

## **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

The Parish Paper of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church  
6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road (Corner of Santa Barbara)  
Naples Florida 34113

# **RALLY DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**SEPTEMBER, 2017**  
Volume 10 - Issue 7  
Editor: Lynn Dickerman



# **SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **500TH ANNIVERSARY SOON!**

It is just 61 days or so until the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is celebrated worldwide and here at Shepherd of the Glades. The following quote from Luther is truly amazing:

“At last meditating day and night, by the mercy of God, I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that through which the righteous live by a gift of God, namely by faith. Here I felt as if I were entirely born again and had entered paradise itself through the gates that had been flung open.”



Our Epistle lessons for August Sunday worship are from Romans. Luther wrote in his “Preface to Romans” in 1552:

“This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.”

On Sunday, October 29, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., the community and faithful of Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches in Southwest Florida are invited to join in an historic joint commemoration of the Reformation, “Freed & Renewed in Christ-500 Years of God’s Grace in Action”, at St. Columbkille Catholic Parish, 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers. Utilizing “Common Prayer” developed by the Vatican and Lutheran World Federation, the vision of Christ re-forming the Church will be shared on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. All are welcome!

### **NEXT NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

The next New Member Sunday is Reformation Sunday, October 29th. New Member Class begins September 17 after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

### **RALLY DAY**

Rally Day will be Sunday, September 10th. Sunday School for children will be during the 9:30 a.m. service with festivities afterwards. See page 5 of this newsletter for more information.

### **NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY**

I was introduced to Stephen Ministries in 1993 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, MN, when the parish wished to revitalize their Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry is a one on one, Christian, confidential, lay caring ministry. My first doctorate class was to take, at the time, the two week training and read 5,000 pages and write a 100+ page thesis on Stephen Ministries. The director of Stephen Ministries is Kenneth Haugk, PhD., with whom I have a similar history from seminary

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

days. He has recently completed a book, "Cancer, Now What?" We have ordered a copy, and it is available to borrow. We may also order a copy for you if you desire. A description of the book follows:

**" 'Cancer, Now What?' is a practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones. The focus is on taking action, finding hope, and navigating the journey ahead, offering help and hope at a critical time. The book guides and supports cancer patients and their loved ones through the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges they may encounter. In writing this book, Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and pastor, drew on everything he learned as he walked alongside his wife, Joan, during her battle against cancer. He built on that foundation through extensive research with over 3,500 cancer survivors, loved ones of people with cancer, and medical professionals, incorporating their wisdom, experience, and expertise. The result is a caring, how-to resource-written in a warm conversational style-that covers the wide range of issues a cancer diagnosis brings."**

There is also a Giver's Guide, that can be ordered separately, with practical suggestions and ideas for people giving the book to those with cancer and their loved ones. The Giver's Guide is \$2.95 and the book is \$18.95.

Peace!,

Pastor Doug

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

### **2017 MINNESOTA REUNION**

A record number of attendees arrived this year to fellowship at Gabe's! To the left is a photo of those who attended, compliments of Bruce Kobs!



## **COUNCIL CORNER. . .**

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Marty Roddy, at 5:30 p.m. Members in attendance: Marty Roddy, Chuck Keller, Linda Tidmore, Ron Modjeska, Tom Dunlop, Judy Kobs and Tony Zeman. Absent were: Pat Cumor, John Burgbacher, Joanne Hogan, Carole Graesser and Pastor Wahlberg. Devotions were given by Tom Dunlop. In a motion by Ron Modjeska and seconded by Chuck Keller, the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting were approved as written. There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **Team Reports:**

**Accounting** – Tony Zeman reported that the offerings are better than projected in the budget while attendance is still down.

**Parish Relations** – No Report

**Endowment** – As of the end of July, we have \$105,480 in our Endowment Fund

**Property** – Ron Modjeska reported that we have had several costly repairs. (The air conditioner in the front office needed repair and the sprinkler system needed a \$5,000 repair). The ground and maintenance volunteers have been painting walls and trimming bushes on an ongoing basis.

