

# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

The Parish Paper of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church  
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***SPECIAL IRMA  
ADDITION!***

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winds and the sea obey him?’”*  
*Matthew 8:27*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Greetings in Jesus' Name, who stills the storms!**

**The following emails summarize our church's Grandma Irma experiences:**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

**"Greetings in the name of Jesus, whose peace surpasses all human understanding!**

**As Hurricane Irma approaches, please heed warnings and prepare as best you can, even if it means evacuation. Your Church Council met on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., September 5, to prepare, and will meet again on Friday at 11:00 a.m. to make preparations. You are invited to join in on that meeting. Sunday Rally Day festivities have been postponed a week. A decision meeting to cancel worship this Sunday, September 10, or not, will be made later this week, and you will receive an email regarding the decision.**



**I spoke with Collier County Emergency Management this morning, offering our church as a help in any way, and we were put on a list and will be called upon if necessary.**

**Remember Matthew 8:23-27: 'And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A wind storm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing!. And he said to them, Why are you afraid, you of little faith? Then he got up rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'**

**Yes, we have faith and yes, we may be afraid, but we are 'amazed' because of Romans 8:38-39: 'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' - Even a powerful hurricane called Grandma Irma!**

**May God's Peace truly be with us all,  
Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg  
Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church"**

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

**"Greetings in the name of the One who stills the storm, our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!**

**First of all, worship for Sunday, September 10th, has been cancelled. I will close the front door hurricane shutter today or tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 8th or 9th. Twelve years or so ago, our church was provided with tarps, and they are available if you need one. Remember, our God is with us through the Lord Jesus Christ whom we know by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Peace of Jesus be with us all!  
Pastor Doug"**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**"Greetings in the name of Jesus who stills the storms outside and in our hearts!**

**If you can receive this email, I pray that you are recovering well from Grandma Irma, and power will be restored soon where you live. Power was restored at our church, SOTG, on Thursday, September 14th, appropriately-the festival of the Holy Cross Day. So we will have the church open, air on, on Sunday, September 17th at 9:30 a.m. No word has been received on Rally Day festivities as of yet.**

## **PASTOR'S PAGES. . .**

Please only come to worship if it is safe for you to come out. Also, if you are still without power, your church is now a cooling station. Come by anytime to sit and get cool, or to even sleep on a pew. Remember Psalm 46:

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; <sup>3</sup> Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

It is a privilege to be your pastor at all times, and especially during these trying times. We focus on the cross of Jesus on this Holy Cross Day!

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all!  
Pastor Doug

P.S. The church's new carpet stayed dry; 15 trees or so have been lost; two palms hit Hanson, but no leaking so far, and all buildings suffered fascia and shingle loss. Call my cell for any reason, 239-687-6580.

P.P.S. Remember your church has many tarps for your use!"

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

"Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Last Sunday, September 17th, was a powerful and emotional worship service at SOTG. Many members shared Grandma Irma stories of survival. That complete service is available to listen to on our website: [www.sotgweb.org](http://www.sotgweb.org). On the home page, click the link on the right hand side labeled, 'Worship Audio Files'. That will bring you to the recording of last Sunday's service. Just click on the arrow in the photo of the church sign. If you have problems, call the office at 239-775-0696.

Peace be with you!  
Pastor Doug"

Our church survived Grandma Irma pretty well. But, with 27 trees down and damaged, soffits and fascia lost on all portions of the three buildings, and with many shingles on our roofs blown off, we at SOTG are looking at over \$50,000 in damage repair, which insurance will probably not cover. \*(See below) Your leadership is asking for your generous financial support in an Irma recovery fund called "The Good Shepherd Stills the Storms at SOTG" fund or "Good Shepherd Stills Storms" (GSSS). Please mark checks "GSSS" or "Irma at Shepherd".

Is there any way our church can help you recover? Call the office at 239.775.0696 or my cell at 239.687.6580.

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday, October 29th, remains our next New Member Sunday. You are invited to join. I have started a New Member Class, and, of course, you are welcome. Our Sunday School Rally Day will move into our All Hallows' Eve Celebration on Reformation Sunday morning.

Peace!

Pastor Doug

\* Council approved the decision not to get named wind insurance (hurricane) at a premium cost of \$14,000. This coverage included a deductible of \$150,000. Since our damage would not have exceeded the deductible, we most likely would have been liable for the entire repair cost even with the insurance.

