



# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE, MARCH 2,  
6:00 P.M.  
LENTEN SERVICES,  
WEDNESDAYS,  
6:00 P.M.**

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**“You are dust and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)** These are the words we hear every Ash Wednesday as our foreheads are marked with the sign of the cross in ash. This past year has been a painful yet important reminder that these words are God’s admonition that we are mortal, and one day we will die. The book of Genesis lists the genealogy and the ages of the very first men, and then the life story of each person ends with, “And then he died.” Death is a reality for all living creatures. In February of last year, our family dog, Tank, died. In September, my 67 year old brother died. And last month, my mother died while staying with us in Florida. This past year has made me face the reality more than any other time in my life that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. I want to thank you for your love and support this past year as my family and I experienced much grief due to the death of our loved ones.



Your love and support has demonstrated the importance of being church together. As the body of Christ (the church,) we rejoice with those who rejoice and we weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15)

As I write this newsletter article, the world watches in nervous anticipation of what will happen now that Russia has invaded the sovereign nation of Ukraine. Many Ukrainian families are weeping as they live in uncertain times. As a Christian, I weep with those who weep in Ukraine as their homes, livelihood and freedoms are suddenly taken from them. They watch helplessly as enemy forces blow up apartment buildings and public spaces. Citizens of Ukraine have lost their lives fighting in defense of their home land, and some estimates project that up to one million people are currently seeking refuge in neighboring countries. This is not the first time in history the act of war and aggression has happened, and it will not be the last. The Bible includes stories of historical accounts of aggression and armies murdering innocent civilians and babies from the beginning of time. War is always about the love of power over others and the desire to have more. When we see the displaced Ukrainian families, we can become overwhelmed and feel helpless as we weep with them. But we are not helpless. God has given us the ability to choose to demonstrate that the power of love is more powerful than the love of power.

This past year I experienced much grief as I mourned. But I felt the power of prayer lifting me up. I knew that I was not alone, and I drew from the strength of the prayer of others. Perhaps you have experienced this feeling of peace in the midst of deep pain, suffering, or grief. This is why we pray for others. We do not pray believing that somehow our prayer will change the mind of aggressive nations. It may be possible by the power of the Holy Spirit, but somehow I do not see powerful leaders seeking more resources suddenly having an epiphany and repenting of their acts of aggression. I also do not believe that through our prayers we will convince God to intervene and force those who are choosing sinful behaviors to suddenly have a change of heart. God has given each of us free will, and unfortunately the power of sin causes us to reject God’s plan of peace and prosperity of all peoples. So what can we pray for? How shall we pray as we see yet another war taking place before our eyes?

## **PASTOR'S PAGES . . .**

We can pray for peace between nations and people. And just like when I felt the prayers of those who lifted me up when I was grieving, the refugees and people living in war torn parts of the world will feel our prayers, knowing that they are not alone. They will have hope and strength from our prayers. We can pray for justice for the innocent people who were living peaceably and had their lives suddenly changed. We can pray for the innocent people of Russia who are protesting this war. They are risking their very lives for people they do not know. They are demonstrating the power of love is stronger than the love of power. There is power in prayer. It can transform hurting and broken spirits and bring hope.

The power of love and prayer is more potent than the love of power. We can pray for all who have been negatively impacted from the choices of a few powerful humans. If you need help on what to pray, visit Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at [www.lirs.org/ukraine-crisis](http://www.lirs.org/ukraine-crisis) . There are helpful suggestions and information about refugees on their website. As we enter into the season of Lent, perhaps instead of giving something up for Lent, we can make a commitment to pray daily for peace and justice throughout the world. There is power in your prayer. The power of love. And it is yours to give. May God bless you with peace and love that transcends all human understanding as we journey through this Lenten season.

Pastor Jeff

## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES . . .**

### **SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonny Dery, at 9:40 a.m.  
There were 31 voting members in attendance.

The meeting opened with a prayer from Reverend Tara McGraw.

Bonny Dery made a motion to accept the December 21, 2021, minutes as written.

Bonny Dery thanked the Council members that had completed their term in 2021 and welcomed the newly elected Council members.

Bob Tidmore gave a financial report and offered to answer any questions concerning the 2021 expenditures. Bob stated that our investment accounts are gaining and that no invested money had been used for the 2021 parking lot improvements.

