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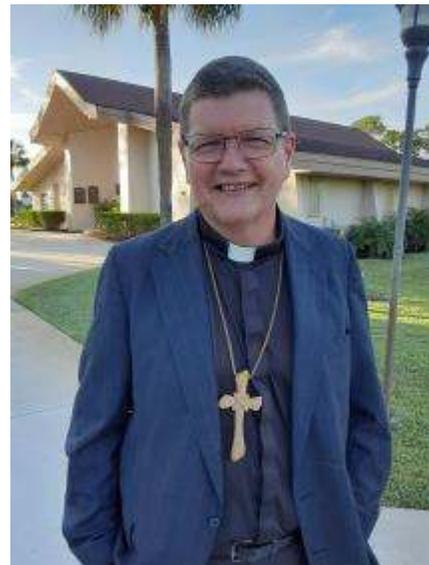


**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.” (Mt. 13:16)

In my first call, I had the blessing of a wise elder teaching me a very important lesson about looking a person in the eyes as you shake their hand with a firm grip in greeting them in coming and in leaving. This elder said that if you do not look a person in the eyes as you greet them, it appears you are looking past them and they are not important. This was wonderful advice, and I am grateful that he shared it with me. Have you ever paid attention to how often you truly look into someone's eyes as they speak? Have you ever noticed the many expressions people share by looking at their eyes? It is interesting that although wearing face masks in public buildings is uncomfortable, it makes us look at the eyes of the person speaking to us rather than indifferently listening to them while looking at something else. God gave us both eyes to see, and ears to hear.



I have had some request that I take off my facemask while preaching. I will not do this for a couple of reasons. First, the microphone clearly picks up what I am saying while preaching. If you have difficulty understanding or hearing for any reason while in public worship, we have 8 wireless assisted listening devices that are connected directly to the sound system. Please request one or pick one up in the Narthex. Secondly, I believe in leading by example. If the expectation is that everyone in worship will wear a facemask as a safety measure, then that includes me. Perhaps my wearing a facemask helps those who are listening pay more attention to the expression in my eyes. I have noticed when a check-out clerk is smiling behind their mask. I have also seen a look of anger or frustration when something does not go as expected. It may be a little thing, but I never noticed it before. Maybe I was too busy thinking about my needs to pay attention to the person who was serving me and look them in the eye. By looking the check-out person in the eye, I am honoring their life and their worth. I am truly “seeing” them. Being forced to wear a facemask has made me recognize how easy it is to ignore others and look ahead to something I am more interested in rather than being present with them. Without realizing it, I was sinning against them. Luther defined sin as “turning in” on oneself (incurvatus in se), or in other words making your needs, wants, and desires more important than God or anyone else.

During Lent last year, I shared a sermon about how we can turn the illness of our sin into wellness. Illness begins with “I” and wellness begins with “We”. The way to turn illness into wellness is by removing the “I” and replacing it with “We”. As “we” move forward with difficult decisions for the church regarding best practices for public worship and keeping everyone safe, consider not only what you believe but what is appropriate for the safety of all. Our faith invites us to “see” our neighbor and their needs rather than just our own. The wearing of face masks and other personal preferences and beliefs will only become a divisive issue in the church if we allow the illness of “I” to become more important than “We”.

I have preached from the beginning of my time here, and will continue preaching that faith is simple. Love God; love your neighbor as yourself. It is simple, it is not always easy. Beloved of God, keep your eyes and your mind on Christ Jesus our Lord and the power of love. Live as Jesus lived, and love as Jesus loved and the illness of our sin will be transformed into wellness.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN . . .

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Life Line Screening will again be at Shepherd of the Glades to make vascular screenings available to the community to detect health problems, identify risk factors for stroke and heart disease, and encourage people to seek follow-up with their physician. Their wellness package includes screenings for carotid arteries, heart rhythm (atrial fibrillation), abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis. For more information, please call 1-888-6450 or go online to [www.lifelinescreening.com/community circle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-circle).