**Education:** Judy Kobs reported that Rally Day will be held September 10, 2017. The education committee will be sending an informative letter to the church community regarding the nursery and Sunday school programs. This letter will include the hours and location of each program. Judy also discussed the possibility of hiring a nursery attendant.

It was suggested that a request for volunteers be put in the newsletter. There is always a need for volunteers to work in the nursery and the Sunday school program and some of our members might be interested.

**Stewardship** – No Report

**Fellowship** – No Report

**Evangelism** – No Report

**Worship and Music** – No Report

**Sew-Sews** – No Report

**Lead On Lord** – New weather stripping has been put on all five of the interior doors. New chandelier has been hung in the narthex. New carpet is on order. New glass doors for the narthex are on order

#### **New Business:**

There was discussion about the calendar in the bulletin.

#### **Old Business:**

Chuck Keller announced that the new AED has arrived. It will be installed in the church, and on Saturday, October 28, 2017 there will be an instructional meeting on the use of this device.

The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Chuck Keller. In a motion by Ron Modjeska and seconded by Tony Zeman, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Tidmore, Council member

## **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 on sabbatical for the summer. 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**

2017 Rally Day festivities will take place after worship on Sunday, September 10, 2017. All children are invited to join in the fun of games, food, and fellowship, as we celebrate the start of the new school year. Sunday School begins for children preschool age through 5th grade also on September 10th at 9:30 a.m.. If you would like to be involved in this fun activity or help with the children's ministry, 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



## **HUMOR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .**

### **Peach Brandy**

"A preacher went to see a member of the community and invited him to come to Church on Sunday morning. The man was a producer of fine peach brandy and told the preacher he would love to attend his Church IF the Pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of the congregation. The preacher agreed and drank up. Sunday morning came and the man came to church. The preacher recognized him from the pulpit and said: 'I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given.'" *Author unknown*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

Please welcome our newest members who joined on July 23, 2017:

George Giacometti, is joining as a Full Member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 7251 Live Oak Drive, Naples, FL 34114

Cell: 302-528-5348

Email: gmaj73@centurylink.net

George was the husband of Adele Giacometti, who recently passed away. He is also the father of Diana Snover, who also joined today with her family. George is a retired insurance underwriter.



Johanna (Joann) McClung is joining SOTG as a Full Member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 300 Valley Stream Drive, #6, Naples, FL 34113

Cell: 239-298-1452

Email: Bluedolph91855@aol.com

Johanna is a native Floridian who has returned to her roots. She is a phlebotomist. Her hobbies include sewing, reading, swimming, hiking, and biking.

Andrea & Derek Moran and their children are joining SOTG as Full Members by reaffirmation of faith. Cecilia is 9 yrs. (4th grade); Carlos is 6 yrs. (1st grade); Derek II (Bud) is 3 yrs.; and Shelby is 2yrs.

Address: 5307 Myrtle Lane, Naples, FL 34113

Her cell: 815-826-0778

His cell: 815-509-8510

Email: andreaknase1984@gmail.com

Andrea, Derek, and the children are new to Naples and found SOTG online before they moved here.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU. . .



Diana & Steve Snover and their children, Cadence (13 yrs., 8th grade), Jocelyn (13 yrs., 8th grade), and Steven (15 yrs., 9th grade) are joining SOTG as Full Members by reaffirmation of faith. Their other two children are Jenna (9 yrs., 4th grade), who joined by first communion; and Kellen (almost 2 yrs.), who joined by baptism. Diana's father, George Giacometti, is also joining this morning. Diana's mother was Adele Giacometti. Address: 14667 Fernlake Court, Naples, FL 34114

Her cell: 302-388-7524

His cell: 302-544-1005

Email: [Snover6@verizon.net](mailto:Snover6@verizon.net)

Diana is in human resources. Steve is a diesel technician.

