

# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **PASTOR'S PAGE . . .**

As of September 1, I began my ministry among the people of Shepherd of the Glades as Intentional Interim Pastor. I have been appointed by our Florida – Bahamas Synod Council. This appointment is far different from being called as Pastor. My ministry here is to assist our congregation in its search for and call of a permanent pastor.



Everyone is called by God. At Baptism the Holy Spirit enters our lives to fill us with God's resurrection life.

The Spirit gives us trust in the presence and power of God in our lives, in the lives of others, and in the life of the entire world. God desires that we are in relationship with him. God cares for us individually and deeply. In baptism we are called to proclaim the Gospel and to follow Christ's example of humble service and love for others. All of us possess this high calling. We express this calling in many different ways.

We live out our baptismal calling as married people and parents. Our occupations and relationships with family, friends, and all other people demonstrate our relationship with God. As baptized people we express God's call and relationship with us in all that we do.

The Office of Pastor is given to the church as a way to see to it that the means of grace, the Word and Sacraments, are made available to the people in a regular and orderly fashion. It is an Office established by God and authorized by God's church. There are two parts to the call to the Office of Pastor. The first is internal: the Holy Spirit leads an individual to consider serving God. The second is external: the church calls an individual to service of God. Ordination is the public and external recognition of one's internal call to service within the church of God. To call a pastor to Shepherd of the Glades is very different from hiring an employee. Calling a pastor should not be confused with secular hiring practices.

Lutherans are firmly convinced that the Holy Spirit plays the major role in the decision about who is the most appropriate person to provide pastoral ministry in any particular place. Guided by the Spirit, the Office of our Bishop, the call committee, and pastoral candidates seek to discern God's will for the mission and ministry of this particular congregation, Shepherd of the Glades.

Martin Luther gave the following advice to those seeking a pastor:

*"Act in this way: first beseech God with prayers, both individual and in common. For this is a great undertaking, and the magnitude of it, rather than its novelty, impresses me. When you have so prayed, have no doubt that God to whom you have prayed is faithful and will give what you ask, opening to the one who knocks and granting to the one who seeks (Matthew 7:8). Thus, you may be assured that you are not pushing this matter - but being pushed in it [by the Spirit]."*

Great and Holy God, send us the pastor you have chosen for us. Amen

Pastor Bob

## **FROM THE COUNCIL . . .**

Hi, there! I hope your summer has gone well. This is just a note to let you know what progress is being made on our quest for a senior pastor.

The Council has almost completed the paperwork that we send to the Synod. There are just a few things left to do. Of course, that will not start the process until the call committee does their thing-more paperwork.

Also it has been decided that we will have a Transition Retreat with Pastor Bob, our interim pastor. This will be on Sunday October 28, 2018, after church service. Lunch will be provided for those attending. So that we can have enough food available, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate your desire to attend. We need to have good attendance to make this retreat work, so please sign up. This will help ready us for the process of finding a new pastor.

Enclosed is a survey for you to complete in regard to what you desire in a new pastor. This will help our future Call Committee. Also enclosed is a self addressed envelope for you to return it to us. Thanks for your cooperation!

Please keep us in your prayers. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

God's blessings,

Ron Modjeska, President of Council

## **NEXT NEW MEMBER SUNDAY . . .**

If you have been attending Shepherd of the Glades and would like to make SOTG your spiritual home, please join us as either full time or seasonal members. All we need from you is some information. There are New Member Questionnaires available in the Narthex. Just complete the front and back and drop it off with Pastor Bob or the office. The next New Member Sunday with reception of new members will be Sunday November 4, 2018. If you have any questions about the Lutheran faith or tradition, Pastor Bob would be happy to meet with you. There will be an orientation for new members with supper, information, and the opportunity of meet church leadership on Thursday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m. in Hanson Hall.

