

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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A photograph of school supplies on a wooden desk. On the left, a stack of four books with a red apple on top. In the center, four colored pencils (yellow, green, red, blue) lying horizontally. On the right, three alphabet blocks stacked vertically, showing the letters A, B, and C. The background is a blurred wall with a colorful abstract painting.

**COME TO RALLY DAY FEST
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH!**

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

“Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.” (1 Peter 1:13)

There are some who argue that the reason for the decline of mainstream Christianity in the United States is that the Church in North America has fallen asleep. Congregations and followers of Jesus are more focused on maintenance and budgets than they are focused on Jesus' mission and His call to action. Although this is a general statement and not true of all Christianity or congregations in the United States, I believe there is some truth that the Church has lost its sense of urgency in preparing our minds for action.

The reason this verse caught my attention is that I noticed that when people knew hurricane Dorian was approaching, there was an urgency of action to prepare for the storm. People did more than prepare their minds for action, they prepared their homes, their cars, their windows, their food stock, and whatever else might be needed should the hurricane arrive as anticipated. I was fascinated by the long lines at the gas stations. I was even more stunned by the lack of preparation by so many people. Because we are new to the area, I knew I should purchase a generator for when (not if) the power goes out. I had been told by the realtor and my neighbor that this would become a necessity at some point. But when I went to buy one, the stores were all sold out. The same was true of the drinking water supply, flashlights, and batteries. I thought to myself, “Why are so many people who live here and know the potential for a hurricane unprepared? Shouldn't they already have flashlights and batteries or lanterns ready? Why are there so many people lined up at the gas station when just a few days ago, I could easily pull into any one of them and fill up?” The answer is obvious. There is a sense of urgency and planning for action when a hurricane is approaching. Preparing your mind for action is not enough. Disciplining yourself requires action. It will not do any good to just talk about being prepared and wait until the hurricane arrives to go out to buy supplies and fill your gas tanks. When it arrives, it is too late to prepare. You are either ready, or you are not.

The same is true of our faith in Jesus Christ. We believe and we confess that Jesus has come and Christ will come again. We will either be ready, or we will not. But what can we do to be prepared for his coming? It has been over 2000 years since Jesus came, so it is easy to become lulled into the thought that “some day” Jesus will come, but it is probably not any time soon. I was told when I came here that major hurricanes happen about every 10-12 years, so it would be awhile before I had to worry or think about a hurricane coming. But one month after moving here, Dorian has her eye set on Southern Florida. Like a hurricane, the first thing in preparedness for Jesus coming again is to have a sense of awareness, urgency, and action. It can happen at any time, and we need to be ready. Scripture says this in many places. I believe preparedness for Jesus' return is simple; it is just not easy. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, He responded by saying that we are called to love God with all our heart, soul, and might, and love our neighbor as ourselves. In what ways can we do better at loving God with all our heart? A daily devotion and reading or listening to God's word daily is a good start! The same is true of the Church. Council meetings and all meetings need to be focused on what God is calling us to do at Shepherd of the Glades. The best way to know God's leading is to spend



WE HAVE CALLED A NEW PASTOR . . .

time listening to and studying God's Word. And we can prepare by asking what ways we can do better at loving our neighbor as ourselves. Luther defined sin as being curved in on oneself. Loving our neighbor as ourselves helps us to focus less on ourselves and our desires, and more on the needs of our neighbors. As a new resident of Naples, I am thankful for my new neighbors. They have come to us and have offered to help us to prepare for Dorian. I know nothing about hurricane shutters or how they work. I am thankful my neighbor came to me and offered to show me how to prepare my house. It makes me wonder in what ways we, as the body of Christ, can offer help to our neighbors who may know nothing about the Church or the story of Jesus. Will we wait for them to come to our house to share what we have and know, or will we go out to our neighbors and invite them to learn what we have learned about Jesus and his love?

There is not much time left before Rally Sunday. We need to do our best to prepare for this powerful event. It will have quite an impact. The forecast is that it will arrive September 8th. It is my hope that Shepherd of the Glades members do not wait for others to come to this wonderful event, but instead invite our neighbors, young and old, to join with us in celebrating the Good News that Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again! Until then, be well in Christ, and remain in His life giving Word.

Christ's peace +,

Pastor Jeff

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE . . .

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ANOTHER WAY TO SHARE OUR LOVE . . .

Let us remember our neighbors in the Bahamas who are suffering the effects of Hurricane Dorian. If you would like to assist financially, you may make a check out to the Florida Bahamas Synod Disaster Response. 100% of the funds go towards helping those people affected by this disaster. Checks collected here will be forwarded to the Synod.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Eight Months Ended August, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$207,983	\$248,670	(\$40,687)
Operating Expense	\$183,812	\$182,231	(\$1,581)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$24,171	\$66,439	(\$42,268)

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .

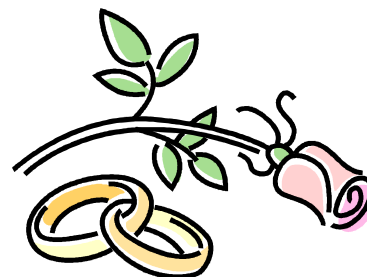


If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the office so we can update our information and not miss you next time! YOU are special to us!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

September 1 Inger Gotterup
September 1 Barbara Modjeska
September 3 Teckla Baskin
September 3 Carolyn Case
September 4 Linda Boyd
September 4 Donald Hertzner
September 8 Kellen Snover
September 10 Frank Siciliano
September 11 Noel Bischoff
September 13 William MacDonald
September 13 Susan O'Neal
September 16 Pauline Bensing
September 16 Thomas Cianflone
September 17 Michael Salvi
September 18 Johanna McClung
September 19 Charlotte Sebe
September 21 Kimberly Haberkorn
September 26 Helen Boone
September 26 David Ochoa
September 26 Matthew Quintana
September 26 Esther Rascher
September 27 Kip Miner

September 28 H. (Peter) Lyberg
September 30 Jamie Helenek
September 30 Edwin Michel



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

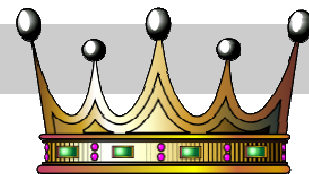
September 1 Barbara & Ron Modjeska
September 3 Betty & Clay Baker
September 5 Helen & Vern Rasmussen
September 6 Karen & Julio Solo
September 15 Linda & Jim Lee
September 15 Irmi & Charles Bjerken
September 17 Betty & Jim Sauer
September 24 Verda & Edward Scheele
September 26 Myrka & David Ochoa
September 30 Carole & Ed Michel

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES IN THE LORD . . .

Joyce Rolland received her victory in the Lord on Saturday, August 3, 2019 in Naples. Her memorial service will be at SOTG on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 2 p.m.

Catherine (Kitty) Kleppinger received her victory in the Lord on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Kitty's victory service will be at SOTG on Friday, September 6, at 1:00 p.m..

Tony Zeman received his victory in the Lord on Sunday, September 1, 2019, at the Arlington. His victory service will be at SOTG on Saturday, September 21, at 11:00 a.m.



CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Anna	Heather	Pat & Kraig
Anthony	Heather & her mother	Lindsay S. Porto
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Helen	Karen Puerner
Susan Aspro	Ted Henning	Beverly Renning
Charlie Bain	Joanne Hogan	Robert
Ryan Bebb	Family of Pat Hulsemann	Victor & Yolanda Rodrigues
Betty Baker	Jeannie	Ruth
Betty	Jonas	Greta Schamberger
Merlyn Bowers	Judy & Rich	Richard J. Schmidt
Carolyn Case & Family	Justin	Charlotte Sebe
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Stefanie Kopecke	Family of Merle Sellman
Liza Corson	Glen Ladic	Elaine Sima
Marjean Cossette	Bryant Lane	Micah Smith
Roland Cumor	Sheryl Lane	Paul Smith
Marion Davis	Ed Larson	Donald Spanitz
Frances Dise	Anita Lehr	Ruth Spears
Family of Esther Dressler	Len Locey	Spiegel Family
Drew Family	Martha Mahon	Susan Sweet
Joann Dunn	Marie H.	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Howard Mattick	Harvey Sylpie's Family
Jimmy F.	Paula McCarthy	Tommy's Family
Mike Feldman	Jack McKenna	Christina Warrilow
Michelle Fetzer	Debbie McWaters	Shirley Watson
Joan Fine	Nancy Moran	Lana Williams
Barbara Glaser	Carl Morken	Rachel Witte
Gerald Gibbons	Frank Ordway	Diane Wright
Annette Gjesdahl	The Oczarzak Family	Nikki Wykstra
		Connee Zeman

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

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



CALENDAR CUES . . .

Sunday, September 8, 2019, Rally Day Fest after worship

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Council meeting

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

ONE Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. continuing through Sunday, December 29, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .

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.



RALLY DAY FEST

God's presence is in you. Come one, come all, come big, come small to the Cross † Generational Rally Day Fest on Sunday, September 8th. Following our worship service, everyone is invited to Hanson Hall for fun, food and fellowship. Come gather around the cross and share a faith story of your life. Then, beginning Sunday September 15th, the Cross † Generational Sunday School class will be held in Hanson Hall, after church, for ALL members and visitors of ALL ages. "He planted a witness in Jacob, set his Word firmly in Israel, then commanded our parents to teach it to their children, so the next generation would know, and all the generations to come—know the truth and tell the stories, so their children can trust in God."

SEW-SEW GROUP

After a busy summer, the Sew Sew Group will begin work for St. Matthews House and Shelter for the Abused Women and Children. Quilting will begin Tuesday, September 17th at 8:30 a.m. with a planning and strategy meeting and some quilting thrown in. We welcome any person who wishes to participate in the fellowship that we all enjoy. Quilting is not mandatory. There are numerous jobs that do not involve quilting. The 10:00 a.m. Tea Time seems to be a favorite. For all the Snowbirds, we are excited to see your return. Don't forget to bring any extra sheets that are in your Northern linen closets and also any fabric that you have laying around and not using. Wow, a great way to clean out closets. Sheets are used for middles and backs on the quilts. No sign-up is necessary - just show up and you will be welcomed. Hope to see you on September 17th.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER MAILING 1:00 P.M. C. KIPPLINGER SERVICE	7 2:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOYCE ROLLAND
8 13H SUNDAY OF PENTECOST & RALLY DAY FEST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	9 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	10 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	11 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	12	13 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	14
15 14TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	16 9-10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	17 8:30-11:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS BEGIN	18 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	19	20	21 11:00 A.M. VICTORY SERVICE FOR TONY ZEMAN
22 15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	23 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	24 8:30-11:30 A.M. SEW-SEWS	25 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS	26	27	28
29 16TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	30 9:00-10:00 A.M.- BONE BUILDERS					

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