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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR BOB & COLLEEN HOFFMAN

Pastor Bob Hoffman will be ministering as a supply pastor for Shepherd of the Glades during July and August. He may be reached directly at 717.228.9985 or by leaving a message with the Church office. In September, he begins interim ministry, assisting our congregation in the process of discerning its identity, needs, and direction. With this spiritual preparation, our congregation will be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in their search for a permanent pastor.

Pastor Bob has been a member of the Lutheran church for 17 years. He had prepared to become a Catholic priest during the 1960's but could not honor the requirement to remain celibate in that ministry. He married Colleen in August of 1971. They have four adult children: Lynn (librarian, living in Bedminster, NJ, married to Mike Yoder), Dr. Michelle (Pediatric Infectious Disease specialist at Golisano Children's Hospital, Fort Myers, married to Steve Roberts), Sarah (Special Education teacher in Milwaukee, married to Keith Ray, mother of grandchildren, Elizabeth and Charlie), and Matthew (restaurant food supply sales in Chicago, engaged to Lisa Rubin).



Pastor Bob worked for 30 years in education ministries for the Catholic Church as a teacher, a parish religious education (Sunday School) director, and as Director of the Office of Catechetical Services for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, IA. He also taught college classes in religion, ethics, and Sacred Scripture during that time. It was in preparation to teach these classes that he experienced a growing disappointment with the Catholic Church and a greater closeness to Lutheran practices and convictions. He explains his membership at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Clinton, IA, and subsequent call to ministry of Word and Sacrament as a Lutheran pastor as the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Bob and Colleen had dreamed of being called to Florida from the very beginning of his road to ministry. He was ordained in September, 2009, and called by the Holy Spirit to be pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Lebanon, PA. The path to interim ministry in Florida, and specifically to Shepherd of the Glades, has proved to be full of the inspiration, energy, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE COUNCIL . . .

Hi, Everybody! Hope your summer is going well.

We've started the process of creating a profile of SOTG. Chuck Keller and Pete Peterson have been doing some preliminary work. Thanks, guys! The search for a new pastor could not really get started until Pastor Wahlberg has officially retired. Officially his retirement date starts September 1 since he is taking vacation time until then. Before calling a new pastor, the Synod requires that a number of tasks be completed before the call process begins. These steps were laid out by the Assistant to the Bishop, Deacon Connie Schmucker, to your Church Council. First a checklist must be completed, which includes oversight of finances and reports to Synod just to name a couple of items, and is three pages long. After the checklist is completed, a Congregational Profile is assembled, which is an extensive look at who and what SOTG is, and is in binder format. It will tell a prospective pastor, perhaps on the other side of the country, who we are and what makes SOTG a vibrant voice in Florida. With the assistance of our Interim Pastor, we hope the call process will begin this Fall.

Another important topic is the election of a new Church Council this December for 2019. We presently have eight Council members, short of the maximum of twelve we are allowed to have. Four Council members will be retiring who have already served the maximum of two terms. This means we will be looking for a maximum of eight and a minimum of six new qualified Council members who are not serving on another committee, such as the Call Committee. One cannot be a member of Council and the Call Committee. Council members are doubly important because they second the decision of the Call Committee on the choice of a new pastor to send to the congregation for approval. So please examine your heart to see if you sense the Holy Spirit's call to service as a Council member.

Please keep SOTG, Pastor Doug & Lynn Wahlberg, the Council, Pastor Bob, and the future Call Committee in your prayers.

Peace,
Ron Modjeska, President and Pete Peterson, Vice President
Council

AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .

MINNESOTA REUNION ON JULY 23, 2018



COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

JUNE 12, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President, Ron Modjeska. Members in attendance: Joanne Hogan, Ron Modjeska, Pete Peterson, Linda Tidmore, and Tony Zeman; by phone-Larry Buettner, Pat Cumor, and Tom Dunlop. Pastor Douglas Wahlberg was also in attendance.

Devotions and opening prayer were given by Linda Tidmore.

