



# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

February is the month of love. Valentine's Day is February 14th, and we see many wonderful gift options to purchase for our loved ones. But demonstrating our love for others is so much more than a last minute trip to the shopping center one day a year. Love is an everyday choice.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 says, "*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*" Love is not easy, but we are called to love one another as Christ has loved us.



Love is patient. Have you noticed how impatient our society has become? Our impatience can be observed when the car at the stoplight does not instantly surge forward when the light turns green, or the person in front of you in the checkout is taking forever. Perhaps it all started with microwave ovens, cell phones, and instant messaging. But patience with others is rare these days. If you are having challenges with patience, remember that God loves you and is patient with you. Being patient is good for our bodies, minds, and souls. Take a deep breath and pray when you become impatient. Don't react to others in a way that is not kind.

Love is kind. Do a random act of kindness for someone each day. It does not have to be anything big. Open the door for someone. Offer someone help who needs it. Give someone a ride who needs it. If you can, pay the bill for someone behind you in line at the drive through. If you are unable to do any of these things, take the time to pray for someone you know is struggling. When you develop the habit of doing something kind every day you will find great joy in your service to others.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Sometimes it is hard to prevent feeling envious of others. But remember that what you see or hear about how good someone has it is not always the way things are. Think about the well known comedians, actors, and singers who commit suicide or overdose. Take a look at what you have and be grateful for the many blessings God has given you. We all know that no one likes people who are boastful or arrogant or rude.

But are we aware when we act this way? Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. *True love does not behave in a way that tears others down. Love wishes only the best for others. Our words and how we treat others demonstrates if we truly love them.*

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. So you see, love is about much more than buying someone a card or a treat once a year. Love is a way of life and love is a choice. As we celebrate

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Valentine's day and the month of love, take some time to reflect on how your life and actions demonstrate that you believe in a God who loves all people. Develop some new habits of service to others that will bring you joy. Have a Happy Valentines Day, and remember - God loves you!

Pastor Jeff

## YOU ARE INVITED . . .



You are cordially invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor award ceremony for Abraham Ungs. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor a scout can earn in Boy Scouts of America. The celebration will begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will take place in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

## THANKS FOR OUR KINDNESSES . . .

### GIVING TREE RECIPIENTS



### GRACE PLACE MEMORIAL FOR CAROL LYBERG

Everyone at Shepherd of the Glades made a difference in memory of Carol. Thank you for your gift and generosity. Because of you & Carol, families in our community have access to quality educational programs.

Chrissie Missal, Manager of Annual Giving

(Proceeds of the Paul Todd Christmas Concert were donated to Grace Place in memory of Carol Lyberg.)

### HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

(Part of the donations for Christmas Meals were given to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.)

Dear Friends, thank you for your recent gift of \$5,812. Our world today is ever changing, yet one thing that remains constant is our gratitude for you and your giving heart. People are still struggling to do the things that many of us take for granted . . . Because of your support, we are helping families and individuals who are hungry get those needs met.

Barbara E. Evans, Chief Development Officer



# COUNCIL CORNER . . .

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH January 11, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting as written, with a correction of adding three guests. Guests in attendance were Elaine Sime, Brad Caulder and John Sherman. Motion was then made, seconded, and passed.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Jeff reported that he has had ZOOM meetings with East Naples Ministerial group and personal spiritual direction meetings. He has attended weekly staff meetings and met with the Property Committee re: sanctuary lighting and lighting in Hanson Hall; fire detection alarm system; and the Finance Committee regarding 2022 budget. Pastor has met with the Pastors of both the Spanish and Haitian churches. He has been visiting and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick, and he has been doing homebound communions. Pastor felt Christmas eve services were well attended. Pastor officiated at a non-member wedding off Church property, and the wedded couple made a sizable donation to the church. Hanson Hall continues to be utilized by Iglesia Conexion United Methodist Church, Haitian Baptist Church, Bone Builders, AA Groups, HOA neighborhood groups and our Sew-Sews. We continue to follow CDC guidelines and are monitoring local Covid cases. Pastor suggests that the church task force reconvene due to the fact that Covid cases are on the rise.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows an increase as of December 31, 2021. Bob continues to work with the finance committee on the 2022 approved budget.

Both the Pastor's and Treasurer's reports were motioned for approval, seconded, and passed.

### Committee reports:

Endowment – Balance in Ministry Growth Fund shows an increase as of December 2021.

Parish Relations – Mutual Ministry is looking to add two new members in 2022.

Property – committee still working on getting new lights in the Sanctuary and Hanson Hall.

Education – Pastor Ungs will provide a Bible study class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the church courtyard. Elaine Sima will have a Women's Bible study the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room.

Fellowship – Committee members working on "Welcome Back Luncheon" and the "Chili Cookoff". \*

Stewardship – On Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> the committee will offer a "Ministry Fair". The purpose of the fair is to share with the congregation what each committee does and to encourage them to join.

