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5:30 p.m. Worship



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

February is a very active month as we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th, and Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Although Valentine's day originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring the martyrdom of Saint Valentine, it has become a very secular Holiday that is often focused on consumerism. Valentine's day is no longer focused on Saint Valentine the martyr, but instead on purchasing cards, flowers, and gifts for our loved ones and friends. There is nothing wrong with celebrating love and honoring those we love through our actions. In fact, it is a very healthy thing to do if our loved one and friends enjoy receiving gifts. According to a very well known book by Gary Chapman, "The Five Languages of Love: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate" receiving gifts is one of the five languages of love. The others are acts of service, words of affirmation, quality time, and physical touch. Knowing your love language is helpful, but this book was written to help you learn how to share your love for another by actions that demonstrate their love language. As we head into Ash Wednesday and Lent, I began to reflect on what it means to say we love Jesus. How do our actions show Jesus and others how much we love Him? How can we know which love languages Jesus wants us to show him and others? The answer is obvious. We turn to scripture.



With regard to acts of service, Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) Jesus demonstrated many acts of humble service including washing the feet of the disciples. Jesus gave the ultimate service when he gave his life so that our sins would be forgiven. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus paid the ransom for our sins. We can demonstrate our love for Jesus through humble service to others rather than expecting to be served. We can be intentional about loving our neighbor as ourselves. With regard to words of affirmation, Jesus spoke many words to build others up. He praised John the Baptizer saying, "among those born of women, no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist." (Mt. 11:11) And when the Centurion whose servant was healed because he said Jesus could heal the servant by speaking the words, Jesus said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!" (Luke 7:9) Jesus affirms Peter when he proclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" (Mt. 16:18-20) There are many places throughout scriptures where Jesus speaks words of life into others. As followers who love Jesus, we too can speak life giving words about the actions of others. We need to be certain that we do not speak destructive words that tear others down and speak negatively about them.

With regard to quality time, Jesus gave personal time to his disciples. Even with crowds pressing in on him and people demanding his time, Jesus spent time in private with his disciples explaining things to them and listening to them. He did not make any disciple feel they were less important than the others. Jesus invites us to reflect on how we spend our time. Do we reflect Jesus' love by listening to others and taking the time to let them know they are loved? Do we take the time to deeply and intentionally listen to others who have different views than us? We don't often think of Jesus as one who gave gifts. But he certainly gave a gift to the wedding party where he turned the water into wine. They would have been embarrassed by not properly planning for the wedding festival. Jesus fed 4,000 in the Gospel of Matthew and over 5,000 in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus gave the disciples the gift of authority over demons and the gift of healing. As we consider Jesus' love for us and the many gifts he has given us, we are invited to give the gift of our time and talents with others.

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And finally, the love language of physical touch. Jesus healed many through laying on of hands, and one woman who physically touched his garment. Jesus made it a point to physically touch those who would be considered unclean and outcasts by society. It is important to clarify that Jesus' physical touch was always done appropriately. He did not touch those who did not want him to touch them. He did not touch others in places or ways that are not appropriate. Physical touch is such an important way to show someone you care. This has probably been one of the hardest parts of the pandemic. As human beings, we need appropriate physical touches. Soon enough, we will be able to hug one another again in appropriate ways and physically take the hands of those who need to know they are not unclean or an outcast of society and pray with them. But until that day, I encourage you to live as Jesus lived, and love as Jesus loved. Show Jesus that you love Him through your words and deeds.

Have a blessed Lent, and may Christ's love fill you with peace, joy, and love.

~Pastor Jeff

GET YOUR ASH IN CHURCH. . .



Ash Wednesday is February 17th. If you are participating in Ash Wednesday Worship online, we are preparing a home kit that includes a charcoal stick and wipes for you to do the imposition of ashes on your own forehead (or others you are with). Please notify the office at 239-775-0696 to reserve your kit.

THRIVENT UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS . . .

DO YOU KNOW?

Saving for retirement is not easy, but using your retirement savings wisely can be just as challenging. How much of your savings can you withdraw each year? Withdraw too much and you run the risk of running out of money. Withdraw too little and you may miss out on a more comfortable retirement lifestyle.

Whether you are retired, soon will be, or are saving for retirement in the future, this is information you should know. Thrivent can help. At Thrivent we believe humanity thrives when people make the most of all God has given them. If you have questions, please reach out to David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.

Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region free online events are continuing in 2021!!

We want to offer you opportunities of inspiration to learn something new and give back. To view a full list of upcoming online events please visit <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/southeast/events/> and follow us on Facebook [@southeastmn](https://www.facebook.com/southeastmn).

COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President, Larry Buettner. The meeting of the Shepherd of the Glades Council was held via conference call because of the Corona Virus. Members in attendance: Larry Buettner, Pat Cooper, Bonny Dery, Paul Hashagen, Barb Keller, Pete Peterson, Bob Tidmore, Charlotte Wahlig, and Doug Walck. Pastor Jeff Unga was also in attendance. Devotions were given by Doug Walck.

