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Season of Epiphany

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the
glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1



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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Ever since the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the date for Easter has been established this way:

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal [or spring] equinox. And the Christian church has attached the date of the vernal equinox to an approximation, that is, March 21.

[Precise scientific measurements place the vernal equinox on either March 20 or March 21.]

The first full moon following March 21 is on April 19 this year, thus placing our celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 21. This is not the latest possible date for Easter [April 25] but pretty close to the latest. As grace will have it, this late date for Easter provides me with ample opportunity to conduct Bible studies focusing on the Gospel of Luke as we celebrate the season of the Epiphany up to Ash Wednesday, March 6.

It may seem that Lent is a long way off, six or so weeks. You are aware that time flies by very quickly, especially when your attention is divided by many things: activities of your rich and prosperous life, your web of relationships with your friends and family, weekly worship and other activities at church.

Anyone who has taken a hike in the woods up North in the Fall will know what I describe here. During the summer there are many who hike these woods. Paths between the ponds and up and down the gullies are well trod and basically clear. A quick glance reveals their direction, their width, and any obstacles in the way. During the Fall paths become less obvious. Covered with leaves, paths blend into the surrounding woods. It takes attention to discover the direction, the width, and any obstacles along the way. A hiker might take a turn down what seemed to be an easy path only to discover that the path does not go that way at all. Even veteran hikers can be led away from the path by jumbles of leaves. It can be like that when we try to pay attention to the path that leads toward Lent.

The sacred Scriptures proclaimed to us during these days between the feast of the Epiphany and the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord attempt to keep us on the path that leads up to Lent. The Scriptures help us stay on a spiritual path that will



PASTOR'S PAGES (Continued). . .

move seamlessly into our celebration of Ash Wednesday and the disciplines of Lent. Our Thursday Bible Studies will help participants stay on the path. My preaching during this season will also keep the rest of us moving on the path.

Along with me: Return to the Lord. Follow Jesus.

Pastor Bob

SOTG CALL COMMITTEE . . .

Your Call Committee has been hard at work refining and improving the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for Shepherd of the Glades. The Council has approved the MSP with a few modifications. It was then sent to the Synod for review and final approval. The Synod made some suggestions that will better highlight Shepherd of the Glades to candidate pastors. Our next task is to develop suitable questions for interviewing recommended and vetted pastoral candidates. Please continue to keep the Call Committee, this process, and our future pastor in your prayers.

Chuck Keller, Chair of the Call Committee

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY . . .

LOOKING TO PUT YOUR WORSHIP IN ACTION?

All the accoutrements of worship are done behind the scenes by those in the Altar Guild. If you would like to help make all the elements of worship come together for the congregation, please read the job description below and contact Anita Lehr at 239-793-4957. We can use your help.

JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of a group of people who take care of the Altar on a monthly basis. Men are invited to join. The people of the Altar Guild set up communion for Sunday services and special Holy days throughout the year. The preparation of the Vessels and Elements are prepared in the Sacristy and then placed on the Altar. After the service, the Vessels and Elements are removed from the Altar, returned to the Sacristy, cleaned, and put away. We are also responsible for changing the Paraments, according to the season of the church year. When there is a Baptism, whoever is serving that month would prepare for the event by filling and emptying the Baptismal Font.

We invite you to join the Altar Guild. No experience is needed, only a desire to serve. Training will be provided. Anita Lehr welcomes your call!

LENT 2019 . . .

