can be played on any CD player or in a computer or car. If you know of anyone, who can't be here on Sundays, who would like to be able to experience a worship service, please call the church office with the information. A bulletin can be enclosed with the CD so that the

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

Council Minutes from July 10, 2012

The meeting opened with devotions by Hank Beers. Pastor reported that seven people joined Shepherd of the Glades in June. At present, there are approximately seven people to join on Reformation Sunday, October 28. At worship there will be prayers for the youth going to New Orleans for the national youth convention. During Pastor's vacation, Emmanuel Lutheran is willing to help with spiritual needs. Finance Committee reported that \$10,000 was transferred from the investment account to checking to cover payroll. Let the Good Shepherd Lead reported new contributions of over \$2,000. The church only commits to projects we have the money to pay for. Next week the roof will be sprayed to remove mold. Also next week, Sherwin Williams representatives will give an estimate to paint. A motion was made, seconded and approved to use Tom Welsh funds to paint the chancel area. Property Committee reported that maintenance was done on lawn equipment and that Debbie Schiltz is doing a great job. Stewardship reported that Hank Beers and Leslie Gjesdahl were attending a stewardship program at Good Shepherd Church in Tampa, called "Walk with Jesus". The Youth Committee requested that Bonny Dery be authorized to conduct Bible study for little ones in the nursery at the same time as church service. This would start on September 9. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. Margie Carr reported that the youth will take a \$2,000 check to New Orleans for their mission project to build wells to supply water to those without safe water. Youth attending will take notes and report back to the congregation when they return. Leslie Gjesdahl reported that updated Hanson Hall rental policies will be finished in the Fall. There will not be a Council meeting in August. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Wahlberg.

FROM THE YOUTH . . .

The youth are so excited about their trip! They want to thank you for your generosity in raising \$2,853 for their trip to the national ELCA convention in New Orleans. With this money their meals will be covered, as well as accommodations. The trip begins Monday morning, July 16, when they meet at Emmanuel Lutheran to board a Greyhound bus. Their first stop is Panama City for two nights. At Panama City they will be doing a community service project, separating recyclables, in the morning and taking a cruise in the afternoon. They will arrive in New Orleans on Wednesday afternoon, July 18. The program for the convention is around three core practices: Discipleship, Peacemaking, and Justice. They will share their experiences with pictures when they return on Monday, July 23.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER . . .

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - It has no point." Unknown

"When a people point a finger at someone else, they should remember that four of their fingers are pointing back at themselves." Louis Nizer

"A person's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait." Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .

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

Sunday worship service is at 9:30 a.m.

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 or place at the altar each and 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 delivered to St. Matthews House.



COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . .

SUMMER NEEDS AT GRACE PLACE - MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE!

Please help hungry families in our community. The Food Pantry at GRACE PLACE provides emergency groceries to families in need every Friday. In the summer, our food supplies run low. At the same time, families have greater needs as the children do not receive breakfast and lunch at school and parents are given fewer hours of work at their service level jobs. Food collections of rice, dry beans, cereal, and dry milk are needed. Please contact Patty at 455-2707 or Patty@graceplacenaples.org to help!

Make a difference in the life of an at-risk child this summer. Volunteers are needed at GRACE PLACE for their summer programs with children (pre-k through middle school). Classroom helpers and field trip chaperones are needed. Please contact Erika 455-2707 or Erika@graceplacenaples.org to help.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS NEEDS YOUR HELP IN COLLIER COUNTY!

Thrivent Financial - - better known for helping those in need in the community through its Care in Communities Program - - needs your help! Are you aware that each year Thrivent Financial for Lutherans donates over \$10,000 in matching funds to support local charities right here in Collier County? This generosity may unfortunately come to an end or may be severely curtailed unless we can find volunteers to fill key positions on the local Board of Directors. What's involved? The Board meets once per month on Sundays, right after church in various churches around the county. Meetings (after a lunch paid for by Thrivent) last about an hour, and the primary business is the evaluation and approval of requests for funds to match money raised through fund-raisers at local churches. This is an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and to share in the camaraderie and satisfaction associated with helping the less fortunate here in our county. Can you spare a few hours in the course of a year for this important cause? You need not be an owner of Thrivent products in order to participate - - this is all about doing good right here in our own back yard! Please contact Irene Harring at 239-370-3515 or Steve Esala at 239-331-4832 and Steven Miekke 239-593-1708 to learn more about this marvelous opportunity.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . NEW MEMBERS 6/24/12



Edward & Micheline (Mimi) Larsen are joining as full-time members, by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 880 St. Andrews Boulevard, Naples, FL 34113

Home phone: 239-732-4636

Cell phone: 239-222-0040

Email: eddiellarsen@gmail.com

Ed was in the United States Air Force from 1953-1976 and with Dominio Resources from 1977-1990. He enjoys bowling, golf, cruising, travel, his family and Bible. He would be interested in military outreach of the church.

