

# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
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**“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19 NIV)**

**A very Happy and Blessed New Year! Our Stewardship theme for this year is “2020 Stewardship Vision.” The theme is based on Proverbs 29:18. “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” It is my hope and prayer that we will understand that stewardship is not simply a once per year budget drive, but rather an intentional disciplined seeking of our God given gifts and how we are stewarding these gifts. As part of the 2020 stewardship vision campaign, members will be invited to prayerfully consider how their gifts might be used to God’s glory. Time and talent sheets will be distributed to all members and we ask that you take the time to fill them out. The stewardship committee has made a commitment to ensure your responses will be given to the appropriate committees and people. Another example of how we will utilize the gifts of our members is that by 2021 the church council nomination process may change. The congregation currently nominates people to serve the council. But that individual may not be using their gifts to the fullest extent if they are assigned to be a liaison to a committee that they do not feel called to serve. In 2020, as part of a new and clearer stewardship vision, we could update the constitution and bylaws to allow nominees to be elected to serve specific committees. Another helpful vision regarding the constitution and bylaws regarding the council would be that the congregation would elect the executive committee rather than having the council appoint them. This way, someone who has the gifts of administration could be elected to serve as the secretary. Those whose gift is accounting could be nominated and appointed to serve as treasurer. The President and Vice President could also be nominated by the whole congregation in order that those who feel called to serve on the executive board do so. Following this 2020 stewardship vision would allow for leaders to properly steward their gifts in leadership.**

**Another part of the 2020 stewardship vision includes regular temple talks that demonstrate how God’s gifts to us are being used to glorify God. Some might even call these temple talks testimonies. The difference between the testimonies you may have heard in other places and the 2020 stewardship vision for these testimonies is that they will be focused on what God is doing through us and the church, and not on us or the work that is being done by us. Each temple talk will demonstrate how God is active in and through our Church. To use the tagline of the ELCA, temple talks will be demonstrating “God’s Work, Our Hands.”**

**Another 2020 stewardship vision that will be a “new thing” is the development of a mutual ministry team. This team will have 4 persons whose purpose will be similar to the Parish relations committee, but will be active throughout the year, and not just when there is a conflict or problem. This team will be responsible for stewarding healthy relationships in our congregation. The mutual ministry team will be available to hear any “praises or pinches” regarding the ministry we share at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church. You may have noticed an anonymous praise in last month’s newsletter. It is good and healthy when we communicate the wonderful ways God is blessing us as a faith community. Thank you to the anonymous author of that “praise.” Your action of public praise in the newsletter motivated this change. The vision for this mutual ministry committee is that they will take action steps to assure the praises and pinches are dealt with and communicated in a healthy manner. Praises and pinches will be reported in the newsletter in a manner that will Glorify God and help us work together as a faith community for the sake of the Gospel.**

**And a final “new thing” for 2020 stewardship vision will be a clearer vision for the endowment fund. The bylaws state that “the funds and earnings therefore shall be used in a manner to confess and proclaim Jesus Christ as head of the Church...every action and mission in the disbursement of these funds shall bear witness to the Holy Scriptures as the revelation of God’s**



## PASTOR'S PAGES CONTINUED . . .

sovereign will and saving grace in Jesus Christ.” The endowment committee is praying about how regular distribution from the interest earnings in this account might be used to fulfill the by-laws. You will hear more about this shortly after the introduction to the 2020 stewardship vision drive. All of these “new things” that are about to happen are meant to give us a clearer vision of God’s plan and purpose for Shepherd of the Glades and the ministry we share. May we be blessed and filled with new life and hope as we enter the 2020 stewardship vision campaign, and thank you for your support and good stewardship of all of your gifts!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jeff

## CROSS+GENERATION SUNDAY SCHOOL . . .

From our most recent class discussion about forgiveness, please think on this question...do you find it harder to forgive yourself or someone else? Colossians:3 gives us great direction on forgiveness and how to live our lives; to strive for perfect unity and live out the Gospel. In this month and this beginning of a New Year, please become part of our faith building community by joining a Bible study. A women’s Bible study group is starting Friday, January 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a Bible study group starting Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the music room. All are welcome!!!

