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PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

February is known for Valentine's day and love. Like most Holidays, Valentine's day has become quite commercialized with all the flower shops selling roses, and candy manufacturers selling chocolates, and card companies making beautiful romantic cards that you absolutely must buy if you really care about the one you love. Legends state that St. Valentine was a Priest who was persecuted and put to death for performing weddings for lovers who were forbidden to marry because of the obligation to serve as a Roman soldier. He was declared a Saint by the Church for his martyrdom and the Church celebrates St. Valentine's day on February 14th, the alleged date of his death. Valentine believed in the power of love more than the love of power. His willingness to give his life so that others might know the power of love is an example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.



Because Valentine's day has become so commercialized, love is promoted as a sensual emotion that can be purchased. But from a biblical perspective, love is much more than an emotional response brought on through purchasing cards, balloons, chocolates and flowers. Biblical love is about relationships. The word love is found 731 times in the NRSV version of the bible. The Word of God speaks of loving your child/ren, loving your brothers and sisters, loving your husband or your wife, loving God, and loving your neighbor. There are many wonderful bible verses that demonstrate love cannot be bought or sold. Love is not a commodity. Biblical love is about relationships. And one of my favorite bible quotes relating to the topic of love is 1 John 4:18. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love." Where there is love, there is no fear. There are many distractions in our faith journey in life that may initially cause us to be afraid, but when we hold on to this scripture, we can remember an acronym for the word fear – False Evidence Appearing Real. Perfect love casts out all fear. This is yet another biblical truth that is simple, but it is not always easy to live out in our personal faith journey and in our faith journey as a congregation.

As we look with 2020 stewardship vision for Shepherd of the Glades, one fear that needs to be named and cast out is the fear of scarcity. God is a God of abundance, and yet we buy into the fear of not having enough. Not enough participation, not enough members, not enough money. Remember that FEAR is false evidence appearing real. God has always provided enough for God's people and mission. My favorite funny story of God providing for all our needs is found in MT 17:27 where Jesus tells Peter to catch a fish and Peter would find the money needed for temple tax inside the mouth of the fish! God provided manna in the desert. God provided grain for Joseph's family. God provides for all our needs. We have no reason to fear. As good stewards of all that God has provided, and as a response to our many blessings, we are called to pray about what we are called to give back to God of our time and treasures.

PASTOR'S PAGES CONTINUED . . .

Peter responded to Jesus by casting out a line and doing what Jesus called him to do, and God provided. Scripture invites us to let our light shine so others may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. What light are you hiding under a bushel basket that needs to shine? It is true that perfect love casts out all fear. But just to be on the safe side and cast out any fears you have about Valentines day, you might still want to buy those flowers and chocolates for your love as a symbol of your love's perfection. Perfect love casts out fears in many different ways! Have a blessed Valentine's day, and know you are loved beyond imagination.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

2020 STEWARDSHIP VISION . . .

We just wanted to let the congregation know how much we appreciate the participation in our 2020 Stewardship Vision Campaign. If you have not filled out your "Time and Talent Profile and/or Pledge Card and still wish to do so, you may bring them into the office or place them in the giving basket. We will be sharing the results of the campaign in the March newsletter.

Stewardship Committee

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS . . .

Get your recipes ready! Anyone in the congregation who wishes to make chili and compete with the other members can bring their chili for testing and then eating. This competition begins on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 6 p.m., and will be held in Hanson Hall. This is a fund raiser to help send young people to the Lutheran Youth Conference in Minneapolis in 2021.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 Teen Challenge will be providing a special program at both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020 with Ash Wednesday services at 5:30 followed by a soup supper in Hanson Hall.

Sunday, March 1, 2020 is Strawberry Sundae Sunday after both services.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: One Month Ended January, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$38,704	\$39,015	(\$311)
Operating Expense	\$30,796	\$30,020	(\$776)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$7,908	\$8,995	(\$1,087)

2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS . . .



**LARRY
BUETTNER
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT**



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VICE PRESIDENT,
LIAISON TO
ENDOWMENT &
STEWARDSHIP**



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EVANGELISM**



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LIAISON TO
PROPERTY**

2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE . . .

The central theme for the 2020 Lenten Series will be “Seeing God through the Church”. The Evening Prayers will begin at 5:30 p.m. and we will enjoy soup and fellowship following each service. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for our liturgy and each week we will hear a testimony from a mission partner of the ELCA and Shepherd of the Glades. Hearing these testimonies will open our eyes and give us a clearer vision of how giving to God through the Church is making a big impact in our community, country, and even the world! The tentative schedule for each week is as follows with potential changes for speakers:

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26th—Call committee sharing stories of partnership with Synod

First week of Lent, March 4th—Mosaic Ministry

Second week of Lent, March 11th— ELCA Youth/Young Adult Ministry

Third week of Lent, March 18th—Director for Evangelical Mission, ELCA, Florida Bahama Synod

Fourth week of Lent, March 25th— Lutheran Services of Florida

Fifth week of Lent, April 1st—Luther Springs Bible Camp

Holy week—Maundy Thursday Worship April 9th and Good Friday Tenebrae service, April 10th

Following Worship, we will enjoy fellowship and soup supper in Hanson Hall. The schedule for the ministries of Shepherd of the Glades that will provide the meals for soup supper are:

Ash Wednesday, Fellowship committee

March 4th , Choir

March 11th , Sew-Sew’s quilting group and property committee

March 18th, Church Council

March 25, Bible Study Groups

April 1st, Staff and office volunteers

Holy Week—No Wednesday Service or soup suppers

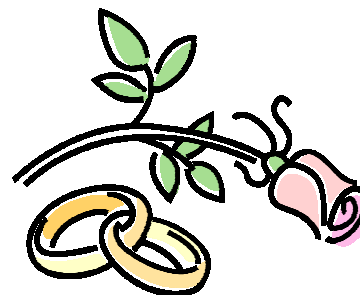
NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD . . .



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 1 Michael Kleiber
February 1 Sara Nelson
February 2 Ardelle Berthe
February 4 Kathleen Mantovani
February 5 Daniel Malinowski
February 5 Joni Olson
February 5 Gary Spragg
February 6 Jean Zirk
February 10 Yerry Madison
February 10 Kathryn Winters
February 11 Alan Rowold
February 14 Ashley Olson
February 16 Ron Limpus
February 17 Callie Eliason
February 17 Conan Hayton
February 17 Earnestine Keller
February 18 Cindy Quehl
February 21 Alandee Delp
February 21 Robert Tidmore
February 22 Jeremiah Eliason
February 22 David Hatwell
February 23 Christopher Beaven
February 26 Margarete Krehan
February 27 Rick Borman
February 27 Carl Zirk
February 28 Janice Wolfe
February 29 Shane Hackethal



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

February 3 Vicki & Steven Tracy
February 4 Maryanne & Larry Buettner
February 6 Linda & Gary Salisbury
February 6 Barbara & Henry Cholewa
February 11 Marilyn & Rod Barikmo
February 14 Charlotte & Kenneth Sebe
February 15 Andrea Tack & Deborah Moeser
February 15 Alandee & David Delp
February 16 Barbara & Larry Tommingo
February 18 Nola Halverson & Bob Saaranen
February 20 Mamie & Martin Ellis
February 28 Marilyn & Al Lane

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORY . . .



Rev. Carl Kaltreider
received his victory in the
Lord on November 3, 2019.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Sue Haberkorn	Greta Schamberger
Didi Arpia	Jim Hahn	Charlotte Sebe
Susan Aspro	Ted Henning	Don Sharpe
Rich Bartsh	Family of Pat Hulsemann	Elaine Sima
Ryan Bebb	Jeanne Jones	Donald Spanitz
Betty Baker	Stefanie Kopecke	Ruth Spears
Meta Bauer	Family of Iris Krug	Spiegel Family
Merlyn Bowers	Glen Ladic	Dan and Scott Stegner
James Bullock	Bryant Lane	Susan Sweet
Carolyn Case & Family	Sheryl Lane	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Rob Ciaramitaro	Anita Lehr	Susanne Thomas
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Pastor Peter Lyberg	Ginny Trendel
Liza Corson	Martha Mahon	Kelli Unga
Marion Davis	Gary Mart	Susan Walck
Tom Davis	Howard Mattick	Christina Warrilow
Dana Dickerman Family	Paula McCarthy	Shirley Watson
Frances Dise	Jack McKenna	Lana Williams
Family of Esther Dressler	Debbie McWaters	Connee Zeman
Drew Family	Nancy Moran	
Tom Dunlop	Carl Morken	
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Jim O'Neal	
Mike Feldman	Jim Oppermann	
Michelle Fetzer	Karen Puerner	
Family of Deloris J. Galster	Rusty Razer	
Barbara Glaser	Beverly Renning	
Gerald Gibbons	Victor & Yolanda Rodrigues	
Family of Annette Gjesdahl	Ted Roscoe	
Robin Good		

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
Warrant Officer Robert Stofflet at Ft. Eustis Army Base, VA
Sergeant Sterling Watson, Missouri



ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WORSHIP HOURS

Worship services will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. every Sunday through April 26, 2020.

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. If you have old sheets and tablecloths, the sew-sews would appreciate them being donated.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be held the second Friday of every month in the Choir room at 10:00 a.m. The ladies study the "Gather" magazine Bible study. Copies of the study will be available in the Narthex the Sunday before. All are welcome!

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jeff is leading a Bible Study every Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall. All are welcome!

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ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED . . .

Shepherd of the Glades' Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020 between worship services in the Sanctuary. Annual reports will be available in the Narthex by February 9th. Come hear what the committees have accomplished and how we have completed the year financially.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. . .

SOTG is looking for a few people who would like to volunteer to read the Sunday lessons (especially at the 10:30 a.m. service). If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Jan Wolfe at janwolfe@embarqmail.com or 239-649-7437. We are also looking for someone that is willing to assist in transporting some of our more senior members to church services. Please call the church office 239-775-0696 if you can help. If anyone would like to serve as an altar assistant, we would love to have you. We need people who are willing to assist at either 8:30 or the 10:30 a.m. service. If this is something your interested in doing, you can contact Iann Butterman at rufftuff@comcast.net.

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .

Lynn Dickerman thanks everyone who supported her during her husband's illness and homegoing. We received an amazing number of get well and sympathy cards from our SOTG family. We could feel the prayers and support. What a nice surprise and show of love to see so many from SOTG at Dana's homegoing celebration. Your love will be forever appreciated!

Pastor and Carol Lyberg would like to thank everyone for your visits, calls and cards while he was in the hospital and rehab. Also thank you Pastor Jeff for his visits and communion. They feel that the congregation is their very special family and they love us and are looking forward to returning soon.

FROM THE DESK OF
VANN ELLISON

On behalf of those we serve at St. Matthew's House, thank you for your generous gifts this Christmas season. With your support this year, St. Matthew's House was able to provide gifts to over 500 people in our programs. Thank you for helping us remind those in our care this Christmas season that this community shares in their hope for a life of stability and success.

With the help of donors like you, we can provide not only a safety net, but also a place where our most vulnerable neighbors can feel a sense of family and belonging. At St. Matthew's House, it is our goal to provide the kind of help that leads to self-sufficiency, meaningful work, and the pride that comes with being a valued and respected member of a community.

Sincerely,



Vann R. Ellison
President & CEO

2019 MEMORIES . . .



CALENDAR CUES . . .

Sunday, February 2, 2020, Worship and Music Meeting after 10:30 Worship service

Friday, February 7, 2020, Chili Cook-off, 6 :00 p.m.

Friday, February 14, 2020, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 16, 2020, Teen Challenge 8:30 and 10:30 Worship services

Tuesdays, February, 2020, Bible Study with Pastor Jeff, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 21, 2020, March Newsletter deadline

Sunday, February 23, 2020, Blessing of the food donated

MONTH AT A GLANCE . . .

FEBRUARY, 2020



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