In a motion by Tony Zeman and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Pastor's report: Pastor Wahlberg thanked the Council for love, prayers, and support for the last nine years. August 31, 2018 is his official retirement date. The Synod Assembly went well and was smoothly run by Bishop Suarez. This past Sunday service had a couple of highlights; first the dedication of items given by the Brisky family in memory of Bob and Betty Brisky; second, was First Communion for Thomas Cianflone. Deborah Moeser and Andrea Tack will be joining our congregation on July 1, 2018. Sixty two people have been identified as not attending or giving an offering over the last two years. In a motion by Larry Buettner and seconded by Tom Dunlop, these people will be removed from Shepherd of the Glades full membership. A letter composed by Ron Modjeska and Lynn Dickerman will be sent to these people.

Team Reports:

Accounting-Tony Zeman reported that giving for May was 75% of what was anticipated. The first two Sundays in June have been better. Attendance is also down.

Parish Relations-Pete Peterson said the members of the committee are Bonnie Brisky, Bonny Dery, Barb Keller, Bruce Kobs, and Pete Peterson.

Endowment – Pete Peterson reports the Endowment fund is up approximately \$300 to \$114,228.78

Food Distribution-Paul and Ann Hashagen have delivered food to Friendship House in Immokalee.

Property – Tom Davis is able to mow the lawn again following surgery on his ear. The air conditioner in Hanson Hall leaked in the utility room. This has been repaired. The new roof is leaking in the front office. The roofer has been contacted.

Worship and Music-Pat Cumor reported the committee met and discussed how hymns are selected. Megan Cianflone tries to use some old hymns, as well as some not so well known. The organ is to have a major tune up sometime this summer.

Stewardship, Fellowship, Education, and Evangelism Committees had no reports.

New Business:

SWFI Counseling Center-This group is requesting money to help build a center in Southwest Florida, probably in Fort Myers. This matter is to be considered at a later date.

Interim Pastor-the Council will meet June 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. with Deacon Connie Schmucker, Assistant to the Bishop; Pastor Gary LaCroix, Dean of the Caloosa Conference; and Pastor Robert Hoffman who is a candidate for interim pastor at Shepherd of the Glades. Pete Peterson is going to look at the current profile.

In a motion Larry Buettner and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. 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.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 Immokalee Friendship House .



SUNDAY SCHOOL

As vacation comes to a close, we look forward to another Sunday School year. All children are welcome to class, which will start up on Rally Day, Sunday, September 9th. Class is held at the 9:30 a.m. service, during Pastor's sermon. After service, join in the food, fun, and games! We look forward to seeing you there!

SEW-SEW GROUP

The Sew-Sew Group is not meeting for the summer. Stay tuned for a Fall start date.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .

A married couple were arguing about who was to make the coffee. The wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Seven Months Ended July 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$225,534	\$243,074	(\$17,540)
Operating Expense	\$214,846	\$218,476	\$3,630
Net Income (Deficit)	\$10,688	\$24,598	(\$13,910)

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

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



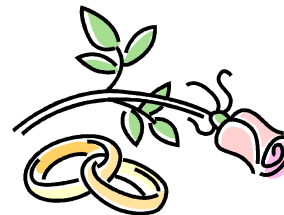


HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

August 1	Beverly Bartczak
August 1	Karen Cox
August 4	Charlee Brown
August 4	Carol Christian
August 5	Marjean Cossette
August 6	Jay Berthe
August 6	Christopher Farnsworth
August 6	Joan Maywood
August 6	Thomas Moore
August 6	Michael Patten
August 8	Ron Modjeska
August 8	Deborah Moeser
August 8	Polly Orner
August 8	David Willits
August 9	Marilyn Stadler
August 10	Steve Snover
August 10	Ginny Trendel
August 10	Phil Willman
August 13	Bob Dyer
August 14	James Brooks
August 14	Matthew Gamez-Perez
August 15	Dorothy Julien
August 17	Don Bohler
August 17	Elouise Larson
August 18	Anne Buck
August 18	Annette Larson
August 21	Howie Wiesener
August 22	Betty Sauer
August 23	Lori Bernabei
August 23	Barbara Cholewa
August 26	Carole Michel
August 27	Ron Dahl

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 29	Nancy Bullock
August 29	Jenna Snover
August 30	Christine Willits
August 31	Elanna Duran
August 31	Luana LaStella
August 31	Charlotte Wahlig