## **FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .**

A 92 year old women wrote a poem that poignantly conveys what's important as we age. It was found on Facebook and follows:

### *"The Gift-Wrap & the Jewel"*

*I looked in the mirror and what did I see? But a little old lady peering back at me  
With bags and sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair, and I asked my reflection,  
How did you get there? You once were straight and vigorous and now you're stooped  
and weak, when I tried so hard to keep you from becoming an antique.*

*My reflection's eyes twinkled and she solemnly replied,  
"You're looking at the gift wrap and not the jewel inside, a living gem and precious of  
unimagined worth, unique and true, the real you, the only you on earth.*

*The years that spoil your gift wrap with other things more cruel  
Should purify and strengthen and polish up that jewel.  
So focus your attention on the inside, not the out, on being kinder, wiser, more content  
and more devout. Then when your gift wrap's stripped away  
Your jewel will be set free, to radiate God's glory throughout eternity!*

# **COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .**

## **AUGUST 14, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President, Ron Modjeska. Members present: Joanne Hogan, Ron Modjeska, Pete Peterson, Linda Tidmore, and Tony Zeman; by phone was Larry Buettner. Absent were: Pat Cumor and Tom Dunlop. Also in attendance were Pastor Bob Hoffman and Chuck Keller.

Devotions were given by Pastor Bob. In a motion by Tony Zeman and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the minutes of the June 13, 2018 were approved.

Pastor Bob reported that five primary areas of focus for the interim ministry are:

- Putting the congregation's history into perspective
- Claiming a clear identity in God's call and mission - The all church retreat will be important in this. This needs to be scheduled to get as many congregants as possible involved.
- Supporting congregational leadership shifts and changes
- Strengthening the relationship with our synod and our church wide expression
- Deepening commitments to new pastoral leadership and the future

Pastor Bob distributed a "Congregational Sustainability Assessment". Assignments were made to complete this report. The all church retreat was scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 2018 after worship with lunch provided.

Team reports:

Accounting - Tony Zeman reported that receipts for July were about \$10,000 below projected amount. Expenses were over in only one area, property, due to maintenance of air conditioners. The report was accepted.

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported that the Endowment fund is up to \$115, 748 in July, 2018.

Property - Ron Modjeska said he had contacted Conditioned Air to get a bid for servicing our air conditioning equipment. Ceiling tiles in Hanson Hall are being replaced. This will be taken out of the Irma Fund. Weeds are being worked on.

Parish Relations, Stewardship, Fellowship, Education, Evangelism/Publicity, Worship & Music, and LOL Committees did not have reports.

New Business:

Update of Bank Signers - In a motion by Pete Peterson and seconded by Larry Buettner, BB&T will be notified that Cindy Quehl, Don Bassett, and Tony Zeman are the only people who can sign checks

Disaster Response Plan - We need to devise a plan whereby our members can be contacted in case of an emergency, such as Irma.

Call Committee - Some thought is being given to how the six members and two alternates will function. This will be worked out soon.

Old Business:

Update of the Constitution - The editorial changes have been made and sent to Michele Hilton, who will present it to the Synod Council in September.

Safe Church Policy - We have a policy for our nursery, as well as one for our congregation.

Audio/Visual System - Chuck Keller reported that he had been advised that a \$7,200 system would be adequate for our use. A projector is to be installed on the back wall with a computer in the sound room. The system will be paid for by an anonymous gift. A motion was made, seconded and approved to proceed with the purchase of the A/V system. Megan Cianflone has indicated an interest in operating the system and could be given a stipend for this additional duty.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by 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 .



### 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 and begin on October 10th. All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Megan Cianflone, Director of Music.

### SEW-SEW GROUP

The Sew-Sew Group will be starting up on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Hanson Hall. If you enjoy quilting, cutting, sewing, or are willing to learn, please come! There is a break for coffee and fellowship at approximately 10:00 a.m.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

God has given us a *guidance system*, which we all need to use, in order to keep our lives on the right course. It's called the *10 Commandments*. In addition to our **Sunday** School weekly lessons and activities, we are learning how to follow His rules of direction given in those commandments, along with their meanings. All children are welcome to join in class, held in Hanson Hall, during the worship service. Nadine Kelly, Bonny Dery, Cindy Quehl and Lori Bernabei are teaching for the 2018-2019 year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time or talent to the Children's Ministry, please contact Bonny Dery @ [239-455-2645](tel:239-455-2645) or Lori Bernabei @ [708-349-1299](tel:708-349-1299).

