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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

It has been a consistent Christian practice during Lent to engage in personal spiritual and practical practices to help prepare for the celebration of Easter. Following long-standing Roman Catholic tradition, the Lutheran church has been known to adopt the three practices of *prayer*, *fasting* and *giving*.



Prayer

Beginning last summer, I introduced the Ways to be Faithful with the Lord. These are listed on the poster in the Narthex of church, clearly visible as you enter to worship. They are also listed in our worship bulletin nearly every Sunday. Daily prayer is near the top of the list. Praying daily is a practice that aids us in seeking and doing God's will for us. It also gives us the inspiration to reach out to others and to work for justice and peace in the world, starting with our daily lives.

There are many resources available that will help those who would like to adopt a daily habit of prayer. I host a daily email prayer group. If you are interested in joining in, simply share your email address with me and I will email you a reminder to pray every day. There are also print resources that we can order for you. One is *Lasting Hope: Devotions for Lent 2019*. There are two pages for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. This resource anchors prayer in Sacred Scripture, provides a simple point to ponder, continues with a short reflection, and ends with a suggested prayer for the day. Luther Seminary provides a daily meditation entitled *God Pause*. This is also emailed to you. Go to the seminary website luthersem.edu. There you will find a link to its daily prayer and other Lenten resources.

Fasting

This practice is more than: "What are you going to give up during Lent?" My mother always gave up sweets and milk products during Lent and she always lost some weight. Unfortunately, she also lost bone mass and developed osteoporosis later in life. She came from a generation that paid less attention to prevention of conditions than we do today. It was a good attempt at a good practice. The spiritual dimension of fasting is that depriving ourselves of a favorite food, or favorite pastime, or any other pleasurable facet of our lives helps us remember that there are some people that do not have much to give up. We can identify better with the needy when we practice being in need ourselves.

Giving

Many people tie their fasting with their giving. If I indulge less in one of my favorite beverages, the cappuccino from the machine at the convenient store, I spend less on myself. I take what I might spend on myself and give that money to Lutheran World Relief or Lutheran Disaster Relief. I make use of money I would have spent on myself to help people in need. This becomes less a physical, pride-filled practice when I

PASTOR'S PAGES (Continued). . .

unite it with my prayer and fasting. God provides me with everything I have. I give back the blessings provided me by God in order to bless others. This is good stewardship.

Lent gives us opportunities to Return to the Lord. Follow Jesus.

Pastor Bob

SOTG CALL COMMITTEE . . .

Your Call Committee has been very active in preparation to receive three pastoral candidate names to interview. We spent time writing/developing information about our church. This MSP (Ministry Site Profile) allows a potential candidate pastor to learn more about Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran.

We are a welcoming place; we live in a warm climate that attracts folks from the North to visit and then relocate here in sunny Naples, FL; our church has the physical room to grow, expand, with plenty of parking; we live in a community where there is continuing residential growth; and we have NO DEBT!

Our Call Committee also has been reviewing/discussing/ and practicing our interviewing skills. We want to find the right pastor to lead us into the future.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we move ahead in the call process.

Chuck Keller

Call Committee Chair

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS . . .

AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM FOR SOTG LUTHERAN

“One picture is worth a 1000 words.” Tom Dunlop and I realized that when we began planning for our Stewardship Program a few years ago. Two years later, we now have an AV system in the sanctuary with which we are learning to enhance the worship experience. We were helped by talking with Emmanuel Lutheran and using their “best practices.” Their deacon, Jim Cooper, helped train our new AV staff, Andrew Lingsch and Zach Soto. During the week, Andrew designs the “slides” or playlist that will be shown at Sunday services. He is experimenting with fonts, colors, number of words on a slide and all the factors needed to make a slide. Don Bassett is giving guidance by “editing the slides” to make them easy to read with minimal of verbiage. Zack Soto is here Sunday mornings to “show” the playlist, adjust the sound, lighting, and all the other elements to create a better worship experience. We are starting with the announcements before the service, and we were pleased to see Pastor Tara McGraw use the AV to show graphics in her message to the congregation. Teen Challenge also used the AV system by describing their work with addictions. If you have other ideas about using the AV system, please let us know.