No questions were asked regarding the 2021 annual reports, and the reports were accepted as written.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Charleston, Council Secretary

# COUNCIL CORNER . . .

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH February 8, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Penny Morken, Vice President.

The meeting of the Shepherd of the Glades Council was held in person and via conference call because of the Corona Virus. Members in attendance: Bob Tidmore, Penny Morken, Bonnie Brisky, Brenda Charleston, Elaine Sima, Bonny Dery, Doug Walck, Barb Keller, Charlotte Wahlig, John Sherman, and Brad Caulder. Pastor Ungs was also in attendance.

Devotions: Charlotte Wahlig

A motion to approve the minutes of the January Council meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written.

**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. Pastor has met the following committees: Altar guild - discussing temporary new guidelines for setting up Holy Communion, Fellowship – discussed the Welcome Back Celebration meal and all its challenges, and with the Sew-Sew's – to discuss who should be liaison on Council. Pastor has been visiting and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick, and he has been doing homebound communions. Pastor has made home visits to potential new members. We have three new members joining the Church on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. Ash Wednesday is the second of March. We will distribute ashes the same way we did last year asking each person to mark their own foreheads. At this point it is still not safe to physically touch every member and place ash on their foreheads.

A motion was made and passed to cancel the “soup suppers” during Lent this year due to Covid. We continue to follow CDC guidelines and are monitoring local Covid cases.

Pastor is leaving to attend his mother's funeral in Iowa and will be gone from February 14-26. Reverend Tara McGraw will preside at the worship services on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows an increase as of January 31, 2022. Bob feels that if we continue to stay within our budget, we should have a successful year financially.

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 31, 2021.

**Parish Relations** – Barbara complimented Council on its proper voting procedures. Nominating committee needs to select an additional person to be on the committee.

**Property** – a motion was made and passed to accept the bid Swanson Electric submitted for the new lighting in Hanson Hall. The light panel has been replaced in the sanctuary. A motion was made and passed to let G & C Landscaping remove the debris in the yard.

**Education** – Pastor Ung's Bible study class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 has been well attended. Elaine Sima's Women's Bible study the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. has been well attended.

**Fellowship** – Chili cook-off has been canceled.

**Stewardship** – Committee is reviewing “Time and Talent” sheets. A suggestion was made that we provide more information on the different committees each month.

**Evangelism** - Bonnie Brisky suggested that we have a “Backpack” project. More information will be available, as the team develops.

**Local Mission** - Donated food was delivered to Friendship House in Immokalee.

**Worship & Music** – Choir is scheduled to begin again in February. First practice is Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

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

Next meeting will be March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Elaine Sima.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Tidmore,  
Administrative Assistant

# LENT IS HERE / EASTER IS COMING . . .



## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM!

Please help us beautify our sanctuary in celebration of our Savior's resurrection this Easter!

Lilies will be placed around the altar for Easter worship services. You may take your lily home after the last service.

Please order one or more lilies by completing the form below. The cost is \$18 per Lily.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 1, 2022.

Please place your order form in the offering plate, leave in the basket in the narthex, or deliver to the Church office.



I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ lilies at \$18 each, dedicated as indicated below: (Please print)

Bulletin Dedication #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Dedication #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Dedication #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Dedication #4: \_\_\_\_\_

My check or cash is attached for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My phone: \_\_\_\_\_ My envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_



## **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](mailto: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, March 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.

## **CARING CONNECTIONS . . .**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

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

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

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS . . .

During the month of March, we will be partnering with Grace Place, a community outreach program for children/families to provide backpacks and school supplies for the 2022 school year (pre-K through second grade). The Evangelism Team has set a goal of 40 backpacks from our congregation. The team is asking for cash donations (to buy backpacks & supplies. Mark your donation: "Backpack Program". Donations of listed school supplies can also be brought to the church prior to April 3. We are excited about this community outreach project and hope you will prayerfully consider participating in the "Backpack Program". Questions . . . Call Penny Morken (239) 417-8852.