In Lent, 2019 the central theme of Lenten Wednesdays will be “Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”. Wednesday evening prayer and reflection is rooted in the order for Evening Prayer. Each week provides a pair of complimentary readings from sacred Scripture as the center point for reflection. These readings explore different dimensions of God’s love for us and the love of Christ we share. The schedule is as follows:



Ash Wednesday, March 6—Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

First Week of Lent, March 13—“Love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19) and “Love does no wrong to a neighbor (Romans 13)

Second Week of Lent, March 20—“When Israel was a child, I loved him” (Hosea 11) and “Who will separate us from the love of Christ?” (Romans 8)

Third Week of Lent, March 27—“Love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10) and “Love your enemies” (Luke 6)

Fourth Week of Lent, April 3—“If I have faith but do not have love, I am nothing” (1 Corinthians 13) and “If you love me you will keep my commandments” (John 14)

Fifth Week of Lent, April 10—“It was not because you were greater that the Lord loved you” (Deuteronomy 7) and “Perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4)

Holy Week,-Evening celebration of Maundy Thursday, April 18 and Good Friday, April 19

As is our custom, Lenten worship will be followed by soup suppers immediately following in Hanson Hall. The schedule for responsibility for soup making follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 6-Fellowship Committee

March 13-Choir

March 20-Sew-Sew’s and Property

March 27-Council

April 3-Bible Study Groups & Call Committee

April 10-Staff, Pastors, and office volunteers

Holy Week– No soup suppers

ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TWO Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. continuing through Sunday, April 28th.

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 is meeting 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 tea/coffee and fellowship at approximately 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. They study the "Gather" magazine Bible study. Copies of the study will be available in the Narthex the Sunday before. The next study will be February 8.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School lessons are offered to all children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We are blessed with faithful teachers, who are always ready to feed his lambs.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February 24, 2019, is our annual Strawberry Sunday; and Ash Wednesday, March 6, begins our Lenten Soup Suppers after services.

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

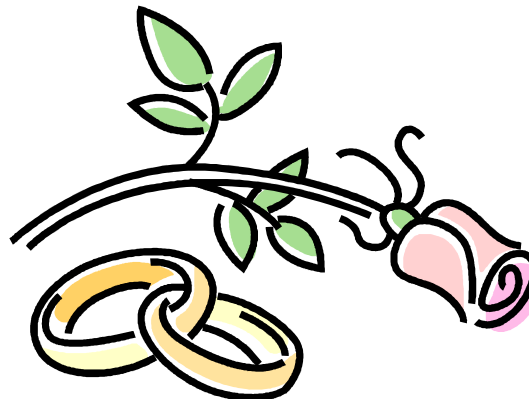




If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

- February 1 Michael Kleiber
- February 1 Sara Nelson
- February 2 Ardelle Berthe
- February 5 Daniel Malinowski
- February 5 Gary Spragg
- February 6 Jean Zirk
- February 10 Yerry Madison
- February 10 Kathryn Winters
- February 11 Alan Rowold
- February 17 Callie Eliason
- February 17 Conan Hayton
- February 17 Earnestine Keller
- February 18 Cindy Quehl
- February 21 Alandee Delp
- February 21 Bob Tidmore
- February 22 Jeremiah Eliason
- February 22 David Hatwell
- February 24 Jim Lee
- February 26 Margarete Krehan
- February 27 Rick Borman
- February 27 Carl Zirk
- February 28 Jan Wolfe



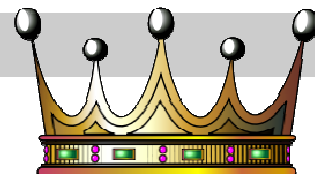
FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . .
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- February 3 Vicki & Steve Tracy
- February 4 Larry & Maryann Buettner
- February 6 Henry & Barbara Cholewa
- February 6 Gary & Linda Salisbury
- February 11 Rod & Marilyn Barikmo
- February 14 Ken & Charlotte Sebe
- February 15 David & Alandee Delp
- February 16 Deborah Moeser & Andrea Tack
- February 16 Larry & Barb Tommingo
- February 24 Frank & Debra Siciliano
- February 28 Al & Marilyn Lane

VICTORY IN THE LORD . . .

Merle R. Sellman received his victory in the Lord on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in Naples. His victory service was held on Monday, January 21, 2019. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota at a future date.

Pat Hulsemann received her victory on July 15, 2018. However, her life and witness was celebrated on Saturday, January 26, 2019.



CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Janet Anderson	Judy & Ron H.	Carl Morken
Anna	Sue Haberkorn	Susan O'Neil
Anthony	Heather & her mother	Michael O'Donald
Lee Arendt	Dave Hedges	Frank Ordway
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Joanne Hogan	The Oczarzak Family
Charlie Bain	Family of Pat Hulsemann	Lindsay S. Porto
Ryan Bebb	Carl Hydes	Family of P.J. Read
Betty	Jeannie	Beverly Renning
Mary Ann Blair	Judy & Rich	Robert
Merlyn Bowers	Justin	Laura Robertson
Braun Family	Lily & Billy Kelly	Victor & Yolanda Rodrigues
Bonnie Brisky	Reina Klassen	Neva Marie Rucci & sons
Josh Cane	Stefanie Kopecke	Ruth
Casey	Glen Ladic	Sally
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Al Lane	Greta Schamberger
Jan Connell & Connell Family	Ed Larson	Hermann Schamberger, Jr.
Roland Cumor	Barb & Dave Lees	Joe Schamberger
Warren Dahl	Anita Lehr	Richard J. Schmidt
Di Di Arpia	Len Locey	Larry Segerlind
Marion Davis	Martha Mahon	Family of Merle Sellman
Joan Dignoti	Rose Maki	Shannon
Frances Dise	Dorothy MacKenzie & Family	Elaine Sima
Family of Annie Doara	Marie H.	Micah Smith
Drew Family	Mary & Drew	Ruth Spears
Joann Dunn	Mary R.	Spiegel Family
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Maryanne	Susan Sweet
Jimmy F.	Howard Mattick	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Mike Feldman	Paula McCarthy	Tommy's Family
Michelle Fetzner	Jack McKenna	Family of Fayann Valk
Joan Fine	Debbie McWaters	Christina Warrilow
Freathestone Family	Nancy Moran	Shirley Watson
Yamilla Frederick	Morgan	Patricia Wiley
Jonathan Gance		Rachel Witte
Gerald Gibbons		Diane Wright
Annette Gjesdahl		Ron Zeman
Family of Carole Graesser		Tony Zeman

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President, Larry Buettner. Members in attendance: Larry Buettner, Pat Cooper, Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, Paul Hashagen, Earnie Keller, Pete Peterson, and Tony Zeman. Pastor Bob Hoffman was also in attendance.

Devotions were given by Larry Buettner. The listing for 2019 Council was corrected. Regarding the minutes of the last meeting, Tony Zeman stated that there was \$7,000 more in offering. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Pastor's report: Pastor Bob suggested that all of the new Council members sign up with the synod at www.fbsynod.com, so that we would all get the newsletter. Pastor Bob brought a letter before the Council to consider for a new charity.

Team reports:

Accounting - Tony Zeman reported that there will be a revised balance sheet. He also discussed the budget and insurance. We do not have hurricane insurance because the premiums were so high that the deductible would be much higher than the probable damages incurred. It was moved and seconded to accept the budget report.

Parish Relations - No report

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported on the fund balance during the Treasurer's report.

Property - Tom Dunlop and Doug Walck reported that the Christmas decorations had been taken down and stored. The old luminaries have been discarded, and the new luminaries are able to be stored more easily. The Property Crew has sprayed for fungus, cleaned up and reorganized the shed, and are looking into replacing the parking lot lights. Larry suggested a possible new campaign to beautify landscaping. Ron Modjeska is still the keeper of the church keys. Doug Walck will be the liaison to the Property Committee.

Stewardship - Tom Dunlop reported that the stewardship mailing had been sent out. He is now working on video and slides on stewardship.

Fellowship - Earnestine Keller will be the new liaison for Fellowship Committee.

Education - Pastor Bob is starting a class which will be at 2:00 p.m. weekly on the Gospel of Luke.

Evangelism/Publicity - Pat Cumor will be the new liaison for Evangelism/Publicity.