Chuck Keller

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 St. Matthew's 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. Right now the Sew-Sews are in need of sheets. If you are looking to replace some sheets, the Sew-Sews will gladly take them off your hands!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. has been postponed again. Elaine Sima, who leads it, is scheduled for surgery.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 .m. there will be a "Family Movie Night" in the Sanctuary. The movie, "The Resurrection of Gavin Stone", is an inspirational comedy about lessons in faith, forgiveness, and redemption. Admission is free with light refreshments in the courtyard prior to the movie at 6:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors. Questions? Contact Lori Bernabei, Bonny Dery, or Nadine Kelly.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Ash Wednesday, March 6, begins our Lenten Soup Suppers after services. See page 4 for details regarding whose turn it is to make Lenten Soup on Wednesdays.

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



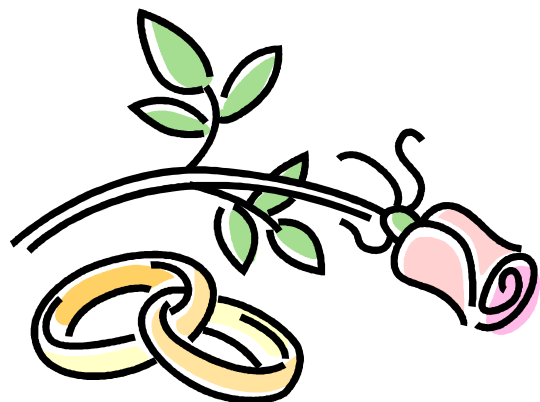


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

March 1	Ted Henning
March 2	J. Andrew Brough
March 2	David Delp
March 2	Lillian Hydes
March 2	Scott Krenz
March 3	Cecilia Knasel-Castillo
March 3	Marilyn Lane
March 3	Victor Nielsen
March 5	Kitty Kleppinger
March 6	Bill Marderness
March 6	Debra Siciliano
March 9	Ginny MacDonald
March 10	Jim Bullock
March 10	Ken Drum
March 11	Derek Moran
March 14	David Sieber
March 16	Susan Evans
March 16	Lisa Willman
March 18	Bonny Dery
March 18	Don McWaters
March 19	Pastor Bob Hoffman
March 19	Connee Zeman
March 20	Isabel Jensen
March 20	Ken Jordan
March 22	Bev Adams
March 22	Brad Puerner
March 23	Cecilia Almeida
March 23	Mark Batson
March 23	Nancy Stiener

March 24	Colleen Hoffman
March 24	Philip Kalbaugh
March 24	Doug McIlwain
March 25	Nan Brooks
March 26	Jack Fee
March 26	Nick Lehr
March 27	Megan Cianflone
March 27	Kaila Thompson
March 28	Melanie Cardentey
March 28	Mike Dean
March 28	Kinleigh Farnsworth
March 29	Denise Rupert
March 30	Paul Keller
March 31	Rod Barikmo
March 31	Richard Bartsh
March 31	Michael Cox



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

March 1	Paul & Ann Hashagen
March 3	Mike & Linda Dean
March 14	Arvid & Marlous Prickett
March 24	William & Lisa Douglass

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
Frances Dise	Rose Maki	Shannon
Family of Annie Doara	Dorothy MacKenzie & Family	Elaine Sima
Drew Family	Marie H.	Micah Smith
Joann Dunn	Mary & Drew	Ruth Spears
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Mary R.	Spiegel Family
Jimmy F.	Maryanne	Susan Sweet
Mike Feldman	Howard Mattick	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Michelle Fetzer	Paula McCarthy	Tommy's Family
Joan Fine	Jack McKenna	Family of Fayann Valk
Freathestone Family	Debbie McWaters	Christina Warrilow
Yamilla Frederick	Barbara Modjeska	Shirley Watson
Jonathan Gance	Nancy Moran	Patricia Wiley
Gerald Gibbons	Morgan	Rachel Witte
Annette Gjesdahl		Diane Wright
Family of Carole Graesser		Tony Zeman

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

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m. by Vice President, Pete Peterson. Members in attendance: Pat Cooper, Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, Paul Hashagen, Earnie Keller, Pete Peterson, Keith Scamehorn, Doug Walck, and Tony Zeman. Pastor Bob Hoffman was also in attendance. Absent was Larry Buettner.

Devotions were given by Pastor Bob from the weekly World in Prayer. The minutes were approved as corrected, adding Doug Walck in attendance at the last meeting.

Pastor's report: Pastor Bob reported that he was there for the Call Committee's interviewing training. He stated that they did a really good job. Things are coming along and the committee is getting some experience in how to interview our next prospective pastor. He has conducted one interment, two funerals, with another memorial service this coming Saturday.