Whitney Leigh Mann is joining as a full-time member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 6289 Shadowood Circle, Naples, FL 34112

Home phone: 239-775-0079

Work phone: 239-775-0600

Email: whitneyleigh2626@gmail.com

Whitney attends Shepherd of the Glades with her boyfriend, Adam Parrish, and Adam's parents, Del & Patti Parrish. Her jobs include Sunshine Pharmacy, Petsmart grooming, and Nona Maria's as a hostess. She enjoys dog grooming and playing cello. Whitney would like to usher at SOTG.



Ron & Barbara Modjeska are joining as full-time members by transfer from Marco Lutheran Church.

Address: 7082 Toscana Court, Naples, FL 34114

Home phone: 239-331-7823

Cell phone: 563-349-1438

Their email: mojosrb@gmail.com

Ron & Barbara are retired now, but ran a sales company together for 23 years. He enjoys golf and boating. She enjoys reading and boating.

Adam Parrish is joining as a full-time members by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 6289 Shadowood Circle, Naples, FL 34112

Home phone: 239-775-0079

Work phone: 239-775-0600

His email: acp34113@gmail.com

Adam attends Shepherd of the Glades with his girlfriend, Whitney Mann, and his parents, Del & Patti Parrish. He works at Sunshine Pharmacy and enjoys playing with pets and going to the beach. Adam would like to usher at SOTG.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . NEW MEMBERS 6/24/12



Phillip Weatherford is joining as a full-time Member by letter of transfer from Bethany Lutheran Church, Ludington, MI.

Address: 7808 Regal Heron Circle, Unit 304, Naples, FL 34104

Home phone: 239-776-7768

His cell: 239-682-0111

His email: drphillip@gmx.com

Northern address: 2725 Brunnar Road, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Northern phone: 920-374-9949

Phillip enjoys playing the organ and is filling in for Megan while she is on vacation today and next Sunday. He has served on Worship and Buildings & Grounds Committees and on Church Council. He would like to participate in music, teaching and building here at SOTG. Phillip is a former teacher/professor. His hobbies are woodworking, home improvements, camping, the Packers, music, and collecting antique Christmas ornaments and decorations.

CHURCH CHUCKLES . . .

From Garrison Keillor:

"I have made fun of Lutherans for years—who wouldn't if you lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn.

We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do.

If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheranless place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael, Row the Boat Ashore', they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans, they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of 'Children of the Heavenly Father' in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!"

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

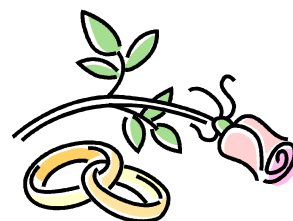
August 2	Naomi Stamer
August 2	Ray Waters
August 5	Marjean Cossette
August 6	Christopher Farnsworth
August 6	Joan Maywood
August 8	Ron Modjeska
August 9	Marilyn Stadler
August 10	Ginny Trendel
August 13	Bob Dyer
August 14	Jim Brooks
August 15	Kim Fellows
August 15	Dorothy Julien
August 18	Michael Lien
August 20	Letha Brough
August 21	Howard Wiesener
August 24	Donna Salin
August 25	Nancy Dyer
August 29	Shirley Reed
August 30	Marion Idler
August 30	Patti Parrish
August 31	Luana LaStella
August 31	Charlotte Wahlig



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!

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:



August 1	Carl & Ruthann Lohmann
August 2	Andy & Letha Brough
August 3	David & Nadine Nadine
August 7	Don & Debra McWaters
August 12	John & Margie Carr
August 12	David & Jennifer Hackethal
August 17	Ken & Maureen Drum
August 18	Brad & Karen Puerner
August 20	John & Anne Burgbacher
August 20	Jim & Elaine Sima
August 25	Ken & Mary Lee Jordan
August 25	Ed & Sherry Larson
August 30	Bill & Doris Marderness

RECEIVED HIS VICTORY

Paul E. "Dutch" Graesser received his victory in the Lord on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at home in Naples.