Evangelism- The "Giving Tree" and "Christmas Meal" were a wonderful success. A New Member Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Local Mission- Donated food was delivered to St. Matthews in Naples.

Worship & Music – Pastor reported that a new Clavinova (electric piano/organ) was purchased in order provide music during the 10:30 a.m. worship service which is held outside in the courtyard.

### 2022 Congregational Council officers:

Bonnie Dery	President
Treasurer	Bob Tidmore
Vice-president	Penny Morken
Secretary	Brenda Charleston

### 2022 Committee Liaisons:

Property	Doug Walck
Parrish Relations/Mutual Ministry	Barbara Keller
Fellowship	Penny Morken
Stewardship	Brad Caulder
Worship & Music	Brenda Charleston & John Sherman
Endowment	Charlotte Wahlig
Evangelism	Bonnie Brisky
Social Concerns	Elaine Sima
Christian Education	Bonny Dery & Elaine Sima

\*Chili Cook-off has since been cancelled.

# COUNCIL CORNER (Continued) . . .

## New Business:

The 2022 annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 20, 2022. All committee reports are to be submitted to the office by January 31, 2022.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Charlotte Wahlig.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Tidmore,  
Administrative Assistant

# GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .

## With thanks from Iglesia Conexion for the Giving Tree Gifts:

Muchas gracias por  
los pequeños Bendecidos  
P. Pastor. Jeffery.

THANK YOU  
God bless you!  
BEATRIZ AND CARLOS.

WE ARE VERY GLAD.  
Thank you very much.  
Rev. Orlando Ramirez

thank you for  
your gift, we  
are very glad;  
God bless you  
family - R. Rivero

Gracias  
por todas  
sus Atenciones  
Betsey

We're thankful  
Love ♥  
Haydn

Thank you SO Much  
for spreading the love  
of God through your  
thoughtful Christmas  
gifts for our church  
babies  
- Zuri M.

THANK you pastor,  
God bless you!  
-Maggie

Thank you for this  
amazing gesture to  
our kids  
-Dan

Asking God to bless you in return  
for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

May God Bless you  
abundantly. We appreciate  
your kindness and we  
Bless you.  
Jesus, Chauclyn  
Lucas, Ana

thanks to all  
for the presents  
to our kids.  
Jegre's Family

May the Lord reward you for what you have done.  
RUTH 2:12 CSB

many thanks  
for all you  
have blessed us  
with your kindness  
thanks!  
Angelica  
Thank you  
for the presents.  
Lily 2 years  
Miguel 2 years  
Blowick-Velassquez

May We hear  
Bless You!  
All  
Familia Chavez

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .

On Sunday, January 23rd, SOTG held a Stewardship Ministry Fair, where many of our ministries set up tables to show the work of their committees. In case you missed this opportunity to see where God might want to use your gifts and talents this year, a "Time and Talents" Profile is enclosed. If anything looks interesting to you or you would like more information in a particular area, please circle the area and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. We will be sure to have the right person contact you. If you haven't turned in your 2022 Pledge card, please remember to do so.

## **AA GROUPS . . .**

### Women's AA Group

On Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. you are invited to join the "Women by the Book" closed AA meeting for women only. You are welcome to email: womenbythebookaa@gmail.com for Zoom information.

### Mixed AA Group

On Mondays at noon, a mixed AA group meets in Hanson Hall. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please contact Tom Gallagher at 239-348-2205.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY . . .**

After a long pause from COVID-19, we are scheduling the Women's Bible Study on the first Friday of each month. Our next Women's Bible Study will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. We use the "Gather" Bible study for the month. If you do not receive the magazine, we will provide copies for you. All women are welcome, and we meet in the choir room. Please bring your magazine and your Bible.

## **ANNUAL MEETING . . .**

This year's Annual Meeting where we review the financials, statistics, and work of SOTG's committees will be on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

## **CARING CONNECTIONS . . .**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Anita & Nick Lehr	Dale Shank
Sharon & Alan Bos	Carl & Jean Lipke	Micah Smith
Velma Carrasco	Doc Lofthouse	Helen Sobe
Brad Caulder	Patricia Lussky	Nina Smarejesse
Family of Henry Cholewa	Family of Carol Lyberg	The Swain Family
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Family of Mark McGarity	Pastor Jeff Ungs
Family of Jack Fee	Jim Opperman	Family of Kenny Ungs
Family of Carol Freitag	Family of Wayne Pahr	Dolores Ungs
Sue Haberkorn	Catherine Victoria Parker	Terry Vallon
Family of Bobby Hicks	Family of Eleanor Pitzer	Rob Whistler
Dorothy Hintzman	Family of Wayne Roberts	Family of Anna Wood
Carl Hydes	Arlene Schamberger	Adam Yakubowski
Ed & Sherry Larson	Judy Schroeder	
	Charlotte Sebe	

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

## VALENTINE'S DAY ONE-LINERS . . .

"I think one of my ribs belongs to you!"

