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May Angels
fly with you
wherever you
roam and
guide you
back safely
to family
and home.

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Greetings in the name of the resurrected and living Lord Jesus Christ,

After moving through a discernment process I believe guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, I am announcing my retirement from God's full time ministry and from serving at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church as your Sr. Pastor.

My last Sunday of providing worship at SOTG will be Sunday, July 1st. The actual effective date of retirement will be determined through mutual conversation with me and the SOTG council.



Our Synod is informed of this and will be working with our Council to move forward soon.

I've been wonderfully blessed to serve in God's ministry for almost 42 years and here at SOTG for over 9 years. Certainly through God's Holy Spirit we have been blessed to be a blessing to and for each other and our community. My wife, Lynn and I have very much appreciated your love, caring, prayers and support during our time with you here

Thank you all so much for your awesome partnership with me in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ ordained by God and made known to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The psalmist writes: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act." Psalm 37:5

The Lord to Jeremiah: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

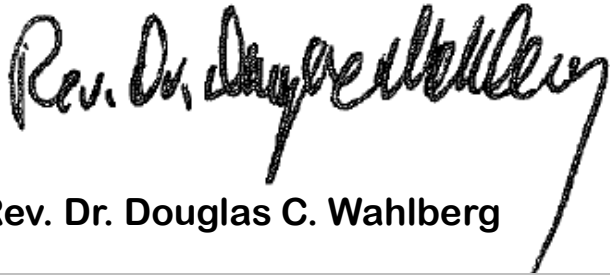
Jesus says to the disciples: "I will not leave you orphaned; because I live, you also will live; you in me and I in you." John 14:18-20.

The Apostle Paul writes: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work

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among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:2-6

God's Peace be with us all!



Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg



THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" . . .

Persons having Thrivent insurance or Thrivent investments are invited to designate "Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. You are encouraged to choose Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church as your designated recipient. These funds received from Thrivent are credited to the Thrivent Shepherd Action Team. To designate your "Choice Dollars" either by computer to Thrivent.com or by telephone to 1-800-847-4836, select "Thrivent Choice" to communicate your choice. Later, at least annually, you will need to renew or change the designation and will be notified when it is time to do so. Feel free to call the 1-800 number to be sure you have a current designation chosen. These funds and receipts from our share of the Paul Todd Christmas Concert are directed to special need situations. If you have questions, please call Pastor Lyberg at 774-5822 or Rod Barikmo at 775-3932. Thank you for your cooperation.

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



WE GET LETTERS . . .

Dear Friends at SOTG,

Thank you for your generosity. Your donations are truly important. Your support enables Youth Haven to carry out its mission to protect and empower children and strengthen families in Southwest Florida. We are so thankful you chose to support Youth Haven!

With great appreciation,

Jinx Liggett

Executive Director (Youth Haven is the organization we supported at Christmas.)



COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

MARCH 13, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President, Ron Modjeska. Members in attendance: Larry Buettner, Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, Joanne Hogan, Ron Modjeska, Pete Peterson, Linda Tidmore, and Tony Zeman. Pastor Doug Wahlberg was also in attendance. The meeting opened in a prayer by Pastor Wahlberg. Devotions were given by Larry Buettner. In a motion by Larry Buettner and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the minutes of the February meeting were accepted and approved as printed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Wahlberg reported that the Lenten season with the Theology of the Cross was going well. Holy Week schedule and plans have been finalized. Synod Assembly will include a Sunday this year. Pastor Tara McGraw will lead our service that Sunday. Nadine Kelly and Lynn Wahlberg have agreed to be voting members. This was approved by the Council.

Team Reports:

Accounting-Tony Zeman reports that giving for February was down compared to last February. However, we are still in good financial shape. Faith Church in Lehigh Acres has sent a financial report.

Parish Relations – Pete Peterson reports that the committee now consists of Bonnie Brisky, Bonny Dery, Barb Keller, Bruce Kobs, and Pete Peterson.

Endowment – Pete Peterson reported that the fund had dropped from \$116, 605 to \$114, 428 for the last month.

Property – Ron Modjeska said new flowers had been planted at the entrance to the church and in the beds on the patio. New mulch has also been spread. Some sprinklers need to be adjusted as to time of sprinkling.

Stewardship – Tom Dunlop reports pledges are up to 76 and the pledged amount is \$206,012.

Fellowship – No report.

Education – Larry Buettner says a new sign has been printed to be placed in the nursery explaining how children are to be taken care of.

Evangelism – No report.

