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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

JANUARY, 2017 NEWSLETTER

**“The glow of the Glory!
Oh, Lord give me a glory.
Is it too much to give?
For you gotta get a glory
Or you just don’t live!”**

Archibald Rutledge

Wow! 2017 already! As we were setting up the Sanctuary after the outstanding Paul & PJ Todd Concert, one of our members exclaimed, “Wow! 2017 already!” I hope that all of us, as we move into the New Year 2017, will take with us the glow of the Glory of the baby Lord Jesus entering our lives anew and filling us with new life for the New Year.



For some of us, 2016 was a hard year; for others, a great one. Can you imagine how Christmas might have been like when our country was embroiled in a civil war? It was a difficult time for many Americans. The nation was engulfed in a civil war, and it looked as if it might never end. Bloody battles had taken the lives of brothers, husbands, and fathers. Homes had been destroyed and towns burned down. It was a time of hopelessness and despair. Into the ever darkening gloom, American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

**“I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.**

**And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.**

**Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men.**

**And in despair I bowed my head.
‘There is no peace on earth’, I said,
‘For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.’**

**Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
‘God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men.’”**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Though Christmas is past, you may find yourself in a dark time. If so, hear the words of Longfellow's song. Remember that no matter how dark it is, God is with us all.





Of course, 2016 was the 40th anniversary of my ordination on October 23, 1976. I was overwhelmed with the celebration. Thanks so much. Thank you also for all your cards and gifts this Holy Season. On behalf of your staff, Megan, Lynn, Tom & I, thanks again for your generous monetary Christmas gift.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

The next New Member Sunday will be January 29th. You are welcome here! Call me with any questions at 239-687-6580.

We have a full schedule of winter and spring events, including Adult Forums, Bible studies, Lenten and Easter services, and fellowship events. See the brochures in the Narthex for details and pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

There is a great season of music continuing at Shepherd of the Glades:

-  Gustavus Adolphus College Choir on Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Housing needed.)
-  Carthage College Women's Ensemble on Tour on Sunday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.
-  Everglades Barbershop Chorus and Bling! On Friday, March 31st at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.
-  Peter Simon, Concert Pianist, on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Two worship service schedule begins on January 8th at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

I begin my annual Winter Bible Study on Thursday, January 12th, same study at both 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. The study from THE BOOK OF FAITH series will begin with a study of Matthew and continue on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. Lenten Wednesday worship will be at 5:30 p.m. using the theme of the six chief parts of Martin Luther's Catechism in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Soup supper will immediately follow in Hanson Hall. Come as you are from work or play for worship and fellowship.

The 2017 Stewardship Campaign begins with the first Temple Talk on January 8th. Stewardship Sunday will be on January 22, and Commitment Sunday will be on January 29th. 2017 giving envelopes are available in the Narthex. You will receive a stewardship packet by snail mail soon.

SOTG's Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 12th.

God will bless us as a congregation in the new year because the glow of the glory of Jesus will remain. Thank you for our partnership in the glorious Gospel!

Peace,

Pastor Doug

COUNCIL CORNER. . .

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6 , 2016

A new brochure with all winter and spring events, including the Forums, Lent, Easter, Bible studies, and concerts is available. Please take two - one for yourself and one for a neighbor. The next New Member Sunday will be on January 29, 2017. The Global Mission Sunday free will offering was \$411. The ordinary income for November was less than budgeted. The theme of the Stewardship Campaign is “A Beacon of Light”. The bake sale netted over \$300. The next Fellowship event is the “Welcome Back Lunch” on January 15, 2017 when Teen Challenge is here. The Nursery will be sorted through and cleaned. New equipment has been authorized. Thank you for your generosity to Providence House. Nominations for Council with two positions to fill are Patricia Cumor and Tom Dunlop. The nominations for the Nominating Committee with three positions to fill are Martin Roddy, Corinne Roscoe, and Cindy Quehl.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Sima
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Martin Roddy. Pastor Doug presented a devotional and opened in prayer. February 14, 2016’s Annual Meeting Minutes were approved. Marty Roddy thanked Don Bassett and Elaine Sima for their service on Council. The nominees for the two positions were Patricia Cumor and Tom Dunlop. Both were unanimously approved. The three nominees for the Nominating Committee were Martin Roddy, Corinne Roscoe, and Cindy Quehl. All were unanimously approved. Tony Zeman presented the 2017 budget. Tony explained that there is a 3% raise in the budget for next year. Net operating income is projected to be a deficit as is usual because of the decrease in attendance during off season. The budget was approved as presented. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Sima
Secretary

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .