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

August 2	Michael & Heida Dziubla
August 4	Yerry & Virginia Madison
August 6	Don & Vi Bohler
August 7	Don & Debra McWaters
August 8	Jack & Carolyn Fee
August 11	Doc & Sandy Lofthouse
August 12	Jennifer & David Hackethal
August 12	James & Be Oppermann
August 14	Pastor Bob & Colleen Hoffman
August 17	Ken & Maureen Drum
August 18	Chuck & Barbara Keller
August 18	Brad & Karen Puerner
August 20	Tom & Vicki Dunlop
August 20	Elaine & James Sima
August 25	Kenneth & Mary Lee Jordan
August 25	Ed & Sherry Larson
August 26	Ron & Bonnie Dahl
August 30	Bill & Doris Marderness



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

September 1 Barbara Modjeska
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 16 Pauline Bensing
September 16 Thomas Cianflone
September 17 Michael Salvi
September 18 Johanna McClung
September 19 Charlotte Sebe
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 Pastor H. P. Lyberg
September 30 Jamie Helenek
September 30 Edwin Michel

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

September 1 Tom & Jan Connell
September 1 Ron & Barbara Modjeska
September 3 Clay & Betty Baker
September 3 Jerry & Joan Thomas
September 4 Don & 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 15 Charles & Irmi Bjerken
September 15 Jim & Linda Lee
September 17 Jim & Betty Sauer
September 22 Guy & Pat Cooper
September 26 David Ochoa & Myrka Gonzalez
September 30 Ed & Carole Michel



CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

JULY 1, 2018 NEW MEMBERS



Deborah E. Moeser and Andrea M. Tack are joining as active members by letter of transfer from Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY. Address: 7823 Berkshire Pines Drive, Naples, FL 34104
Phone: 239-330-7846
Email: amtdem@icloud.com

Deborah and Andrea are both retired teachers.

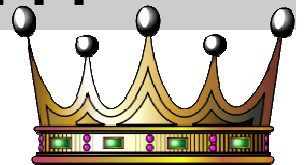
Penny D. Morken is transferring her active membership from Sharon Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND. Her husband, Carl, will remain an associate member. Penny is in North Dakota at present, but will be back soon. Address: 3649 Treasure Cove Court, Naples, FL 34114
Phone: 239-417-8852
Email: chmorken@earthlink.net
Alternative Address: 4934 South Pines Court, Grand Forks, ND 58201



Penny and Carl have been associate members since 2002. They are both retired educators. Penny has been the co-director of the Lenten Passion Play for the last several years. Penny is also active on the Evangelism Committee.

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES IN THE LORD . . .

Carole Graesser received her victory in the Lord on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 in IL surrounded by family. Services to celebrate her life and witness were held at SOTG on Sunday, June 24, 2018 and at All Saints Lutheran Church, Palantine, IL on Friday, June 29, 2018.



Patricia Hulsemann received her victory in the Lord on Sunday, July 15, 2018 in Naples. A service celebrating her life and witness are scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019, during season when her friends and neighbors have returned to Naples.

MONTH AT A GLANCE . . .



AUGUST, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 MAILING OF AUG/SEPT NEWSLETTER	4
5 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST “UNDY SUNDAY” 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	6	7 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. SPECIAL COUNCIL MTG.	8	9 LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION	10	11
12 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST “UNDY SUNDAY” 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	13 LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION	14 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	15	16	17	18
19 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	20	21 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	22	23	24	25
26 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	27	28 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN HANSON HALL	29	30	31	

CALENDAR CUES . . .

Sundays, August 5 & 12, 2018, “Undy Sunday” collection of underwear and socks for needy Collier County students. Collection containers are in the Narthex.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018, Primary Elections in Hanson Hall

Sunday, September 9, 2018, Rally Day, celebrating the beginning of Sunday School



SEPTEMBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	3	4 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	5	6	7	8
9 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & RALLY DAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	10 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	11 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	12	13	14	15
16 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	17	18 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	19	20	21	22
23 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP	24	25 8:30 A.M. PROPERTY CREW	26	27 LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION	28	29
30 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 a.m. Worship						

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