# **COUNCIL CORNER. . .**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Marty Roddy, at 5:37 p.m.

Members in attendance: John Burgbacher, Joanne Hogan, Ron Modjeska, Marty Roddy, Linda Tidmore, and Tony Zeman. By phone: Pat Cumor, Carole Graesser Also in attendance: Pastor Wahlberg. Absent: Tom Dunlop, Chuck Keller, and Judy Kobs. Devotions were given by Marty Roddy. In a motion by John Burgbacher and seconded by Joanne Hogan, the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were approved as written. There were no changes to the agenda.

Pastor's report: Pastor Wahlberg showed pictures he had taken Monday after Hurricane Irma hit on Sunday, September 10. These photos will be used for insurance purposes. Teen Challenge has asked to visit our church again in 2018. Emergency Management has said our church had a Memo of Understanding with them and they were interested in maintaining that connection. The entire service for September 17, 2017 is currently on the church website.

### **Team Reports:**

Accounting-Tony Zeman reported that receipts for August were down, but projected income was \$20,000 more than projected, and expenses were \$10,000 less than projected, so we are approximately \$30,000 ahead of projections. In a motion by Ron Modjeska and seconded by John Burgbacher, the report was approved.

Parish Relations – No report

Endowment – No report

Property – Ron Modjeska reported there is a lot of clean-up work required after the storm. The most immediate work to be done is getting the palm trees off of Hanson Hall. He will attempt to contact a man from Oklahoma who is currently in the area and has equipment that could lift the trees off the roof. The smaller debris will be taken care of as the committee is able to get to it.

Stewardship – No report

Fellowship – No report

Education – No report

Evangelism – No report

Worship and Music – Carole Graesser is continuing to call people to serve as ushers and altar assistants.

Sew-Sews – No report

Lead On Lord – No report

### **New Business:**

Martin Luther Day will be celebrated on October 29, 2017 with a cake and a Martin Luther movie will be purchased. Constitution-The Council members are to read chapters 1-10 before the October meeting. The constitution will be presented to the congregation at the meeting on February 4, 2018.

### **Old Business:**

The Congregational Meeting for electing officers and approving the budget will be held on December 10, 2017 at 10:45 a.m. We will begin having two services on January 7, 2018.

Strawberry Sunday will be February 11, 2018. Teen Challenge will visit for a Forum some time in January to coincide with the Welcome Back Luncheon.

The next Council meeting will be October 10, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Tony Zeman. In a motion by Ron Modjeska, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. and 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.

One Sunday worship service time 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 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 still on sabbatical, waiting for people to return. 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**

*Hurricane Irma came here, not to stay, but to dampen our fun set for Rally Day. Now she's left town, once again we will plan a new celebration, as best as we can!* Even though our Sunday School year has begun, we will have a combined Rally Day/ Halloween Fest on Reformation Sunday, October 29th. All children attending are invited to wear their favorite costume. Come enjoy the food, fun, and games after church and Sunday School. If anyone is available to help for this day, please contact Bonny Dery at 239-455-2645 or Lori Bernabei at 708-349-1299.

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

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



## **ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS . . .**

One Sunday morning recently, one of our members came up to me and said, "Are you on the Endowment Committee?" I said, "Yes, I am. My name is Pete, and it's nice to meet you." The member continued, "We have been reading your brochure that is in front of our seat, and we would like to let you know that we have decided to give 40% of our estate to the Shepherd of the Glades Endowment Fund." Do you believe in prayer, the Holy Spirit, and Christ alive in Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran church? We do and this couple said they do too!



Harlo G. Peterson (pete472@aol.com)  
Endowment Committee

# WHEN SORROWS LIKE SEA BILLOWS ROLL. . .

On Monday morning, September 11, Pastor Doug travelled around many downed trees, power lines, and water in the streets to inspect how our church survived. Fifty-six photos were taken on the phone, and some of them are seen here!



# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL . . .

Compared to the damage we could have sustained, SOTG fared well. We lost some shingles, soffits, fascia, and trees, but nothing that can't be repaired.