Publicity – Ads about Lent and Holy Week have been or will be in various publications around Collier County.

Worship and Music – Pat Cumor says the next meeting will be after the service on April 15.

New Business:

Audio Visual Upgrades – Tom Dunlop reports that a committee composed of Tom Dunlop, Chuck Keller, Bruce Kobs, Penny Morken and Pastor Wahlberg have been discussing power point presentations to be utilized to present parts of the service.

Foreign Missions – Pete Peterson would like to see Foreign Missions as a line item in the budget and then school or housing supported in some foreign country selected by the Council.

Gluten free – There has been some concern that the gluten free wafers are being contaminated by the regular wafers in the patin. Consideration for how to correct this problem is being worked on.

Summer Schedule – There will be no Council meeting in July and August of 2018.

Ushers and Greeters – There are to be two greeters outside and two ushers inside distributing bulletins.

Old Business: None

There being no old business, in a motion by Tom Dunlop and seconded by Larry Buettner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The next Council meeting will be April 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Pat Cumor. 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.

ONE Sunday worship service at 9:30

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. through April 24th. 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 or Maryann Buettner at 239-732-1109.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

I know that my Redeemer lives! A wonderful time was had by all who attended our Resurrection Celebration Egg Hunt. Plenty of eggs were ready to be gathered, and the Easter Bunny hopped by to join in the fun. Thank you to all who helped out. A very special thank you to Maryann Buettner who created new costumes for our kids. We are truly blessed with her talent in sewing. (Some costumes were worn on Palm **Sunday** for the palm procession!) Our Sunday School year will finish up on Pentecost, May 20th. Thank you to Bonny Dery, Nadine Kelly, Judy Kobs, and Lori Bernabei for being dedicated and caring teachers to our children. Please keep all of our kids and families in your daily prayers.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

“Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor . . . Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.” *Mother Teresa*

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS AROUND THE CHURCH



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY. . .

THE PASSION PLAY

The Passion Play had a cast of over thirty characters and was directed by Penny Morken and Connee Zeman. Fifteen additional people were support behind the scenes, which included set design, art work, costume design and assistants, communion preparation, refreshments, and photography. The twelve disciples served communion from stations around the Sanctuary. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Penny & Connee, who spent countless hours making sure all went according to plan.



RESURRECTION CELEBRATION EGG HUNT . . .

Easter Sunday morning, April 1st, there was a Resurrection Celebration Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. All children were invited! During Lent, donations were collected to fund the Easter bags shown to the right, which were given out during the Celebration Egg Hunt. (Pictured from left to right are Bonny Dery, Lori Bernabei, Nadine Kelly, and Judy Kobs.)



EASTER SUNDAY . . .

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!



AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .

MINNESOTA REUNION SCHEDULED!

If you're in the Minnesota vicinity, you are cordially invited to renew fellowship with folks from SOTG! By July you will be missing us, so pencil in on your calendar: **Monday, July 23, 2018 - 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 June 25, 2018 to Jay & Sue Brandt, who are coordinating the event this year. You may reach them by phone (612) 759-0936 or by email (brandtjay@yahoo.com). Below is last year's Reunion photo.





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 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 6 Andrea Moran
April 7 Joanne Bartsh
April 7 Bob Dunkle
April 11 Matthew McWaters
April 11 John Olson
April 12 Marilyn Barikmo
April 12 Carole Graesser
April 12 Gerald LaStella
April 13 Jessica Buboltz
April 13 Kenneth 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 Cori Klocek
April 26 Mitchell Rife
April 29 Mary Jingling
April 30 Larry Buettner
April 30 Jeffrey Seminario

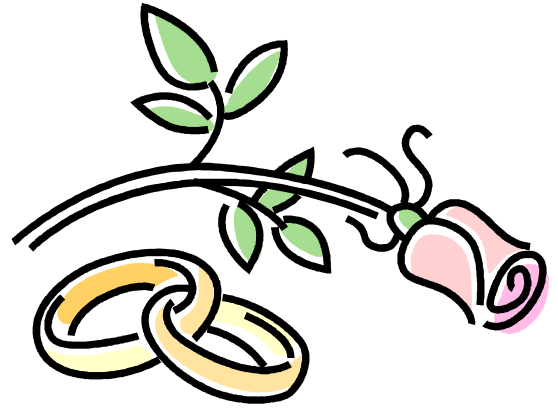
HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