Nikki Wykstra is joining SOTG as a Full Member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 1000 Lely Palms Drive, Naples, FL 34113

Home phone: 239-732-6122

Her cell: 239-398-5577

Email: [nikkiwykstra@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiwykstra@gmail.com)

Nikki came to SOTG through her friendship with Arly Jeppson at Lely Palms. She is a widow and has three grown children. She has been involved in choir and worked with children of Spanish speaking parents on homework. She may be interested in joining the choir at SOTG and/or cooking and cleaning. Nikki is a retired elementary school teacher and has worked in reading recovery and remedial reading. She enjoys ceramics using a pottery wheel, fishing, and playing cribbage.

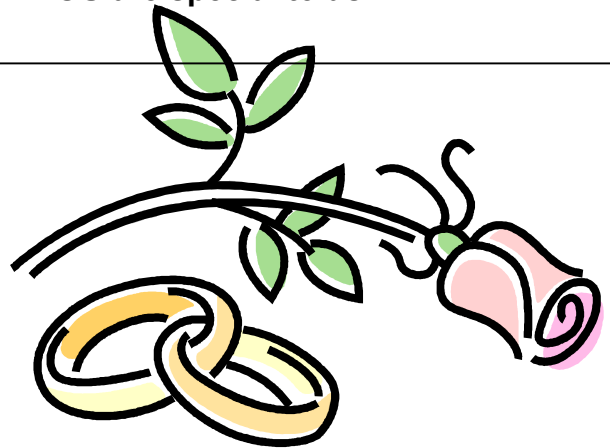




If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| September 1  | Virgil Herrick           |
| September 1  | Lloyd May                |
| September 1  | Barbara Modjeska         |
| September 1  | Christopher Quinton, Jr. |
| September 3  | Teckla Baskin            |
| September 3  | Carolyn Case             |
| September 4  | Linda Boyd               |
| September 4  | Donald Hertzner          |
| September 7  | Chuck Wiley              |
| September 8  | Kellen Snover            |
| September 10 | Frank Siciliano          |
| September 11 | Noel Bischoff            |
| September 13 | Bill MacDonald           |
| September 13 | Susan O'Neal             |
| September 13 | Deborah Roddy            |
| September 16 | Pauline Bensing          |
| September 16 | Thomas Cianflone         |
| September 17 | Michael Salvi            |
| September 18 | Johanna McClung          |
| September 19 | Charlotte Sebe           |
| September 21 | Alice Hellwarth          |
| September 22 | Robert Koger             |
| September 26 | Helene Boone             |
| September 26 | David Ochoa              |
| September 26 | Matthew Quintana         |
| September 26 | Esther Rascher           |
| September 27 | Kip Miner                |
| September 28 | Rev. H. Peter Lyberg     |
| September 30 | Jamie Helenek            |
| September 30 | Edwin Michel             |



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| September 1  | Tom & Jan Connell            |
| September 1  | Ron & Barb Modjeska          |
| September 3  | Clay & Betty Baker           |
| September 3  | Jerry & Joan Thomas          |
| September 4  | Donald & Marilyn Wintz       |
| September 5  | Vernon & Helen Rasmussen     |
| September 5  | Dave & Paula Sieber          |
| September 6  | Julio & Karen Ganzo Soto     |
| September 8  | George & Dorothy Sibley      |
| September 9  | LeAnn & Robert Granato       |
| September 10 | Clark & Donna Niss           |
| September 14 | Ismail & Nazmiye Akyuz       |
| September 15 | Charlie & Irmie Bjerken      |
| September 15 | Jim & Linda Lee              |
| September 17 | Jim & Betty Sauer            |
| September 22 | Guy & Pat Cooper             |
| September 29 | David Ochoa & Myrka Gonzalez |
| September 29 | Ardent & Isabel Jensen       |
| September 30 | Ed & Carole Michel           |



# 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 are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Paul Hashagen, Sr. received his victory in the Lord on July 24, 2017. His service will be held up North.

Bonnie Brisky's husband, Dale Clarke, received his victory in the Lord on August 15, 2017. Details on his service are pending.

