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*A happy and blessed
Thanksgiving to you
and your loved ones!*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

As I write this, I sit in the shadow of a very important event in our Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church history, that took place on Sunday, October 28. Over 40 of us engaged in a prayerful, Holy Spirit inspired retreat. We sought the will of God in our task of preparing to call a new pastor, the pastor that God has chosen for us. And we established a statement of purpose for our congregation. Through prayer and discussion, we felt led to express it this way:



“GOD HAS PLANTED THIS CONGREGATION HERE TO WELCOME ALL WITH PRAYER AND COMPASSION, SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.”

I realize that all this talk about God’s Spirit, and the Spirit’s presence among us may be a little bit foreign to many of you. I also realize that my reference to the new pastor as having been chosen by God already may seem even more of a stretch to the side of being strange or awkward or even presumptuous.

This coming month, Colleen and I will share a few short stories in church about being led by the Holy Spirit. We feel that it is important to do this. We have learned that the Holy Spirit has actually “planted” us in every phase of our lives.

I studied to be a Catholic priest as a young man. We know that the Holy Spirit brought Colleen and me together. It is no surprise that the Holy Spirit led me to work for the Catholic church after it became clear that I should not pursue being ordained. The Holy Spirit led me to teach in a Catholic girls’ high school and in a parish junior high school. I was given the opportunity to enter what was, in the mid-1970’s, a new ministry in religious education (or Sunday School) as a parish director of religious education. We moved to a small town in New York state, then to Vermont, then to Wisconsin, then back to far northern New York state, and finally to Iowa. It was in Iowa that my call to be ordained as a Lutheran pastor became clear. The Holy Spirit’s activity led us to my first call in Pennsylvania. The Holy Spirit was very active in my appointment as your intentional interim at Shepherd of the Glades by our Florida-Bahamas Synod Council.

Colleen and I have observed that we notice the Holy Spirit’s influence in our lives, especially when we look back at how our lives have unfolded. There are no coincidences in God’s plan.

We have discovered that there are identifiable reasons for our presence in each place we have been planted. We have had the opportunity to give much to people we have met. We have received countless blessings in all our relationships, in every place we have been planted. Now, when new opportunities come around, we look forward in anticipation to experience what will happen next. This is not to say that we do not experience anxiety, uncertainty, and fear. Nevertheless, we have experienced so many blessings in our lives that we have come to expect and

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anticipate the abundance the Holy Spirit has brought and continues to bring to our lives. There are no coincidences in God's plan.

God has a plan for Shepherd of the Glades congregation. God's abundant gift of the Holy Spirit has fallen on you and will guide you over the next weeks and months, as you seek God's will in the pastor God has chosen for you.

I can't wait to see what will happen! Can you?

Pastor Bob

FROM THE COUNCIL . . .

Thanks to all who participated in the New Pastor Survey. Following is a summary of the results:

TOP MINISTRY TASK PRIORITIES

1. Preaching/Worship Self Care/Family Life
2. Pastoral Care and Visitation
3. Ministry with Seniors
4. Music/Worship
5. Teaching
6. Ministry in Daily Life

TOP GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

1. Help people develop their spiritual life.
2. Be an effective communicator.
3. Be active in visitation of members and non-members.
4. Bring joy and good humor to relationships
5. Be an effective teacher.
6. Be able to share leadership and work in a team.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

“Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger. Let it be so with us. Let us not be weaklings, yielding to every wind that blows, but strong in spirit to resist.”

Amy Carmichael

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. “ Romans 8:28

COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

October 9, 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-Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, and Larry Buettner. Also in attendance: Pastor Bob Hoffman.

Devotions were given by Pastor Bob, who highlighted several points from "Thoughts on the Call Process". In a motion by Ron Modjeska and seconded by Linda Tidmore, the minutes of the September meeting were approved. Pastor Bob's report: Pastor Bob gave five primary areas of focus for his interim ministry and outlined his vacation schedule.

Team Reports:

Accounting-Tony Zeman reported offerings for September were about \$2,000 less than the budgeted amount. Expenses seem to be in line.

Parish Relations- No report

Endowment – Pete Peterson reported that the fund amount is \$117,182. This is about \$100 less than last month's report.

Property – Ron Modjeska reported that the air conditioners in Hanson Hall are now working. Two were repaired and one replaced. Condee is to check the systems for the sanctuary. One side cools better than the other. Don Bassett used LOL funds and hired landscapers to trim, weed, and mulch various areas of the property. The fire alarm still goes off often. Different companies can't find the problem. A light fixture in the sanctuary that was damaged when the roof was replaced can't be fixed without a lift.

Stewardship – Tom Dunlop reported that he and Chuck Keller will be meeting soon to decide on a theme for this year.

Fellowship – Joanne Hogan reported that the Fellowship Committee wants to know what the Council expects to have for lunch for the Retreat on October 28, 2018. The Council requests chicken from Publix.

Education – Calendars are being sold to raise money for the Sunday School.