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

PERIOD: Eight Months Ended August, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$238,944	\$258,506	(\$19,562)
Operating Expense	\$244,037	\$248,341	\$4,304
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$5,093)	\$10,165	(\$15,258)

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

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



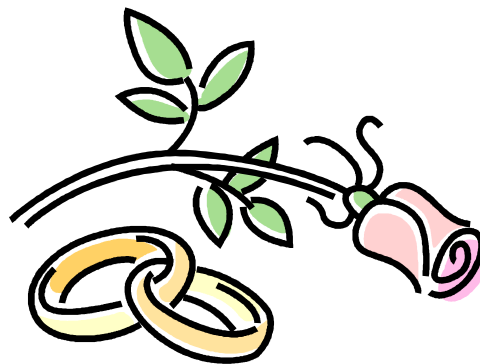


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

October 1	Charlie Orner
October 1	Dianne Sherod
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 9	Pat Wiley
October 10	Chris Rasmussen
October 10	Jim Sauer
October 10	Harlan Slack
October 11	Beverley Cook
October 11	Gary Larson
October 12	Carolyn Fee
October 12	Anne Henning
October 12	Diane Roforth-Smith
October 15	Pam Koger
October 16	Ed Larsen
October 17	Grove Brown
October 17	James O'Neal
October 20	Bryan Cook
October 20	Frank Kren
October 20	Sheila Strenkert
October 21	Dorian Delp
October 22	Olin Fernandez
October 24	Anita Lehr
October 25	Diana Snover

October 26	Judy Kobs
October 27	Alexander Burger
October 28	Henry Cholewa



## 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 & Dianne 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

## **MISSION MINDED . . .**

### **UNDY SUNDAY UPDATE AND THANKYOU**

To the parishioners and supporters of our 22nd UNDY SUNDAY Campaign, we are very pleased to report that we again succeeded in meeting our goals of providing an ample supply of underwear, socks, and miscellaneous clothing and school supplies for the many needy elementary and pre-school children within Collier County.

With the outreach involving 33 religious interfaith churches and synagogues, Catholic Charities' volunteers received an abundance of undergarments and socks which were segregated, sorted, labeled, and packaged for delivery to 37 selected elementary and charter schools, plus six social service organizations who assist needy women and children in our community. This year 210 packages, each containing approximately 90 pairs of undergarments and socks, were distributed.

We sincerely thank your staff and more importantly, the parishioners for their generous support and monetary contributions in this our 22nd Anniversary of Undy Sunday. Without all of our efforts, these special needs for poor and homeless children may not have been met. Be assured that the children, parents, and teachers alike join us in thanking you for your generosity and support.

God bless everyone involved in this special mission.

Don Campbell, Brenda Anderson, Michael Egan, and Tim Corcoran  
Undy Sunday Team of 2018

### **ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

Following is an email letter from the Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal:

**“Double your gift to the Global Farm Challenge!**

Let me introduce you to Elise. She lives in Beni, Malawi. As a farmer, she relies on her maize harvest as her primary source of food; so do most of the children in her village. At the church's nursery school, children gather to sing, learn, and eat porridge made from maize flour. Elise and other farmers not only donate their harvest, they also donate their time to prepare the meal and teach the children. This goes without saying, but when drought or floods cause the maize crop to fail, there's so much at stake.

**You can help. Give now to support ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, and your gifts will be matched-dollar for dollar.** The Global Farm Challenge is a yearlong, youth-led challenge to support the agricultural projects of ELCA World Hunger. After the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, we're more than halfway to our fundraising goal. And thanks to generous donors, all of our gifts toward this goal-up to \$515,000-will be doubled!

**Please give now and take advantage of this unique opportunity to double your impact.** Your gifts support our neighbors around the world as they work to feed their families. For Elise and others in her community, these gifts help provide seeds and tools for new crops-like fruit trees-to supplement the maize harvest.

**Thank you for your gifts, your prayers, and your partnership in this work that we share.”**

# CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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



## **FAITHFUL STEWARDS . . .**

Paul Smith, one of our members, wrote the following article in light of tax law changes and charitable giving. You may find it helpful.