SEPTEMBER, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES. . .

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff reported that he has had "Zoom" meetings with Caloosa Conference, East Naples Ministerial group, personal spiritual direction meetings, and Altar Guild members. He has also had AV training with the new equipment and weekly staff meetings. Pastor has been calling and praying with members that have been hospitalized. He is counseling by phone or internet and discussing the Sunday worship services seen on the internet. He is in the process of re-connecting with shut-ins by phone and hopes to visit in person in the near future. Pastor is sending weekly readings in advance of worship, videotaping weekly greeters for Sunday worship, and offering communion during our internet worship service.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that the giving is \$9000 above budget and spending is \$26,000 under budget.

Committee reports:

Due to the Corona Virus and inactivity of the church, the following Council members gave a report:

Endowment - Pete Peterson reported that the balance in our Ameritrade account as of August 31, 2020 is \$134,203.

Parish Relations – Barb Keller reported that the CDC regulations only allow 25% attendance when reopening the church for public worship. Members will be ushered in and out, and seated six feet apart unless they are a family.

Education – Bonny Dery reported that Mike Boyd is working with the county to obtain the proper permits to change the church sign.

Property – Keith Scamehorn suggested we use a thermometer as members enter the church. This was voted down due to the fact that it is unrealistic because of the number of people entering the church at the same time. Pastor Jeff reported that the Memorial Garden has been cleaned and will be maintained by our volunteers. G & C Landscaping has been hired for trimming and maintaining the lawn and bushes. A piece of fascia has been replaced in the front of the building. Fire alarms have been redone, but there is a beam inside the sanctuary that may require fixing, but due to the \$3000 cost, it is still being discussed. The sound system and AV system are both in and working well. The highspeed internet has been installed and has really made a difference in our online work. The burglar alarm has been serviced and repaired.

Old Business:

Council members reviewed and revised the regulations on reopening the church. Council approved reopening the church for public worship on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

New Business:

Pastor Jeff discussed the ongoing communication (e-mails, website, You Tube and Facebook) to offer the weekly worship service and keep the congregation informed. He is also sending out weekly readings and asking for feedback in order to keep the congregation involved.

The administrative secretaries submitted a report informing Council members what has developed in the office during July and August. This report included the installation of new equipment, software and programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cooper

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. Campbell Army Base, KY

Warrant Officer Robert Stofflet at Ft. Campbell Army Base, KY

Lieutenant Sterling Payne, 205 Ming St. Warrensburg MO



THRIVENT'S UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS. . .



At Thrivent we believe humanity thrives when people make the most of all God has given them. We want to offer you opportunities of inspiration to learn something new and give back. To see a full list of upcoming online events please visit <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/membernet/southeast/events/> and follow us on Facebook @southeastmn. If you have questions, please reach out to David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.

Women's AA Group . . .

On Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. you are invited to join the "Women by the Book" closed AA meeting for women only. You are welcome to email: womenbythebookaa@gmail.com for Zoom information. The meeting will be on Zoom year round and we will begin meeting at Shepherd of the Glades, Hanson Hall starting on November 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Nine Months Ended September, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$259,586	\$252,614	\$6,972
Operating Expense	\$243,869	\$271,401	\$27,532
Net Income (Deficit)	\$15,717	(\$18,787)	\$34,504

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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

October 1	Charlie Orner
October 1	Dianne Sherod
October 3	Clare Campbell
October 3	Janet Connell
October 5	Dorie Mendez
October 5	Jennifer Hackethal
October 6	Janis Johnson
October 7	Kelli Ungs
October 8	Kelly Bettridge
October 10	Jim Sauer
October 11	Beverley Cook
October 11	Kathryn Williams
October 12	Carolyn Fee
October 12	Anne Henning
October 12	Diane Roforth-Smith
October 12	Harold Turino
October 13	Jane Limpus
October 17	Grove Brown