May 1 Elizabeth Kalbaugh
May 2 Lorraine Cook
May 2 Ralph Stadler
May 3 Keith Scamehorn
May 4 Lynn Arbeiter
May 4 Zoe Demery
May 4 Dave Larson
May 5 Nikki Wykstra
May 6 Ruth Barry
May 7 Carol Brown
May 7 Alejandro Soto
May 8 Cynthia Tillman
May 8 Michelle Burtchin
May 8 Joan Heimlich
May 9 Bonnie Brisky
May 9 Dave Hedges
May 10 Gayle Huberty
May 10 Mary Lee Jordan
May 10 Ben Pletsch

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

May 11	Brian Barczak
May 11	James Montgomery
May 12	Paul Smith
May 12	Larry Tommingo
May 14	Shirley Herrick
May 15	Richard Weber
May 16	Tiffany Helenek
May 16	Pastor Doug Wahlberg
May 16	Christina Warrilow
May 16	Jennifer Wiesener
May 17	Sylvia Hedges
May 18	Pastor Bob Trendel
May 19	Betty Baker
May 19	Mark Burtchin
May 19	Linda Lee
May 19	Gary Salisbury
May 20	Ismail Akyuz
May 20	Kathy Somers
May 22	Kathryn O'Brien
May 22	Martha Rasmussen
May 23	Marlene Grzywinski
May 23	Ed Larson
May 25	Sandy Lofthouse
May 26	Nadine Kelly
May 26	Karen Peterson
May 27	Kim Klocek
May 27	Laura Lee
May 27	Virginia Madison
May 29	Stephanie Bernabei
May 30	Annette Gjesdahl
May 31	Shirley Rowold



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	Pat & Dexter Spanitz
April 29	"Pete" & Karen Peterson
April 30	Steve & Diana Snover

MAY ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

May 2	Steve & Jan Bishop
May 4	Jay & Ardelle Berthe
May 4	Helene & Thomas Boone
May 7	Pat & Chuck Wiley
May 9	Merle & Leila Sellman
May 18	Ed & Micheline Larsen
May 18	Denise & Steve Spaulding
May 22	Beverly & Brian Bartczak
May 23	Jim & Nancy Bullock
May 28	Mark & Anna Burger
May 28	Derek & Andrea Moran

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world." *Virgil Kraft*

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime" *Martin Luther*

CALENDAR CUES . . .

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting
Friday, April 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Sunday, April 15, 2018, One worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting
Friday, May 18, 2018, June/July newsletter submission deadline
Sunday, May 20, 2018, Day of Pentecost

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Friday-Sunday, June 1-3, 2018, Synod Assembly in Kissimmee
Sunday, June 3, 2018, Rev. Tara McGraw preaching for Pastor Doug

FAITHFUL SERVICE. . .

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, Marjean Cossette was recognized for twenty five years of faithful service to the Altar Guild. March 18th was her last Sunday to perform her Altar Guild duties. She and her husband, Chuck, moved to Naples around 1992, and Marjean joined Shepherd of the Glades in 1993, starting with the Altar Guild soon after. Well done, faithful servant!



FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Three Months Ended March, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$121,495	\$133,736	(\$12,241)
Operating Expense	\$92,404	\$99,103	\$6,699
Net Income (Deficit)	\$29,091	\$34,633	(\$5,542)

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL . . .

“If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?... Pilgrims!”

“What did the big flower say to the little one?... You’re really growing, bud!”

“How excited was the gardener about spring? So excited he wet his plants.”



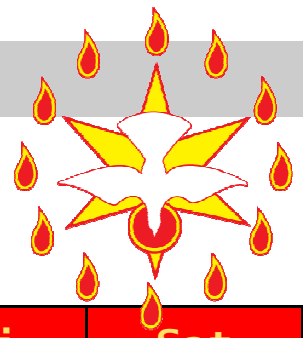
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 10:00 A.M. EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN	2 OFFICE UNAVAILABLE IN CELEBRATION OF EASTER	3	4 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	5	6	7
LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION						
8 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	9	10 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW- SEWS 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	11	12	13 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	14
15 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	16	17 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW- SEWS	18	19	20	21
22 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	24 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW & SEW- SEWS	25	26	27	28
29 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	30					

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES . . .

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."



MAY, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30 A.M. EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA	3	4	5
6 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	7	8 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL	9	10	11	12
13 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	14	15 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	16	17	18 DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	19
20 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL	21	22 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	23	24	25	26
LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION						
27 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	28 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE UNAVAILABLE	29	30	31 SYNOD ASSEMBLY		

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