### Tax Law Changes and Charitable Giving

The new Federal Income Tax Law that became effective this year for 2018 income raised the standard deduction for single or married people filing separately to \$12,000 and for married people filing jointly or surviving spouses to \$24,000. There is also an additional standard deduction for the aged (over 65) and blind of \$1,300.

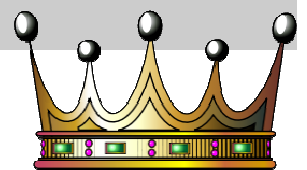
Because of these higher amounts, many people who previously itemized their deductions for things such as charitable contributions, state and local taxes and interest will find that the standard deduction is more generous than the total of what they can now deduct. However, for those who are over 70 1/2 years of age who have IRAs, 401Ks, 403Bs, etc. from which they have to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) each year, there is a way of continuing to deduct contributions to churches and other qualified charities in addition to the new standard deduction.

If the contributions are made directly from these retirement accounts to the charities, they are not subject to income tax. For example if you have to take a \$10,000 RMD, it is taxed at regular rates. If instead you make a \$4,000 contribution, this portion would not be taxed, and you would only have to show \$6,000 as the taxable amount of the RMD on your tax return. You would still fulfill the requirement to take your full RMD, but the contributed portion would be tax free. In effect, you get the full standard deduction plus before tax treatment of the contribution from your retirement account; in this example, an additional \$4,000.

One way of taking advantage of this tax break would be to make direct contributions to churches and charities from these retirement accounts before the end of this year. (Charles Schwab for instance makes this easy by issuing checks that you can use to draw directly on your retirement accounts for charitable contributions.) You might consider pre-paying your 2019 pledge using a lump sum contribution from your retirement account in 2018. If this sounds confusing, please contact your tax professional and also the company with which your retirement funds are invested for more information. Hopefully this additional tax break might enable you to share some of the tax savings with the churches and other institutions to which you contribute in the form of more generous contributions.

## **RECEIVED HER VICTORY IN THE LORD . . .**

Fayann Valk received her victory in the Lord on Friday, August 3, 2018 in Naples. It was her wish that there not be a victory service.



## **CALENDAR CUES . . .**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m. Sew-Sew's begin

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. Pastor's last Bible Study in Acts

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsals begin

Friday, October 19, 2018, Deadline for November newsletter submissions

Sunday, October 28, 2018, Reformation Sunday; 10:30 a.m. Transition Retreat (See article on page 3.)

Friday, November 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. Mailing of November newsletter

Sunday, November 4, 2018, New Member Sunday

## **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 14, 2018. 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. All five screenings are only \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete and are non-invasive. In order to register for this event, please call 1-866-229-0469 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). Ann Crowell will also be at worship on Sunday, October 28th, to take sign-ups.

## **LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .**

Church signs provide some of the best amusement:

“Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him.”

“We're not DQ, but we have great Sundays!”

“A long time ago in a Galilee far, far away . . .”

“God expects spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.”

“Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place”

“No SPF needed to spend time with the Son.”

“Prayer-wireless access to God with no roaming fee”

“People use duct tape to fix everything. God used nails.”

“Do you spend your time with Facebook or God's book?”

“If your life stinks, we have a pew for you!”

“God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.”



# OCTOBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS AND PROPERTY CREW	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> PASTOR'S B.S. AT 2 & 7 P.M. IN HANSON HALL	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION</b>						
<b>7</b> 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROP. CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	<b>10</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSALS START	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION</b>						
<b>14</b> 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROP. CREW	<b>17</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	<b>20</b>
<b>LYNN DICKERMAN ON VACATION</b>				<b>PASTOR BOB ON VACATION</b>		
<b>21</b> 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ REV. TARA MCGRAW	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROPERTY CREW	<b>24</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>PASTOR BOB ON VACATION</b>						
<b>28</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 10:30 A.M. TRANSITION RETREAT	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROPERTY CREW	<b>31</b> 7:00 P.M. CHOIR			

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