A special thank you to the youth who participated in the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship. Jenna, Cadence and Jocelyn Snover in reading the Gospel lesson and Katherine Cianflone and Bryce Trtan for taking the roles of Mary and Joseph. God’s presence is in you!  
Education Committee

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS . . .

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who made/donated baked items to sell and those who purchased them at our bake sale held on December 8th. A wonderful variety of cookies, cakes and breads filled the tables in Hanson Hall. On December 20th, we had a group of 25 carolers join together for fun and fellowship as we sang songs in the dining halls at Lely Palms/Manor Care. Quite a few residents joined along in singing as we spread Christmas joy. Everyone is invited to our Welcome Back Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will have David Contessa and Steve Mielke, from Thrivent, speaking on “Income Taxes and Retirement”. The committee needs to know if you are planning to attend, so if you have not signed up on the sheet in the Narthex and would like to attend, please call Jeanne Jones at 239-970-0322.

## FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Twelve Months Ended December, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$330,461	\$355,250	(\$24,789)
Operating Expense	\$302,201	\$268,589	(\$33,612)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$28,260	\$86,661	(\$58,401)

## **COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .**

### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (unapproved) December 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President, Larry Buettner. Members in attendance: Larry Buettner, Pat Cooper, Pat Cumor, Tom Dunlop, Pete Peterson, Keith Scamehorn, Earnie Keller, Doug Walck and Bob Tidmore. Pastor Jeff Ungs was also in attendance.

Paul Hashagen was absent

Devotions were given by Doug Walck.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Tidmore reported that we have \$70 in foreign missions and \$2,040 for local missions we need to allocate by the end of the year. He made a comparison of actual to the budget amounts said it was a better view of what the spending seems to be. The \$10,000 that was in the general fund was moved to the endowment fund.

Pastor Jeff gave his report to Council. During the month of November, I made six congregation home visits, four home bound communions, two visits to potential new members and six hospital/clinic visits. I attended the following meetings: Caloosa Conference meeting, East Naples Ministerial meeting, personal spiritual direction, annual proposed budget meeting, stewardship campaign planning meeting, evangelism meeting, worship A/V team meeting, staff and an informal worship committee meeting. There was discussion on changing the nominating process for members of council in 2021. It is important to ask people in the congregation to serve on council in a position that is best suited for their expertise. Looking into changing the constitution and bylaws to reflect this matter.

#### **Team reports:**

Education – In January, the Ladies Bible study group will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the music room. Pastor Jeff said he was going to try to get the Tuesday study group started in the near future.

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported the balance in the Endowment fund is \$130,000.

Evangelism – No report

Fellowship - Earnie Keller reported that the bake sale was a success.

Local Missions– Pete reported that the donated food was delivered to St. Matthews House.

Parish Relations - No report

Property – Doug Walck reported that committee has finished mulching around Hanson Hall. New spare wheel was purchased for large lawn mower. Christmas decorations were hung in church and Hanson Hall. New mailbox was installed. The fountain outside Hanson Hall is being cleaned.

Stewardship – Tom Dunlap reported the new 2020 Stewardship committee will send mailing on January 3, 2020. January 5, 2020 will be the kick-off. Temple talks are scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 19, 2020.

Worship & Music – Larry submitted a list of familiar songs that the congregation would like to sing. Megan said that she and Pastor Jeff will try and include them in worship service whenever possible.

## **COUNCIL'S CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .**

### **Old Business:**

Earnie met with Mike Boyd at "Signs and Things" to discuss updating the Church sign. Mike suggested that we update the existing sign by making it taller and deeper; that will give us more room for lettering and announcements.

### **New Business:**

Larry suggested that the council come up with a budget for capital improvements such as parking lot renovation.

Pete made a motion that the Endowment fund bylaws be updated to reflect more specific objective for said funds. The council suggested scholarships for high school students that want to attend Lutheran colleges, seminaries and for teens to attend Bible camp. Pete also suggested to put the endowment committee in charge of the endowment fund, the memorial fund and the legacy fund.