Team reports:

Finance - Tony Zeman reported that our offerings are down 19% but our attendance is also down 28%. Tony said that we found a new auditor who will do the job at the same rate we have paid in the past. He also suggested that we try to distribute the 2019 giving envelopes by trying to contact people to find out where they are.

Parish Relations - No report

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported that we have \$112,679.48 in the Endowment Fund.

Property - Doug Walck reported that they removed the raw insulation in the garage because it was falling down. They reorganized the bench and cleaned the floor in the shed. They are looking at the tools to get rid of those that are old and replace them with new ones. There is a need for another trash container since the one we have is always overflowing after an event. They are getting a shipment of mulch next week.

Stewardship - Tom Dunlop reported we received 53 pledge cards this year. Last year we had 66, but we are still receiving pledge cards by mail.

Fellowship - Earnestine Keller reported that our annual Strawberry Sunday after both services will be Sunday, Sunday, February 24. (This was later changed to March 3.) Soup suppers begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6 and Fellowship Committee providing soup; March 13-Choir; March 20-Sew-Sews and Property; March 27-Council; April 3-Bible Study groups and Call Committee; April 10- Staff, pastors, and office volunteers. Holy Week there will be no soup supper.

Local Missions- Paul Hashagen reported that they still need toothbrushes and razors at St. Matthew's. He will check to see whether they need clothing at St. Matthew's in Immokalee. St. Matthew's also needs more vegetables and soups. He reported that the chef out at St. Matthew's House quit, so they may need help in the kitchen.

COUNCIL'S CORNER (Continued) . .

Education - Keith Scamehorn will be a liaison with Education.

Evangelism/Publicity - Pat Cumor had no report.

Worship & Music - No report.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting - February 24, 2019 is the Annual Meeting.

Call Committee - The MSP should be posted online soon.

New Business:

Pet Loss Support Group - Becky Brooks of the Women's AA group that meets here on Monday evenings has requested the use of Hanson Hall the last Thursday evening of each month for a Pet Loss Support Group. She has keys and can open and lock up. There will not be any pets allowed in Hanson Hall. Request approved with this stipulation.

The Chorus of the Everglades - They have requested the use of Hanson Hall for a catered dinner after performance event. Motion was made, seconded and approved for the use of Hanson without the serving of alcoholic beverages. They have paid \$750 for their use of our facilities.

Family Movie Night - The request from the Sunday School group for use of the Sanctuary for a Family Movie Night was motioned, seconded, and approved. We will obtain the license to show videos.

Posting of attendance - Pete motioned that we refrain from posting service attendance in the bulletin. This was seconded and approved.

Additional Waste Container - Doug Walck motioned that we purchase an additional waste container. This was seconded and approved.

Memorial Plaques - Pete brought up the idea of the purchase of memorial plaques to fund the Endowment Fund. This will be referred to the Endowment Committee.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Walck and seconded by Pat Cumor at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cooper, Secretary

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Two Months Ended February, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$58,847	\$79,480	(\$20,633)
Operating Expense	\$45,425	\$49,370	\$3,945
Net Income (Deficit)	\$13,422	\$30,110	(\$16,688)

CALENDAR CUES . . .

Sunday, March 3, 2019, Chorus of the Everglades here to sing between services and at 10:30 a.m. service

Wednesday, March 6, 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with soup supper following

Saturday, March 9, 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Chorus of the Everglades Concerts

Wednesdays, March 13-April 10, 5:30 Lenten worship with soup supper following

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night (See page 5.)

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

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

Friday, March 15, Deadline for April newsletter

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Pet Loss Support Group

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study in Luke

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 19, All day prayer vigil and 5:30 p.m. Good Friday service

Sunday, April 21, 7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m. Easter worship services

Thursday, April 25, 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study in Luke

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. They will be at SOTG on Sunday, March 3rd to give us a sampling of their music.

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.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP . . .

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A brand new Pet Loss Support Group will be starting Thursday, February 28th in Hanson Hall, and will be meeting in the future once a month on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. It will be led by Becky Brooks, Women's AA group leader.



MARCH, 2019

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3 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD & STRAWBERRY SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR BOB 9:30 A.M. CHORUS OF THE EVERGLADES 10:30 A.M. S.S.	4 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	5 8:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS & PROP. CREW	6 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS 5:30 P.M. ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. CHOIR	7	8	9 3 & 7 PM CHORUS OF THE EVERGLADES AT SOTG
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