Evangelism/Publicity – Linda Tidmore reported that the committee will meet Friday, October 12, 2018. Grace Place Pre-School will be the recipient of the gifts from our giving tree. New member orientation will be November 1, 2018 with New Member Sunday on November 4, 2018.

Worship and Music – The new A/V system is installed. A representative from the company may need to come for a demonstration. Giving visitors something beside the little gold cross on the information card was discussed. A pen with the church's name and address was suggested.

LOL – No report

New Business:

Use of Hanson Hall - Multiple Sclerosis and Bone Builders are two groups that have asked to use Hanson Hall. Multiple Sclerosis would meet Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for watercolors and Fridays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. for yoga. Bone Builders would meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Neither of these groups pay rent. The Council approved the use of Hanson Hall for both groups. MS would meet in the classrooms in the west end of the building on Monday as Bone Builders will be in the large room.

Emergency Response Plan – Ron Modjeska distributed a paper that outlines our plan for responding to emergencies.

Old Business:

Progress on Profile – Many parts of the Profile have been completed. "Early Assessment of Interim Assignment" is currently being completed.

Thanksgiving Service – A 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service is being planned.

The next Council meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Pete Peterson will have devotions. In a motion by Tony Zeman and seconded by Ron Modjeska, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. and closed with the prayer for sending.

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 .



SEW-SEW GROUP

The Sew-Sew Group will be starting meets on Tuesdays 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

Although we have not had any children in attendance, our ministry continues to reach out to our young families. Parents are the main influencers of their children's faith and values. Monthly faith formation resource letters are sent to four families with children ages from newborn to 36 months, and quarterly family faith formation devotionals are sent to ten families. Weekly, teachers are prepared to share and spread God's love to all of his lambs. Please continue to especially keep all of these children and parents in your prayers.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The Women's Bible Study will be resuming the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room, starting November 9th. They are studying the "Gather" magazine Bible study. Copies of the study will be available in the Narthex the Sunday before.

NEW PROGRAM: BONE BUILDERS

A new low impact flexibility and balance class for seniors is being sponsored by Collier County Recreation Department in Hanson Hall starting, Monday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m. The one hour class will meet every Mondays and Wednesdays. There is no charge, and it is open to everyone in the community. Come and bring a friend. See Pastor or Carol Lyberg for more details.

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown
Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth
Airman Corey Malinowski
Capt. Michael Scott
Army Sergeant Kendra Stofflet at Ft. Eustis Army Base, VA
Army Sergeant Robert Stofflet in South Korea



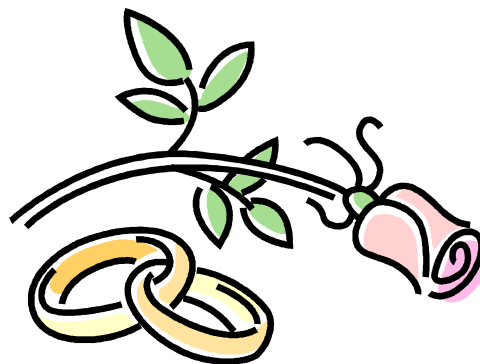


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

- November 1 Anne Felton
- November 3 Carol Lyberg
- November 3 Linda Tidmore
- November 5 Saul Gamez-Perez
- November 8 Alexa Tibbetts
- November 9 Pat Cumor
- November 9 Merle Sellman
- November 11 Carys Bettridge
- November 11 Jerry Thomas
- November 12 Vi Bohler
- November 13 Charles Bjerken
- November 13 Lori Borman
- November 14 Helen Rasmussen
- November 17 Julio Soto
- November 18 James Oppermann
- November 21 Rosemarie Holcomb
- November 21 Bernie Schmidt
- November 21 Elaine Sima
- November 22 Bonnie Dahl
- November 23 Clay Baker
- November 24 Ron Sherod
- November 25 Marcella Montgomery
- November 25 Sherri Nelson
- November 26 Sharon Eickhoff
- November 27 Maria Elena Yates
- November 29 Charlotte Buettner
- November 29 Lauren Buettner
- November 29 Ashley Buettner

- November 29 LeAnn Granato
- November 29 Albertina Salvo
- November 30 Barbara Collins
- November 30 Landon Helenek



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- November 7 Jeremiah & Stephanie Eliason
- November 7 Phil & Lisa Willman
- November 8 Ted & Corinne Roscoe
- November 20 Rick & Lori Borman
- November 21 Don & Alice Bassett
- November 22 Carl & Penny Morken
- November 27 Gary & Annette Larson
- November 28 Diane & David Roforth-Smith

New Address!



NEW ADDRESS NOTICE
Warren Osborne has moved from Naples to be closer to family. His new address is:
Heritage Deer Creek
3585 S. 147th Street, Apt. 22
New Berlin, WI 53151
Cell: 262-879-8094

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES IN THE LORD . . .

Thomas Connell received his victory in the Lord on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in Naples. It was the family's wish that there not be a victory service in Naples, but instead up north.