Pastor Jeff has contacted some of the colleges about upcoming concerts.

They informed him that they are booked thru 2023 but will keep us in mind for future programs.

Pastor Jeff gave devotions at the end of the meeting.

Council was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cooper, Secretary

### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (unapproved)**

**December 15, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Larry Buettner, at 10:45. Devotions were given by Pastor Unga. There were 44 voting members in attendance, a quorum was declared.

Nominations for the new 2020 Council were presented by the Nominating Committee and were as follows: Bob Tidmore for Treasurer, Bonny Dery, Barb Keller and Charlotte Wahlig. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominees were elected by consensus.

Nominations for the 2020 Nominating Committee were open to volunteers. Tom Dunlop, by virtue of being on Council, Penny Morken and Leslie Beers were declared to the Nominating Committee for 2020.

There were no nominations or volunteers to be Synod Representative to the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly. This will be determined at a later date.

Bob Tidmore, Treasurer, wanted to make the congregation aware of all the work Tony Zeman had done on financial matters for the Church over the years. Bob presented the budget for 2020. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. and closed with a sending prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

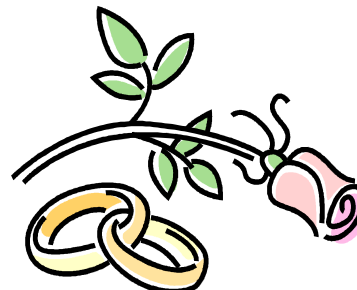
Pat Cooper, Secretary

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 JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

January 1	Barb Tommingo
January 2	Katherine Cianflone
January 2	Ted Roscoe
January 3	Lisbet Ramirez
January 5	Barb Keller
January 6	Elsie Delane
January 7	Carol Freitag
January 7	John Sherman
January 7	Denice Spaulding
January 8	Roger Burtchin
January 8	Shirley Watson
January 9	Catherine Biederman
January 9	Carl Morken
January 11	Carolyn Malinowski
January 12	Chistopher Bettridge
January 16	Mary Sherman
January 16	Bill Strenkert
January 16	Charleen Wilkins
January 17	Maryann Buettner
January 18	Sherry Larson
January 18	Corinne Roscoe
January 18	Abraham Unga
January 20	Steven Snover, Jr.
January 20	Vicki Tracy
January 22	David Hackethal
January 22	Leo Malinowski
January 22	Richard Timko
January 23	Ron Eickhoff
January 24	Sally Moore

January 26	Guy Cooper
January 28	Brenda Charleston
January 28	Kayla Douglass
January 29	Christian William
January 29	Al Lane



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

January 10	Luana & Gerald LaStella
January 16	Sylvia & Dave Hedges
January 16	Anne & Ted Henning
January 18	Sue & Doug Walck
January 21	Christina & Matthew Warrilow
January 31	Lorraine & Bryan Cook

## **RECEIVED THEIR VICTORY . . .**



Iris Krug received her victory in the Lord on Monday, June 10, 2019.

Deloris Johnson Galster received her victory in the Lord on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR . . .**

From Pastor Jeff, Megan, Lynn, Linda, and Tom, **THANK YOU** for your generous Christmas gifts! You are a great blessing! A joyous and blessed New year's to you all from all of us!

## CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

### PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Jim Hahn	Greta Schamberger
Didi Arpia	Ted Henning	Charlotte Sebe
Susan Aspro	Joanne Hogan	Don Sharpe
Rich Bartsh	Family of Pat Hulsemann	Elaine Sima
Ryan Bebb	Judy & Rich	Beverly Smith
Betty Baker	Stefanie Kopecke	Paul Smith
Meta Bauer	Family of Iris Krug	Donald Spanitz
Merlyn Bowers	Glen Ladic	Ruth Spears
James Bullock	Bryant Lane	Spiegel Family
Carolyn Case & Family	Sheryl Lane	Dan and Scott Stegner
Rob Ciaramitaro	Anita Lehr	Susan Sweet
Dianne, Kate & Mark Connell	Carol Lyberg	Ron Sweet, Jr.
Liza Corson	Martha Mahon	Susanne Thomas
Marion Davis	Gary Mart	Ginny Trendel
Dana Dickerman Family	Howard Mattick	Kelli Ungs
Frances Dise	Paula McCarthy	Susan Walck
Family of Esther Dressler	Jack McKenna	Christina Warrilow
Drew Family	Debbie McWaters	Shirley Watson
Tom Dunlop	Nancy Moran	Lana Williams
Coleen, Glenn, & Susan Evans	Carl Morken	Connee Zeman
Mike Feldman	Jim O'Neal	
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



## **ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEY . . .**

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

### **WORSHIP HOURS**

Starting Sunday, January 5, 2020 we will holding two worship services. The time of these services will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### **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 that has old sheets and tablecloths, the sew-sews would appreciated them being donated.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study will resume again in January. It will be held the second Friday of every month in the Choir room. 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**

Starting Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Pastor Jeff is going to begin a Bible study group at 2:00 P.M. This meeting will be held in the music room. All are welcome!

### **AMAZONSMILE CHARITY**



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### **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Altar Guild would be welcome! Changing paraments and weekly communion preparation are among the duties. Time commitment is minimal, mostly on Sunday mornings. Call Anita Lehr at 239-793-4957 if interested.



## THE GIVING TREE—DECEMBER 2019 . . .

The Evangelism Team would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who participated in this years' very successful "Giving Tree" project. St. Matthew's Shelter program for men and women was the recipient of over 200 gifts. Dave Welch, Development officer for St. Matthews House received the gifts which will be distributed to shelter residents on Christmas. Thank you for this wonderful outpouring of Christian love.



## WE GET LETTERS . . .



December 2, 2019

Pastor Jeff Unga  
Members of the Sew Sews  
Shepherd of the Glades Luther Church  
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Dear Pastor Unga and Members of the Sew Sews:

After eight years of abuse, it took great courage for Sarah to bring her family to emergency shelter. Upon arrival, their lives were literally turned upside down. When they reached their room and closed the door, they were safe but shaken and uncertain about their future. "Look!" five-year-old Chrissy pointed to a bottle of shampoo in the comfort package. "Just like at home!"

Small things can make a big difference in the lives of our emergency shelter survivors. We are grateful for your support.

Like you, I believe that everyone has the right to a life free from violence and abuse. The Shelter values your support as we work to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence and human trafficking in Collier County. If you would like to tour The Shelter or learn more about how you can expand your involvement, call The Shelter at 239-775-3862 or go online to [naplesshelter.org](http://naplesshelter.org).

In peace and gratitude,

Linda Oberhaus  
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you so much  
for your thoughtfulness  
this holiday season!*

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Thank you for your gift of: 17 lovely quilts and 2 quilts for children  
made on November 20, 2019  
To benefit: The Shelter for Abused Women & Children

## CALENDAR CUES . . .

Friday, January 3, 2020, Newsletter mailing

Sunday, January 5, 2020, Two worship services, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2020, Worship and Music Meeting after 10:30 worship service

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020, Welcome Back Luncheon, 12:00 noon with Thrivent

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Bible Study with Pastor Jeff, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16, 2020, February, 2020 Newsletter deadline

Sunday, January 19, 2020, Blessing of the food donated



# JANUARY, 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 A.M. NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS & STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SHERVICE	<b>6</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>7</b> 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>8</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SHERVICE	<b>13</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>14</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS BIBLE STUDY 2 P.M. 5:30 COUNCIL MTG	<b>15</b> 9:00-10:00 AM BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	<b>16</b> DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SHERVICE	<b>20</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>21</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS BIBLE STUDY 2 P.M.	<b>22</b> 9:00-10:00 AM BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP	<b>27</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>28</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS BIBLE STUDY 2 P.M.	<b>29</b> 9:00-10:00 AM BONE BUILDERS CHOIR 7 P.M.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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