Worship & Music - Larry Buettner and Pat Cumor will be the liaisons for the Worship and Music Committee.

A new committee was suggested, Local Mission Committee. Paul Hashagen will be the liaison. He suggested that we let the congregation know that St. Matthew's House is in need of razors, in addition to food for the hungry.

COUNCIL'S CORNER (Continued) . .

Old Business:

Carthage College Choir - Pete Peterson stated that the Carthage College Choir came to SOTG last year, but will not be able to come this year. We should contact them about coming again next year.

New Business:

Annual Meeting - There will be an annual meetings on February 24 and December 8, 2019.

Sign-up for Devotions - A sheet was sent around for all to sign up for Council devotions.

Call Committee Draft of MSP - The draft of the profile from the Call Committee was discussed. It was suggested that the attendance go from 400 to +300. Everyone is to review the MSP and meet after worship this next Sunday, so it can be discussed and given back to the Call Committee. There also was discussion regarding the reflections on ministry context –that the a. section and b section be cut out or redone so that it reads more positively.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cooper, Secretary

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: One Month Ended January, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$35,013	\$43,770	(\$8,757)
Operating Expense	\$22,146	\$25,792	\$3,646
Net Income (Deficit)	\$12,867	\$17,978	(\$5,111)

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED . . .

Shepherd of the Glades' Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2019 between worship services in the Sanctuary. Annual reports will be available in the Narthex by February 10. Come hear what the committees have accomplished and how we have completed the year financially.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES . . .

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."

CALENDAR CUES . . .

Monday, February 4, 2019, Deadline for submission of annual reports

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Bob on the Gospel of Luke

Friday, February 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Sunday, February 10, 2019. Teen Challenge with us for worship

Monday, February 11, 2019, Deadline for March newsletter submissions

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

February 24, 2019, Strawberry Sunday after both services; Annual meeting between services in the Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 3, 2019, Everglades Chorus will sing in the courtyard between services and at the 10:30 a.m. service. Their annual concert will be Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available in the church office or on March 3rd. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 each and \$25 at the door.

Ash Wednesday Service, March 6, 2019, 5:30 p.m. service followed by soup supper

Saturday, March 9, 2019, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Everglades Chorus Concert

THE CHORUS OF THE EVERGLADES . . .

On Saturday, March 9, 2019, the Chorus of the Everglades proudly presents their annual show, "Put Another Nickel In". The show features special guest and award winning, "Double Date", a quartet consisting of two ladies and two men with an incredible a cappella sound, who won the Barbershop in Germany! World mixed quartet competition twice. There will also be several other quartets and, of course, the 25 member Chorus of the Everglades for your listening pleasure.

WHEN: March 9, 2019 at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Shepherd of the Glades

COST: \$20 per ticket in advance or \$25 per ticket at the door

Tickets for both performances are available in the church office.

IS SOTG YOUR CHURCH HOME? . . .

Have you been attending Shepherd of the Glades for a while? Why not make it official and join our membership as either a full time or associate member (if you are here just for season). Just talk with Pastor Bob and complete a new member questionnaire.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself." *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



FEBRUARY, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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PASTOR BOB ON VACATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 4						
3 4th SUNDAY OF EPHIPHANY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ REV. TARA MCGRAW 10:30 A.M. S.S.	4 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL MTG REPORTS	5 8:30 A.M. SEW- SEWS & PROP. CREW	6 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	7 2:00 p.m. PASTOR BOB'S BIBLE STUDY	8 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN CHOIR ROOM	9
PASTOR BOB'S VACATION						
10 5th SUNDAY OF EPHIPHANY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB & TEEN CHALLENGE 10:30 A.M. S.S.	11 9-10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS DEADLINE FOR MARCH, 2019 NEWSLETTER	12 8:30 A.M. SEW- SEWS & PROP. CREW 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	13 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	14 2:00 p.m. PASTOR BOB'S BIBLE STUDY	15	16
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