October 19	Carlos Knasel
October 20	Bryan Cook
October 21	Dorian Delp
October 24	Anita Lehr
October 25	Diana Snover
October 26	Judy Kobs
October 27	Don Johnson
October 29	Henry Cholewa



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSERY TO:**

October 3	Linda & Mike Boyd
October 5	Bonnie & Scott Kischer
October 8	Carol & Grove Brown
October 10	Mary & Richard Jingling
October 12	Tiffany & Jamie Helenek
October 15	Dorie & Ray Mendez
October 18	Sally & Tom Moore
October 19	Gayle Huberty & Scott Krenz
October 22	Mary Stegner & John Sherman
October 24	Carol & William Christian
October 26	Earnie & Paul Keller
October 31	Marilyn & Ralph Stadler

RECEIVED HIS VICTORY . . .

Edwin Michel received his victory in the Lord on Monday, August 17, 2020 at his northern home in Lyndonville, NY with family.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS. . .



To our Contributing Churches & Synagogues:

We pray that you and your families are remaining healthy and safe during this difficult time.

2020 will be the 26th year of the UNDY SUNDAY campaign to provide an ample supply of underwear, socks and miscellaneous clothing & school supplies for the many needy elementary and pre-school children within Collier County.

With the outreach involving 33 religious interfaith churches and synagogues, Catholic Charities' volunteers received an abundance of undergarments and socks from the church donations in 2019, which were segregated, sorted, labeled and packaged for delivery to 37 selected Elementary & Charter schools, plus six Social Service organizations who assist needy women and children in our community.

In addition, the 2019 campaign was blessed with receiving an overwhelming number of socks again this year, allowing us to donate more than a thousand pairs to the "Laces of Love" Foundation to supplement their "Shoes for Needy Kids Program".

All monetary donations received will be used to support other children activities & programs at Catholic Charities of Collier County, throughout the year.

Historically, UNDY SUNDAY has occurred in August. For 2020 and beyond, we would like to move the campaign to the last two weekends in October, the 18th and 25th. Due to Covid 19, we will switch to virtual for 2020 only—all contributions will be via Amazon or via financial contributions which will be used to purchase items for delivery to schools. The Undy Sunday team has a Charity Wish List where you can find our current socks and undies needs: <https://catholiccharitiesdove.org/undysunday2020/>

God Bless everyone involved in this special mission.

Tim, Mike & Paola

Tim Corcoran, Michael Egan & Paola Pinillos

UNDY SUNDAY Team of 2020

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	The Family of Jim Lee	Corrine & Ted Roscoe
Helene Boone	Anita Lehr	Charlotte Sebe
The Jim Bullock Family	Family of Ina Loeslie	Don Sharpe
The Robert Cumor, Jr. Family	Pat Lussky	Elaine Sima
The Dana Dickerman Family	Bill MacDonald	Micah Smith
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Leo Malinowski	Donald Spanitz
Susan Espersen	Lisa & Mark McGarity	The Spiegel Family
Jack Fee	Carl Morken	Karen Tangen
Carol Freitag	The Jim O'Neal Family	Ken Tate
Sue Haberkorn	Jim Oppermann	Pastor Jeffery & Christina Walther
The Herrick Family	Karen Puerner	Family of Shirley Watson
Karen Kuzel	The Reseou Family	

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



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2 NEWSLETTER MAILING	3
4 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICE W/ HOLY COMMUNION	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICE W/ HOLY COMMUNION	12	13 COUNCIL MTG 5:30 P.M.	14	15	16	17
18 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICE W/ HOLY COMMUNION	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICE W/ HOLY COMMUNION	26	27	28	29	30	31

Note: Some of these activities are subject to change due to the corona virus precautions in place. Please check our website for the latest updates or call the office at 239-775-0696.

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Lawrence Buettner, Council President

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