Before beginning the service, the pastor read aloud a note he’d been handed moments earlier. “It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning,” he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, “I’m hoping they mean ‘Bible Study.’”

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. starting January 8, 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Do you enjoy lifting your voice in praise to worship the Lord? Come and use your talents in the Chancel Choir. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Megan Cianflone, Director of Music.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

As we continue to celebrate our newborn King, we are thankful for the children who participated in the Christmas pageant and to Charlotte Buettner for reading the Christmas lesson. Beginning January 8th, Sunday School will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service. We are blessed to have Bonny Dery, Adele Giacometti, Nadine Kelly, Judy Kobs, and Lori Bernabei as committed teachers for our children.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study, led by Elaine Sima, will continue meeting the second Friday of the month on January 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. Come & bring a friend.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Twelve Months Ended December, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$357,426	\$338,250	\$19,176
Operating Expense	\$374,542	\$365,930	(\$8,612)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$17,116)	(\$27,680)	\$10,564

WINTER FORUMS BEGIN IN JANUARY . . .

Sunday, January 8, 2017

“The Arlington: We’ve Come a Long Way!”

Come hear what life is like at The Arlington now that it is up and running.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

“Teen Challenge International -Southwest Florida”

Teen Challenge is a nationwide Christ centered drug rehabilitation center. The Fort Myers Men’s and Women’s Center Choir will be here at both worship services for music and testimonies, as well as sharing at the Adult Forum time in the Sanctuary. They will also join us for the “Welcome Back Luncheon” in Hanson Hall after the second service. This is their fourth visit to SOTG. The Holy Spirit’s power to change lives is powerful. Teen Challenge writes, “We are excited about what God is doing throughout the ministry of Teen Challenge, and we look forward to sharing these things with your congregation.” Teen Challenge - “Where Life Transformation Happens”. A freewill offering will be collected at the end of each service.

Sunday, January 22, 2017

“Stewardship Update: What Has Lead on, Lord Accomplished?” Presenter, Don Bassett, Chair

Join us as we praise God for His many blessings and look forward to what is yet planned. Please do attend and bring your questions and comments.

Sunday, January 29, 2017

“Providence House: Illuminating the Path to Independence” Presenter, Jean Takacs, Executive Director

Come hear about this faith-based, non-profit organization that helps mothers become effective leaders of their family to give children a real chance at a stable and loving home life.

Super Sunday 2.0.: In this year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation; February 5, 2017 Presenter, Pastor Bob Trendel

This forum will be an extension and updating of the Super Sunday Forum presented in 2011. It will focus on current use of "super" in our culture, examining the Super Bowl as a religious holiday and festival and spectacle as some have suggested. This extends into other sports and even into upcoming Lutheran 500th anniversary events.

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Annual congregational meeting of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church between services;2016 Annual Reports will be shared.

Sunday, February 19, 2017

**“Those Were the Days-the Early Years of SOTG” Presenter, Rev. Peter Lyberg
Pastor Lyberg is the first called pastor of SOTG. He was originally called by the former American Lutheran Church to serve this mission start. He has a personal perspective of this parish and its current site, as well as insight into the inception of the new Santa Barbara Boulevard.**

SOTG CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES . . .

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE CHOIR ON FEBRUARY 3, 2017

The Gustavus Choir, widely recognized as one of America's foremost Lutheran college choirs, will perform on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. This 65 voice choral ensemble will present a broad historical spectrum of sacred and secular choral masterworks



directed by Dr. Gregory J. Aune, who is in his 22nd year as conductor of the Gustavus Choir. In its 84 year choral history, the a cappella ensemble has performed nationally and internationally, including for the King and Queen of Sweden. Gustavus Adolphus College, founded in 1862, is a highly selective, private, liberal arts college of recognized academic excellence with a student body of 2,500. The college values its Lutheran and Swedish heritage and is guided by five core values: excellence, community, justice, service, and faith. A freewill offering will be taken.

WE NEED YOU! . . .

In preparation for concerts in the upcoming 2016-17 music season, SOTG is responsible for providing housing and meals for choir members for two college choirs. Gustavus Adolphus College Choir is coming on Friday, February 3, 2017 and Carthage College Women's Ensemble joins us on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Those assisting with housing would attend the concert, take them home, provide sleeping arrangements, provide breakfast, and transport them back to the Church in the morning. Carole Graesser is taking sign-ups for the housing. To contact Carole you may phone her at 239.529.6778, or email her at carolegraesser@gmail.com. There is also a committee to plan and organize this season's musical series. If you would like to be involved, please also contact Carol Graesser.

AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP! . . .

The Fellowship Committee has planned a full schedule for the 2016-2017 season. They are as follows:

Sunday, January 15, 2017, after second worship service - "Welcome Back Luncheon" with Teen Challenge joining us

Sunday, February 26, 2017, after both worship services - Strawberry Festival

Don't forget to mark your calendars for both the worship, fellowship, educational, and musical events this season! Music and Forums brochures are available in the Narthex.



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!

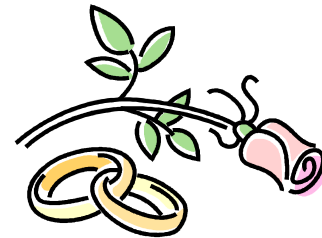
HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

- January 1 Barb Tommingo
- January 2 Katherine Cianflone
- January 2 Ted Roscoe
- January 3 Lisbet Ramirez
- January 5 Luke Freeze
- January 5 Barb Keller
- January 6 Elsie Delane
- January 7 Carol Freitag
- January 7 Deniece Spaulding
- January 8 Shirley Watson
- January 9 Catherine Biederman
- January 9 Carl Morken
- January 11 Carolyn Malinowski
- January 12 Marjorie Casey
- January 16 Bill Strenkert
- January 16 Charleen Wilkins
- January 17 Steve Bishop
- January 17 Maryann Buettner
- January 17 Danielle Burtchin
- January 18 Sherry Larson
- January 18 Corinne Roscoe
- January 20 Steven Snover, Jr.
- January 20 Vicki Tracy
- January 22 David Hackethal
- January 22 Leo Malinowski
- January 23 Ron Eickhoff
- January 24 Sally Moore
- January 26 Guy Cooper
- January 27 Brianna Martinez
- January 28 Kayla Douglass
- January 29 William Christian

- January 29 Al Lane
- January 30 Betty Harness

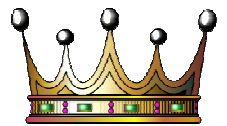
JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . .
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- January 10 Luana & Gerald LaStella
- January 16 Dave & Sylvia Hedges
- January 16 Ted & Anne Henning
- January 18 Marvin & Carolyn Case
- January 21 Christina & Matthew Warrilow
- January 31 Bryan & Lorraine Cook



RECEIVED HER VICTORY IN THE LORD

Billie Adams received her victory in the Lord April 18, 2016. Her Victory Service has now been scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2017 at noon in the Memorial Garden.