There was a victory service at SOTG on Friday, June 15,

2012, with committal in the Memorial Garden, and luncheon following. There was also a service at All Saints Lutheran Church in Palantine, IL on Thursday, June 21, 2012. Cards may be sent to Carole at her Illinois address.



WEDDING BELLS

Leslie Ann Gjesdahl marries **Henry Edward Beers** on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Fargo, ND.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Billie Adams	Larry Dube	Rose Maki	Jim & Melissa Rye
Justin Adams	Uenna Duvall	Lois Manier	Gene Sailer
Tanya Aldrich	Jean Ellis	Linda Martin	Diane Scheider
Linda Allen	Erb Family	Karl Mayer	Mary Schmitz
Molly Alvera	Austin Farnsworth	Karen Mazzocchi	Lynn Schneider
Nancy Amarin	Ruby Farrish	Bill McDonald	Max Schoolmaster
Bob Ashford	James Fellows	Debbie McWaters	Janet Sharpe
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Sharon Ferst	Shelly Millen	Hank Silverman
Lois Barrish	Annette Gjesdahl	Tino Miraglia	James Sima Family
Ken Baskin	Carole Graesser & family	"Mike"	Ryan Smith
Mae Behrens	Taylor Granitz	Frank Mischota, Jr.	Terry Smith
Sidney Berger	Shane Hackethal	Bill Myers	Betty Sotto
Rev. David Birnbaum	Eleanor Hacky	Bob & Mary Myers	Spiegel Family
Steve Bleicher	Marilee Hammer	Jacqui Neuwirth	Naomi Stamer
Kendra Boyd	Alicia Harris	Victor Nielsen	Kathy Steele
Jay Brandt	Claudia & Gene Healing	Sandy Orr	Gail Sternard
Betty Brisky	Hughes Family	Lois Parrish	Students & Teachers
Ann Bruning	Marion Idler	Patricia Peters	Ira & Annette Sussman
Louis Buonpane	Jackie Johnson	Eric Piburn	Theodore
Jennifer Butler	Bob Krasnay	Mark Powers	Warren Thiem
Kate Carpenter	Berniece Kratz	Tina Ragsdale	Jean Thurston
Chrissie & Joshua	Linda Katz	Hal & Libbie Richter	Leslie Tibbals
Bill Clifton	Janie Korin	Cletus Roshak	Terry Vallon
Don Cowan	Emma Larson	Liam Roy	Harriet Viohl
Muriel Cording	Jenette Lindahl	Dan & Jean Rudge	Jill Wahrenberger
Patricia & Roland Cumor	Ken Lowe	Fred Ruff	Sheryl Wallen
DeAnna	Alice Lyons	Connor Ruisz	Dorothy Wendorf
Wendy Demenge	Mary M.	Jean Ruth Family	Jannie Ziehl

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

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Maj. Brian Ashford
Lt. Col. Paula Behrens
Staff Sergeant Adam Crown
Master Sergeant, Christopher Farnsworth
Col. Ken Madura
Airman Corey Malinowski



CALENDAR CLUES . . .

Sunday, September 9, 2012, Rally Day with all kinds of activities. Stay tuned . . .

Sundays, September 16 - October 21, 2012, New Member Classes with Pastor Doug

Sunday, October 28, 2012, New Member Sunday

LOCAL EVENTS . . .

UNDY SUNDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5 & 12

SOTG in conjunction with Catholic Charities will be collecting underwear, socks, etc. for children 4-12. Collection boxes are in the Narthex these two Sundays. Please generously support the needy children of Collier County.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

“WHEN YOUR HUT’S ON FIRE”

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, “God! How could you do this to me?” Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! “How did you know I was here?” asked the weary man of his rescuers. “We saw your smoke signal”, they replied. The moral of this story: It’s easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn’t lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground . . . It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

A LITTLE LEVITY . . .

Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location and confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, “Honey,” I stammered; I always call him “Honey” in times like these. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen”. There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. He barked, “I dropped you off!” Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me”. He retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this policeman that I have not stolen your car”.



August, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 11th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	13	14 NO COUNCIL MEETING	15	16	17	18
19 12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP PASTOR BACK FROM VACATION	27	28	29	30	31	

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