### PRESCHOOL AND PRIMARY GRADE (K-2) NEEDS:

- Blunt scissors
- Crayola 8 pack washable crayons
- Washable markers
- 3 prong folders in 4 colors
- Glue sticks
- Single subject notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Pencils
- Plastic pencil box
- Dry erase markers
- Small white board
- Glue, bottle
- Pink erasers
- Highlighters
- Wide lined paper (package)

## 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: Two Months Ended February 28, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$83,846	\$85,761	(\$1,915)
Operating Expense	\$61,271	\$63,505	\$2,234
Net Income (Deficit)	\$22,575	\$22,256	\$ 319

# 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 MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

March 1	Lowell Momberg
March 2	Lillian Hydes
March 2	Margie Carr
March 2	David Delp
March 2	Scott Krenz
March 3	Marilyn Lane
March 4	Carole Martin
March 6	Bill Marderness
March 8	Sandra Maki
March 10	Ken Drum
March 13	Tom Watts
March 16	Lisa Willman
March 16	Susan Evans
March 18	Bonny Dery
March 18	Donald McWaters
March 19	Connee Zeman
March 19	Bob Hoffman
March 19	Jeff Ungs
March 20	Kenneth Jordan
March 22	Beverly Adams
March 22	Brad Puerner
March 23	Cecilia Almeida
March 23	Nancy Stiener
March 24	Colleen Hoffman

March 24	Doug McIlwain
March 25	Karen Johnson
March 26	Nick Lehr
March 27	Megan Cianflone
March 28	Mike Dean
March 30	Paul Keller
March 31	Rod Marikmo
March 31	Richard Bartsh



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES . . .

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

March 1	Ann & Paul Hashagen
March 3	Linda & Mike Dean
March 14	Arvid & Marlous Prickett

## **RECEIVED HER VICTORY . . .**

Dolores Ungs, Pastor Jeff's mother who had been staying with them, received her victory in the Lord on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Pastor Jeff and the family attended her service in Iowa on Saturday, February 19, 2022.





## **FEBRUARY 13, 2022 NEW MEMBERS . . .**



Patricia Barack, joined Shepherd of the Glades as an associate member by affirmation of faith.

Pat comes to us from Athens, GA. She has two grown children and is looking forward to enjoying our beautiful Florida weather.

Barbara Gega, joined by letter of transfer from St. John's Church in Lindenhurst, NY.

Barbara is originally from Krefold, Germany but has been in the United States about 60 years. She is a widow with three adult children. Barbara has been very active in our Sew-Sew's group and is looking forward to meeting new people in our congregation.



Donia Morzek, joined by letter of transfer from Atonement Lutheran Church, Syracuse, NY where she was very active for many years.

Donia has two adult children and worked at an engineering firm for 25 years. She loves to go "treasure hunting" in our thrift shops and enjoys singing karaoke. Sounds like she would be perfect for our choir.

## **GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .**

Thank you to all who attended and supported my Eagle Scout ceremony on February 12, 2022.  
Abraham Ungs





**Tax Time is right around the corner, and we have some news for you!**  
**Join Us for these Free Thrivent Member Network Events**

**March 15, 2022 | 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m. ET - Savvy Tax Strategies**  
**Online webinar presented by Mike Fuehrmeyer**  
**Discover how to create an efficient retirement tax strategy.**  
**RSVP - <http://bit.ly/ThriventSavvyTax>**

**March 16, 2022 | 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m. ET - Savvy Tax Strategies**  
**Online webinar presented by Mike Fuehrmeyer**  
**Discover how to create an efficient retirement tax strategy.**  
**RSVP - <http://bit.ly/ThriventSavvyTax>**

**March 22, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. ET - Women and Social Security: What You Need to Know**  
**Online webinar presented by Mary Beth Franklin**  
**Learn about the role of Social Security in a woman's financial strategy.**  
**RSVP - <https://thrivent.me/WomenSS>**

**March 24, 2022 | 12:30 & 7:30 p.m. ET - Women and Social Security: What You Need to Know**  
**Online webinar presented by Mary Beth Franklin**  
**Learn about the role of Social Security in a woman's financial strategy.**  
**RSVP - <https://thrivent.me/WomenSS>**

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



# MARCH, 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 BI- BLE STUDY 6:00 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP  STRAWBERRY SUNDAE SUNDAY	<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 6:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING 11:30 A.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING	<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 6:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH  NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	<b>19</b>
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