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



CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Billie Adams' family	Jean Ellis	"Matthew"
Janet Anderson	Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Viva McVicker
Tom Archard	Eric Ernst	Carol Nauert
Lee Arendt	Deb Fennessy	Judy Nelson
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Yamilla Frederick	Family & friends of Kevin O'Berry
"Arthur"	Jonathan Gance	Susan O'Neil
Kristina Barclay	Annette Gjesdahl	Katrina Oceant
Vincent & Ryan Bebb	Marlene Grzywinski & Family	Michael O'Donald
Zoey Berger	Judy & Ron H.	Pastor Saeed Rabadini
Corrine Besee	Sue Haberkorn	Family of P.J. Read
Rev. David Birnbaum	Shane Hackethal	Robert
Mary Ann Blair	Peggy Haden	Laura Robertson
Irene Boden	Pat Hall	Connor & Linda Ruisz
Merlyn Bowers	Dave Hedges	Janet Ruth
Luke Bradley	Ann Marie Hill	Sally
Dory, Rosemary & Chris Braun	Carl Hydes	Hermann Schamberger, Jr.
Family of Betty Brisky	Jeannie	Joe Schamberger
Ernie Burch	"Jerry, Nick, & Allie"	Max Schoolmaster
Anne & John Burgbacher	Jeanne Jones	Larry Segerlind
Josh Cane	Judy & Rich	Murdo Smith
Harry Cappa, Jr.	Kathi	Patrick Smith
Velma Carasco	"Katarina"	Ryan Smith
Ada Carmona	Lily & Billy Kelly	Terry Smith
Jerry Carson	Reina Klassen	Phil Snoberger
Casey	Al Lane	Michele Spiegel & family
Chaplain Claire	Nancy Larrabee	Annette Stamburger
Chaplain Katie	Barb & Dave Lees	Steven
Chrissie & Joshua	Rose Maki	Todd Strausser
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Douglas & Dorothy MacKenzie	Pastor Summer
Jill Coulthard	Matthew Marderosian	Majelle Susler
Roland Cumor	Family of Bruce Markle	Tommy's Family
Emily Davies	Mary & Drew	Family of Sharon Varn
"Debbie"	Mary R.	Shirley Watson
Family of Annie Doara	Maryanne	Patricia Wiley
M. Kathleen Dube		Tony Zeman

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

CALENDAR CUES . . .

CALENDAR NOTES:

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Christmas Hymn Sing

Friday, January 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Newsletter delivery preparation

Sunday, January 8, 2017, two services begin at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. with Adult Forums in between at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, beginning January 12, 2017, at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Friday, January 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Sunday, January 15, 2017, Welcome Back! Luncheon after worship with Teen Challenge

Monday, January 16, 2017, Deadline for February newsletter submissions

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2017, New Member Sunday

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Friday, February 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Gustavus Adolphus College Choir Concert

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 9:30 a.m. SOTG's Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 2017, Strawberry Festival after each worship service

THANK YOU . . .

PROVIDENCE HOUSE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Evangelism Team would like to thank all who participated in this year's Christmas Giving Tree Project. Providence House, an East Naples faith based nonprofit organization that provides housing and life skills for identified at risk mothers and their children, was the recipient of our gifts this year. Thanks to your generous support of this project, we were able



to provide Providence House with eighteen new twin sheet sets, eighteen new blankets, nine hair dryers, five floor cleaners, as well as eighteen personal gifts of clothes and toys for mothers and their children currently living at Providence House. The Executive Director of Providence House will be speaking at our January 29th Adult Forum. We encourage all to attend this forum and learn more about this organization that helps mothers to provide their children with a real chance at a stable and loving home life.



"Your hands, God's work" . . . Thank you for supporting this project and making Christmas a little brighter for the families living at Providence House.



JANUARY, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY & NAME OF JESUS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	2	3	4 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	5	6 9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PREPARATION	7
8 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. ADULT FORUM 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	9	10 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS	11 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	12 2:00 & 7:00 P.M. PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY	13 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	14 9:00 A.M. LUNCHEON SET-UP
15 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY TEEN CHALLENGE 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. ADULT FORUM 10:30 A.M. SS WELCOME BACK LUNCH	16 DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER	17 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	18 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	19 2:00 & 7:00 P.M. PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY	20	21
22 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. ADULT FORUM 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	24 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW-SEWS	25 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	26 2:00 & 7:00 P.M. PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY	27	28
29 NEW MEMBER & 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. ADULT FORUM 10:30 A.M. SS	30	31				

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