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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

November is known for the wonderful holiday known as **Thanksgiving**. Second only to **Christmas**, this was one of my favorite holidays as a child growing up. I have many wonderful memories of **Thanksgiving**, and I hope that you do, as well. Traditionally, this holiday is a day for families to gather together for a feast fit for a king with lots of desserts. It is a day when many Americans pause to recognize how blessed we are and offer thanks to God. It is a day to have an attitude of gratitude. But why is it that we pause on this day once per year to recognize our many blessings and give God thanks? Could it be that in the daily grind of life we are more focused on grieving what we do not have and what we have lost rather than giving God thanks for the blessings in our life? Even in ministry and serving Christ's Church, it is easy for me to forget to give God thanks for the many blessings in my life. But when I am intentional and disciplined in counting my blessings each and every day, it changes my perspective on life.



If you journal or have a daily diary, that is a wonderful way to keep track of your blessings. Each day, write down at least 5 things you are thankful about. This will get easier with each passing day, and soon you will find that there are so many things to be thankful for that you wonder why it was so hard to come up with 5 when you first started journaling. That way you can look back on any given day when you are having a difficult day and be reminded of God's blessings and presence in your life. But if you do not journal and want to have a tool to help you recognize the many blessings in your life, you could focus on a bible verse every day that is about giving thanks. There are many in the bible, but here are a few to help you get started:

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, **with thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." You might reflect on any anxiety you are feeling, give God thanks for His presence and share your anxiety with God and ask God to take away those feelings. If you are having a good day, give God thanks for what is going well. God will grant you peace as you pray with **thanksgiving** for the many ways God has blessed you.

Another good bible verse to meditate on during the month of **Thanksgiving** is Colossians 4:2 which says, "**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**" As you get out of bed, say a prayer of **thanksgiving** for a night of peaceful sleep, even if you did not rest well. Remember there are places around the world where people cannot sleep in peace because of war or fighting in their homeland. Before you go to bed, give God thanks for all the blessings you have noticed during the day.

If you do not like that bible verse, perhaps you could focus on 1 Chronicles 16:34 which says, "**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever.**" When we pay attention and are intentional about living a life with an attitude of gratitude, we recognize that God is good, all the time, and God's love for us is an amazing gift. These are just 3 verses, but there are many more that teach us to Give thanks to God and to live with an attitude of gratitude.

I cannot in one article even begin to express my gratitude and **Thanksgiving** for a call to Shepherd of the Glades and the amazing things God is doing. My installation as your

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Pastor was amazing with participants from both the East Naples Ministerial Alliance and the Caloosa Conference Pastors in the Florida Bahamas Synod. The New Member Sunday was so exciting with such a large group! And I never cease to give God thanks for all of you who make the ministry we share possible. I am thankful that we are part of a larger church, the ELCA. Through the ELCA, we give mission support to start new ministries, support seminaries and bible camps, campus ministry, and so much more! We are blessed with a network of ministry that is active both domestically and internationally.

This month of **Thanksgiving**, may we give God thanks for the many blessings God has given us. It will change our perspective. To share how our perspective will be changed when we put our hope and our trust in God as we give God thanks, I close with the words of 1 Timothy, 6:19: "In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." Have a blessed **Thanksgiving!**

In God's Gracious Grip and in
Christ's peace +,

Pastor Jeff

CROSS+GENERATION SUNDAY SCHOOL . . .

We've been busy exploring our Lutheran heritage and beliefs, sharing our own memories of church growing up or when we joined the church, talking about the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, and the life of Martin Luther. Remember that EVERYONE of ALL AGES is invited to be part of this grace filled, faith building study time. May the Holy Spirit lead you over to Hanson Hall on Sunday mornings, after church and coffee fellowship. God's presence is in you.

CAN YOU MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE? . . .

SOTG CHURCH CHOIR

The Church Choir meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

"The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God"

Robert Murray McCheyne

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Nine Months Ended October, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$253,928	\$287,720	(\$33,792)
Operating Expense	\$237,687	\$224,373	(\$13,314)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$16,241	\$63,347	(\$47,106)

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .

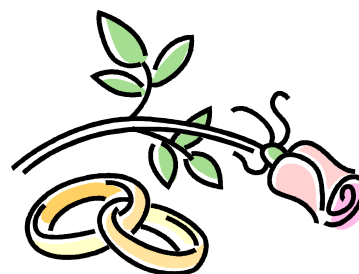


HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

November 1 Anne Felton
November 3 Carol Lyberg
November 3 Linda Tidmore
November 5 Saul Gamez-Perez
November 7 Henry Beers
November 7 Terri Timko
November 7 Sydney White
November 8 Alexa Tibbetts
November 9 Patricia Cumor
November 11 Carys Bettridge
November 11 Jerry Thomas
November 12 Vi Bohler
November 13 Charles Bjerken
November 13 Lori Borman
November 13 Lisa Dawson
November 14 Helen Rasmussen
November 14 Angelina Solo
November 17 Julio Soto
November 18 James Opperman
November 21 Bernard Schmidt
November 21 Elaine Sima
November 22 Bonnie Dahl
November 23 Clay Baker
November 24 Ron Sherod
November 25 Marcella Montgomery
November 25 Sheri Nelson
November 26 Sharon Eickhoff
November 27 Sarah Krout
November 27 Maria Elena Yates

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!

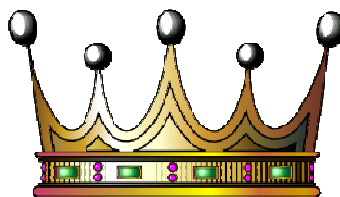
November 29 Ashley Buettner
November 29 Charlotte Buettner
November 29 Lauren Buettner
November 26 Sharon Eickhoff
November 29 LeAnn Granato
November 29 Albertina Salvo
November 30 Barbara Collins
November 30 Landon Helenek



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

November 7 Lisa & Phil Willman
November 7 Stephanie & Jeremiah Eliason
November 8 Corinne & Ted Roscoe
November 20 Lori & Rick Bo
November 21 Alice & Don Bassett
November 22 Penny & Carl Morken
November 27 Annette & Gary Larson
November 28 Diane & David Smith

RECEIVED HER VICTORY . . .



Annette Gjesdahl received her victory in the Lord on Sunday, October 6, 2019.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Jim Hahn	Quinn
Susan Aspro	Helen	Rusty Razer
Charlie Bain	Ted Henning	Beverly Renning
Ryan Bebb	Joanne Hogan	Victor & Yolanda Rodrigues
Betty Baker	Family of Pat Hulsemann	Ted Roscoe
Meta Bauer	Jonas	Greta Schamberger
Merlyn Bowers	Judy & Rich	Charlotte Sebe
James Bullock	Stefanie Kopecke	Family of Merle Sellman
Carolyn Case & Family	Glen Ladic	Elaine Sima
Rob Ciaramitaro	Bryant Lane	Micah Smith
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Sheryl Lane	Paul Smith
Liza Corson	Ed Larson	Donald Spanitz
Roland Cumor	Anita Lehr	Ruth Spears
Marion Davis	Liz	Spiegel Family
Dana Dickerman	Carol Lyberg	Dan and Scott Stegner
Frances Dise	Martha Mahon	Susan Sweet
Family of Esther Dressler	Gary Mart	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Drew Family	Howard Mattick	Harvey Sylpie's Family
Tom Dunlop	Paula McCarthy	Tom
Eric	Jack McKenna	Susanne Thomas
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Debbie McWaters	Ginny Trendel
Mike Feldman	Barb Modjeska	Susan Walck
Michelle Fetzer	Nancy Moran	Christina Warrilow
Barbara Glaser	Carl Morken	Shirley Watson
Gerald Gibbons	Frank Ordway	Lana Williams
Family of Annette Gjesdahl	Pat & Kraig	Connee Zeman
Robin Good	Karen Puerner	

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



ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .

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.

“GOD’S CREATION” 2020 CALENDARS

Starting September 22, 2019, someone will be in the Narthex after worship to make beautiful 2020 calendars available with scripture and beautiful photos to raise funds for the Sunday School. They are only \$7 each and make beautiful gifts!

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 quilting group gathers every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Hanson Hall. We welcome any person who wishes to participate in the fellowship that we all enjoy. Quilting is not mandatory. There are numerous jobs such as cutting and sewing, and the 10:00 a.m. Tea Time seems to be a favorite for all.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019, NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MEMBERS



Pamela Bhatena is joining as a full member by reaffirmation of faith.

Husband: Jamshed

Address: 5985 Bloomfield Circle, Unit D-304, Naples, FL 34112

Home Phone: 248-646-5305

Cell: 248-361-9214

Email: pamelajeane@comcast.net

Pam has recently moved to the Florida from the Detroit, Michigan area. She has done administrative office work in the past, and now in her retirement, she enjoys knitting.



Sylvia Carroll is joining as a full member by affirmation of faith.

Address: 1000 Lely Palms Dr., Unit F140, Naples, FL 34113

Home phone: 239-732-0709

Sylvia has recently moved to the Florida area from Georgia where she raised her children and worked as a registered nurse. Sylvia moved to this area to be near her daughter. She enjoys reading and puzzles.