Douglas MacKenzie received his victory in the Lord on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Arlington in Naples. A victory service will be held in The Arlington of Naples Chapel on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments following.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, SOTG welcomed into fellowship: Cecilia Almeida joined as an active member by affirmation of faith.
Address: 5841 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, #208, Naples, FL 34113
Phone: 239-793-4283
Cell: 239-304-6364
Email: jcalm28@aol.com



Cecilia is a retired registered nurse. She also worked for 16 years for the 20th Circuit Court on the Examining Committee for Guardianship.



John Sherman & Mary Stegner joined as active members by letter of transfer from Hope Lutheran, Bonita Springs, FL.
Address: 188 Palmetto Dunes Circle, Naples, FL 34113
Phone: 239-529-5975
His cell: 631-897-5436
Her cell: 631-455-7371
His email: Notesafloat.VW@gmail.com
Her email: Kickitgirl.VW@gmail.com

Both John and Mary enjoy singing, and were in the choir at Hope.

GLOBALLY MISSION MINDED . . .

Do you ever wonder what happens to money sent for global missions to the Florida-Bahamas Synod. The Florida-Bahamas Synod is involved in several mission projects:

SEEDS FOR HAITI - Twenty four congregations of the Florida-Bahamas Synod participated in this summer's fundraising project. Because of their generosity, \$10,000 was sent and distributed to purchase seeds, seedling, and small farm implements.

LIFE GIVING WATER IN SAVANNE-ZOMBIE - St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church, Sarasota, headed up a project and combined resources with the Haiti Task Force and Global Mission Team to fund a \$36,000 cistern for drinking water, cooking, and clothes washing at the Community Center in Savanne-Zombie. This community of 6000 did not have a local source of potable water.

UPCOMING JOURNEY TO HAITI - There will be a travel group from the Florida-Bahamas Synod from January 18-28, 2019 to Haiti led by Anita Unrath (tunrath@cfl.rr.com). There are still openings available. Plans include participating in the dedication of the new roof on the New Jerusalem Church in Les Cayes, visiting the Lutheran Center in Gressier, cultural activities and sites in Port-au-Price, and attending the dedication of the new cistern in Savanne-Zombie.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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

ANNUAL PAUL TODD CHRISTMAS CONCERT . . .



Christmas Concert

With

Paul Todd and Paul Todd, Jr.

WHEN? Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE? Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church

Tickets may be purchased in the courtyard every Sunday before and after worship, from the Church office during regular hours, or from the Lybergs at 239.774.5822. Price is \$25 per person.

CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT . . .

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

This year we are again ordering poinsettias that you may purchase and dedicate to a loved one. They will be placed around the altar for Christmas, and you may take them home after Christmas Eve worship. To order just complete the form enclosed and put it with payment in the offering plate or drop it off at the office.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE, 2018 . . .

This year the SOTG Giving Tree will benefit GRACE PLACE, an educational facility in the Golden Gate community. Children and families at Grace Place come from some of the most impoverished homes in Florida, with 85% of them at or below the national poverty line. GRACE PLACE's mission is to put faith into action, providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families, helping over 800 residents in the Golden Gate area. There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex with ornaments, each having a gift suggestion for a child 3 to 4 years of age. Just choose an ornament, buy the suggested gift, and place it under the tree unwrapped by November 21. The date is so early so that GRACE PLACE can plan accordingly to take advantage of Black Friday sales. Please open your hearts and participate in this worthwhile project.

CALENDAR CUES . . .

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m. New Member Orientation

Sunday, November 4, 2018, New Member Sunday

Monday - Wednesday, November 5 – 7, 2018, Pastor Bob away for Conference on Ministry

Friday, November 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Choir Room

Monday, November 12, 2018, Deadline for December newsletter submissions

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Life Line Screening

Wednesday, November 21, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, November 22, 2018, Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 30, 2018, 9:00 a.m. Mailing of December newsletter

Sunday, December 2, 2018, Advent begins

Monday, December 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Paul Todd Christmas Concert

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.**

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Ten Months Ended October, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$275,791	\$305,450	(\$29,659)
Operating Expense	\$284,392	\$306,664	\$22,272
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$8,601)	(\$1,214)	(\$7,387)



NOVEMBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 P.M. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	2	3
4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 9:30 A.M. S.S.	5 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	6 ELECTION DAY	7 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	8	9 9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER MAILING 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	10
PASTOR BOB AT CONF. ON MINISTRY						
11 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 9:30 A.M. S.S.	12 VETERANS DAY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	13 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROP. CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	14 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. LIFELINE SCREENING 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	15	16	17
18 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 9:30 A.M. S.S.	19 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	20 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROPERTY CREW	21 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 5:30 P.M. THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP	22 THANKSGIVING DAY	23 OFFICE UNAVAILABLE	24
25 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 9:30 A.M. S.S.	26 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	27 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROPERTY CREW	28 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	29	30	

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