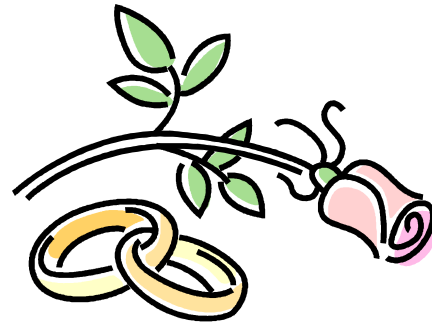


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

October 1	Charlie Orner
October 1	Diane Sherod
October 1	Phil Snoberger
October 2	Janet Kren
October 3	Clare Campbell
October 3	Janet Connell
October 4	Marcia Weber
October 5	Jennifer Hackethal
October 5	Dorie Mendez
October 8	Kelly Bettridge
October 8	Julio Palacios
October 9	Adam Parrish
October 9	Pat Wiley
October 10	Daniel Lyberg
October 10	Chris Rasmussen
October 10	Jim Sauer
October 10	Harlan Slack
October 11	Beverley Cook
October 11	Gary Larson
October 12	Anne Henning
October 12	Diane Roforth-Smith
October 12	Harold Turino
October 15	Pam Koger
October 16	Ed Larsen
October 17	Grove Brown
October 17	James O'Neal
October 19	Jackie Droste
October 19	Carlos Moran
October 20	Bryan Cook
October 20	Frank Kren

October 20	Sheila Strenkert
October 21	Dorian Delp
October 24	Anita Lehr
October 25	Diana Snover
October 26	Judy Kobs
October 27	Alexander Burger
October 27	Kristina Quinton
October 29	Fred Hammer



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

October 3	Mike & Linda Boyd
October 3	Bob & Elaine Dunkle
October 8	Grove & Carol Brown
October 10	Richard & Mary Jingling
October 12	Jamie & Tiffany Helenek
October 13	Ron & Diane Sherod
October 15	Ray & Dorie Mendez
October 18	Tom & Sally Moore
October 19	Clare & Gerald Campbell
October 19	Scott Krenz & Gayle Huberty
October 21	Lester & Nancy Larrabee
October 24	William & Carol Christian
October 26	Paul & Earnestine Keller
October 31	Marilyn & Ralph Stadler



## CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

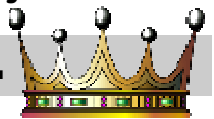
### PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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

## RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES IN THE LORD . . .



Arly Jeppson received her victory in the Lord on July 8, 2017. Her victory Service and committal were postponed due to Irma and are rescheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Barbara Lasky received her victory in the Lord on September 14, 2017, in West Bloomfield, Michigan with family. Arrangements are to be announced.

## CALENDAR CUES . . .

### **CALENDAR NOTES:**

Sundays, October 1 - 22, 2017, 10:40 a.m., New Member Class with Pastor Doug in the Choir room

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m. Victory Service for Arly Jeppson

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Wednesday, October 11 - 14, 2017, Synod Assembly

Monday, October 16, 2017, Deadline for November newsletter submissions

Friday, October 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. November Newsletter mailing

Sunday, October 29, 2017, Reformation & New Member Sunday; Kids All Hallow's Eve Celebration

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m. Joint Commemoration of the Reformation, St. Columbkille Catholic Parish, 121 Iona Road, Fort Myers, FL

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Life-Line Screening in Hanson Hall

Monday, December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Paul Todd Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 10:40 a.m. SOTG Annual Meeting

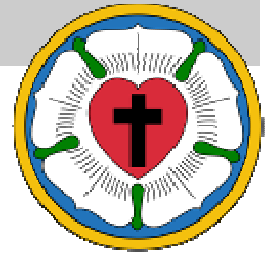
## THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN . . .

Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

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

PERIOD: Nine Months Ended September, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$271,869	\$259,382	\$12,487
Operating Expense	\$266,312	\$279,192	\$12,880
Net Income (Deficit)	\$5,557	(\$19,810)	\$25,367



# OCTOBER, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  9:30 WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. NEW MEMBER CLASS	<b>2</b>  7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>3</b>  8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  2:00 p.m. Victory service for Arly Jeppson	
<b>8</b> 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. NEW MEMBER CLASS	<b>9</b>  7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>10</b>  8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	<b>PASTOR DOUG AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b>			<b>LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION</b>	
<b>15</b> 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. NEW MEMBER CLASS	<b>16</b>  7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED) DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	<b>17</b>  8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  9:30 WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. NEW MEMBER CLASS	<b>23</b>  7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>24</b>  8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER. MAILING	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY & NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  9:30 A.M. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40 A.M. KIDS ALL HALLOW'S EVE CELEBRATION	<b>30</b>  7:00 P.M. A.A. MEETING FOR WOMEN (CLOSED)	<b>31</b>  8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW					

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