John and Margie Carr are joining as full time members by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 140 Grassy Key Lane, Naples, FL 34114

Phone: 239-793-0938

Email: carrnection@comcast.net

John and Margie have recently returned to SOTG. They were very active in the church, and we are thrilled to see them return. They enjoy golf and the Florida weather.



Alan Espersen and his wife, Susan, are joining as full members by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 325 Charlemagne, Apt. B201, Naples, FL 34112

Home Phone: 716-864-4318

Cell: 716-759-8254

Email: Al.susie@gmail.com

Al is originally from the Buffalo, NY area where he enjoyed bowling and golf. Susan is from the Wisconsin area and is enjoying her retirement in Florida.

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019, NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MEMBERS



Bobby and Sharon Hicks are joining as full time members by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 5693 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. A104, Naples , FL 34113

Home Phone: 239-348-8897

Cell: 239-641-6032

Email: bbzhic@aol.com

Bobby and Sharon are joining us from the Illinois area where he was employed by the railroad. They love to fish and travel.



Bill and Janis Johnson are joining as full time members by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 1800 Ocean Blvd. Naples, FL 34104

Bill's cell: 262-339-9481

Janis's cell: 262-338-6920

Email: WJohnson6920@gmail.com

Bill and Janis are joining us from West Bend, Wisconsin, where he worked as an engineer, and he and Janis raised their four children.



Ruth M. Smith is joining us as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith.

Husband: Francisco

Address: 659 Mooring Line Dr., Naples, FL 34102

Phone: 239-261-2014

Cell: 239-641-7955

Email: rms59@comcast.net

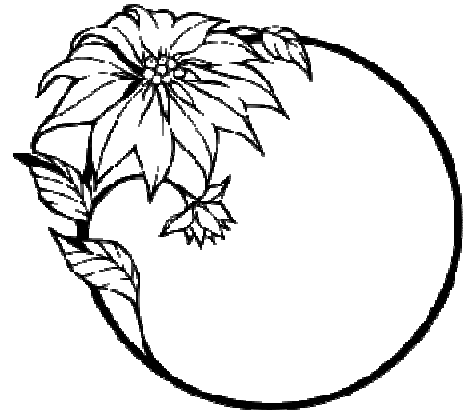
Ruth has lived in the Naples area for some time and has recently joined SOTG. She and her husband, Francisco, have three grown children who they love to visit.



Pastor Jeff, Kelli, Abraham moved from Storm Lake, Iowa in late July and Pastor began serving SOTG August 1, 2019. Kelli is a stay at home mom who has educated all five of their children. Kelli enjoys learning about nature and "playing in the dirt". Abraham is a junior at Golden Gate High School and is active in sports.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . .

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM!



Please help us beautify our sanctuary in praise to our Savior this Christmas! Poinsettias will be placed around the altar for Christmas. You may take your poinsettia(s) home after Christmas Eve worship. Please order one or more poinsettias by completing the form below. The cost is still \$15 per poinsettia. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 16, 2019. 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 _____ POINSETTIAS AT \$15 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: _____

Office use only:

Date received: _____ Dedication entered _____ Amount paid _____ Check # _____ Cash _____



CALENDAR CUES . . .

Sunday, November 3, 2019 Pastor Jeff Unga's installation.

Sunday, November 10, 2019 ,Worship & Music meeting after Church service.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:00-5:00 p.m. Life Line Screening (See below.)

Monday, November 18, 2019, Women's AA Group begins 7:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019, THE PAUL TODD CONCERT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

Sunday, December 8, 2019, Annual Church Bake Sale

THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN . . .



Identify Risk Factors For Stroke & Heart Disease

1. Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries to detect fatty plaque buildup—the leading cause of strokes.

2. Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)

EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to detect an irregular heartbeat. Atrial fibrillation increases the risk of stroke 5 times

3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound scan of the aorta to detect an enlargement.

4. Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Screen of the leg arteries to detect fatty plaque buildup. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

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When: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Where: Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEWS LETTER MAILING	2
3 31ST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	4 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	5 ELECTION DAY 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	6 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	7	8	9
10 32ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST WORSHIP & MUSIC MTG. 10:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF	11 VETERANS DAY 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	12 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS 5:30 COUNCIL MTG	13 LIFE LINE SCREENING CHOIR 7 P.M.	14	15 DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	16
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24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP W/ PASTOR JEFF + GEN 10:45 A.M.	25 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	26 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	27 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29	30

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