"If you're looking for a knight in shining armor, I just so happen to be wearing the armor of God!"

"You and me, we're like loaves and fishes. We just might be a miracle!"

"Is it a sin that you stole my heart?"

"You are so hot, I can feel the Holy Spirit burning inside you!"

"You want someone with great credit? Jesus has paid all my debt!"

"Loved you then. Love you still - Always have and always will."

"A hundred hearts would be too few to carry all my love for you."

"You will forever be my always."

"Knock, knock! Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive you!"

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

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown

Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth

Airman Corey Malinowski

Marine Tom McJilton

Army Sergeant Kendra Stofflet at Ft. Campbell Army Base, KY

Warrant Officer Robert Stofflet at Ft. Campbell Army Base, KY

Lieutenant Sterling Payne, 205 Ming St. Warrensburg MO



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

PERIOD: One Month Ended January 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$43,984	\$43,585	\$399
Operating Expense	\$31,413	\$31,758	\$345
Net Income (Deficit)	\$12,571	\$11,827	\$744

# NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .

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 ANNIVERSARIES . . .**

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- February 1 Michael Kleiber
- February 2 Ardelle Berthe
- February 5 Gary Spragg
- February 6 Jean Zirk
- February 10 Yerry Madison
- February 10 Kathryn Winters
- February 11 Alan Rowold
- February 16 Ron Limpus
- February 17 Earnie Keller
- February 18 Cindy Quehl
- February 21 Bob Tidmore
- February 21 Alandee Delp
- February 26 Margarete Krehan
- February 27 Carl Zirk
- February 28 Jan Wolfe

- February 4 Lawrence & Maryann Buettner
- February 6 Linda & Gary Salisbury
- February 11 Marilyn & Rod Barikmo
- February 14 Charlotte & Ken Sebe
- February 15 Andrea Tack & Deborah Moeser
- February 15 Alandee & David Delp
- February 16 Barb & Larry Tommingo
- February 18 Nola & Bob Halverson
- February 28 Marilyn & Al Lane



## **RECEIVED HIS VICTORY . . .**

Bobby Hicks received his victory with the Lord on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. A service celebrating his life will tentatively be held at SOTG on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Details to be announced.





# 2022 NEW CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL . . .



**BONNY DERY**  
PRESIDENT  
TERM: 2020-2022



**PENNY MORKEN, V.P.**  
TERM: 2022-2024



**BRENDA CHARLESTON,**  
SECRETARY  
TERM: 2021-2023



**BOB TIDMORE,**  
TREASURER



**BONNIE BRISKY**  
TERM: 2021-2023



**BRAD CAULDER**  
TERM: 2022-2024



**BARB KELLER**  
TERM: 2020-2022



**ELAINE SIMA**  
TERM: 2022-2024



**JOHN SHERMAN**  
TERM: 2022-2024



**CHARLOTTE WAHLIG**  
TERM: 2020-2022



**DOUG WALCK**  
TERM: 2022-2024



## **Don't Miss Out On These FREE Popular Webinars in February!**

### **Join Us for these Thrivent Member Network Events**

**February 7 - 13, 2022 | On Demand Event (Anytime) - The 5 Love Languages**

**Presented by Dr. Gary Chapman - One Week Only**

**Learn to give and receive love in meaningful ways.**

**RSVP - Reserve your spot today at <https://thrivent.me/5LL>**

**February 7 - 13, 2022 | On Demand Event (Anytime) - The 5 Love Languages of Children**

**Presented by Dr. Gary Chapman - One Week Only**

**Discover the secret to loving your child effectively.**

**RSVP - Reserve your spot today at <https://thrivent.me/5LLchildren>**

**February 22, 2022 | 7:30 PM - Retirement & Taxes with IRA Expert, Ed Slott  
Online Webinar**

**Gain insight on balancing your retirement with the impact of taxes.**

**RSVP - Reserve your spot today at <https://thrivent.me/EdSlott>**

**February 24, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Retirement & Taxes with IRA  
Expert, Ed Slott**

**Online Webinar**

**Gain insight on balancing your retirement with the impact of taxes.**

**RSVP - Reserve your spot today at <https://thrivent.me/EdSlott>**

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**Questions about Thrivent?**

**Call Thrivent Financial Associate David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.**



# FEBRUARY, 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>2</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  7:30-9:00 P.M.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>7</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP  7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>8</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS  6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	<b>9</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>12</b> 1:00 P.M. EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FOR ABRAHAM UNGS
<b>13</b> 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING  11:30 A.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE	<b>14</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP  7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>15</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>16</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH  NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  8:30 & 10:30A.M. LIVE STREAMING  11:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING	<b>21</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  7:30 P.M.AA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>22</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>23</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>28</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  7:30 P.M.AA WOMEN'S GROUP					

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