## CALENDAR CUES . . .

### **CALENDAR NOTES:**

Sunday, September 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Rally Day and start of children's Sunday School

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Friday, September 15, 2017, Deadline for October newsletter submissions

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 2:00 p.m., Victory Service for Arly Jeppson with reception following

Sunday, September 17, 2017, 10:40 a.m., Start of New Member Class with Pastor Doug in the Choir room

Friday, September 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m. October Newsletter mailing

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

June Synod Assembly postponed until October 12-14, 2017

Sunday, October 29, 2017, New Member Sunday

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

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

A visiting pastor was attending a men's breakfast in the farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the old farmer began: "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was overly worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour." Just as the pastor was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'til You are done mixin' and probably it will be something' even better than biscuits. Amen"

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

PERIOD: Eight Months Ended August, 2017

|                      | Actual    | Budget     | Difference:<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|---|
| Operating Income     | \$255,256 | \$237,510  | \$17,746                                  |
| Operating Expense    | \$239,620 | \$250,212  | \$10,592                                  |
| Net Income (Deficit) | \$15,636  | (\$12,702) | \$28,338                                  |



# SEPTEMBER, 2017

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed       | Thu       | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|---|---|
|  |  |  |           |           | 1   | 2   |
| <b>3</b> 13TH SUNDAY<br>AFTER PENTECOST<br><br>PASTOR DOUG BACK<br>9:30 A.M. WORSHIP   | <b>4</b> LABOR DAY<br><br>(OFFICE CLOSED)<br>7:00 P.M. A.A.<br>MEETING FOR<br>WOMEN (CLOSED) | <b>5</b><br><br>8:30 A.M.<br>PROPERTY<br>CREW                          | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b> 14TH SUNDAY<br>AFTER PENTECOST<br>& RALLY DAY<br><br>9:30 A.M. WORSHIP &<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:45 A.M. RALLY<br>DAY FESTIVITIES | <b>11</b><br><br>7:00 P.M. A.A.<br>MEETING FOR<br>WOMEN (CLOSED)                             | <b>12</b><br><br>8:30 A.M.<br>PROPERTY<br>CREW<br>5:30 P.M.<br>COUNCIL | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><br>DEADLINE FOR<br>OCTOBER<br>NEWSLETTER<br>SUBMISSIONS | <b>16</b><br><br>2:00 P.M. ARLY<br>JEPPSON<br>VICTORY<br>SERVICE W/<br>RECEPTION<br>FOLLOWING |
| <b>17</b> 15TH SUNDAY<br>AFTER PENTECOST<br><br>9:30 WORSHIP &<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>1030 A.M. NEW<br>MEMBER CLASS                           | <b>18</b><br><br>7:00 P.M. A.A.<br>MEETING FOR<br>WOMEN (CLOSED)                             | <b>19</b><br><br>8:30 A.M.<br>PROPERTY<br>CREW                         | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   |
| <b>24</b> 16TH SUNDAY<br>AFTER PENTECOST<br>9:30 A.M. WORSHIP<br>& SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>10:30 A.M. NEW<br>MEMBER CLASS                         | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><br>9:00 A.M.<br>NEWSLETTER.<br>MAILING                  | <b>30</b>   |

The Shepherd of the Glades Parish Newsletter is sponsored by:



Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church  
6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road  
Naples, FL 34113

**NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
NAPLES, FL  
PERMIT # 18**

Dated material mailed September 1, 2017  
Please deliver between September 1-5, 2017

Current Resident or

**This Parish Paper is from:  
Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church  
6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road (Corner of Santa Barbara Blvd.)  
Naples, FL 34113**

**(239) 775.0696      FAX: (239) 793.2465**

**Web Page: <http://www.sotgweb.org>**

**Email: [sotg1@embarqmail.com](mailto:sotg1@embarqmail.com)**

**Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Rev. Dr. Douglas Wahlberg, Senior Pastor [cell phone: (239) 687.6580]**

**Megan Cianflone, Director of Music**

**Martin Roddy, Council President**

**Lynn Dickerman, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor**

**Rev. H. Peter Lyberg, Pastor Emeritus**