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

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff reported that he has had "Zoom" meetings with Caloosa Conference, East Naples Ministerial group, personal spiritual direction meetings; meetings with Altar Guild members, ushers, Worship Committee, and the nominating committee. He has also had AV training for the new equipment and weekly staff meetings. Pastor has been calling, visiting, and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick or interested in joining the church. He has been doing homebound communions. Pastor is sending weekly readings in advance of the worship service, and videotaping weekly greeters for Sunday worship. He is assembling a Mutual Ministry Team which will be under the direction of the Parish Relations Council member; he will also form a Memorial Committee which will meet in December and will be under the direction of the Treasurer. A 10:30 a.m. service began on 11/8/2020 and will continue through the winter months. Weather permitting, it will be outdoors and all safety protocols will remain in place and in accordance with CDC recommendations and local Collier County policies. Christmas eve services will be held at 5 and 7 p.m. and both services will be held outdoors. Thank you to Larry Buettner, Pete Peterson and Keith Scamehorn for your service and leadership on the church council. You led the church through many challenges, including calling a new Pastor, and we remain strong because of your leadership. May you be blessed for your time and dedication to Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that the giving exceeded the budget, plus spending was less than the budgeted amount for this month. Larry Buettner complemented Bob for the great job that he has done as treasurer. Pat Cooper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Charlotte Wahlig and approved by all.

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 November 30, 2020 is \$138,500.

Pete suggested that we put the endowment fund into the BB&T account – will check with Chuck Keller.

Parish Relations – Barb Keller is now the liaison to the Mutual Ministry Team.

Property - Doug Walck had submitted a written report. The church grove has been cleared of fallen branches by the property group. Bids for the replacement of the parking lot light pole heads has been solicited. One bid has come in at \$11,000 and he is waiting for the second to come in. A bid was solicited for the replacement of the Santa Barbara sign only, not the base. This is for an 8 ft. wide metal sign. We still need to install a structural support behind it at extra cost, and bid received was \$800. Pastor Jeff purchased a

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portable sound system to use for outdoor services. Work was done on the front sign with the landscaping contractor clearing the inside bushes and roots, covering it with black cloth; mulching will begin November. This work was Council approved last month at \$300.

Stewardship – Pete is trying to recruit three people for the stewardship talks in January.

Local Missions – St. Matthews house is still not accepting volunteers in Immokalee.

However, Friendship House in Immokalee did feed 300 people at Thanksgiving.

Worship & Music – Pat reported that she is sending a “special music” video to Pastor Jeff to be used for the “musical offering” during December Sunday worship.

Old Business:

Council members need to volunteer to read devotions in the new year.

New Business:

Pete Peterson suggested that the distribution of matching funds should be as follows: 75% to St. Matthews House in Naples and 25% to St. Matthew’s “Friendship House” in Immokalee. This suggestion was seconded and approved by the Council.

Keith Scamehorn resigned the Church Council. Three new people will be on Council in January to replace those that are finishing their term. Thank you to all that have served. Your efforts were much appreciated.

Council adjourned at 6:02 p.m. with closing devotions by Pastor Jeff. Next meeting will be January 12, 2021 with devotions by Pastor Jeff.

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



A SPECIAL THANKYOU . . .

Pastor Jeff, Megan , Lynn and Linda, want to thank you for your generous Christmas Gifts. You are a great blessing and it is much appreciated!

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: One Month Ended January, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$46,019	\$38,860	\$7,159
Operating Expense	\$27,586	\$32,890	\$ 5,304
Net Income (Deficit)	\$18,433	\$5,970	\$12,463

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 Klieber
February 2	Ardelle Berthe
February 5	Gary Spragg
February 6	Jean Zirk
February 10	Yerry Madison
February 10	Kathryn Winters
February 11	Alan Rowold
February 16	Ron Limpus
February 17	Earnie Keller
February 17	Conan Hayton
February 18	Cindy Quehl
February 21	Bob Tidmore
February 21	Alandee Delp
February 26	Margarete Krehan
February 27	Carl Zirk
February 28	Jan Wolfe

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSERY TO:

February 3	Vicki & Steven Tracy
February 4	Maryann & 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	Barb & Larry Tommingo
February 18	Nola Halverson & Bob Saaranen
February 28	Marilyn & Al Lane



RECEIVED HIS VICTORY . . .

Robert Phinney received his victory in the Lord on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

“A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers.” – Ruth Bell Graham

“Nothing can bring a real sense of security into the home except true love.” – Billy Graham

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” – Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

AA GROUPS . . .

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.

Mixed AA Group

On Mondays at noon, a mixed AA group will be meeting in Hanson Hall. Also, Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday morning, at 9:00 a.m. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please contact Tom Gallagher at 239-348-2205 or Frank Zalar at 239-784-7351.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE . . .

What do you call a line of men waiting to get haircuts?
Barberqueue

What do you call a line of rabbits moving backward?
A receding hare line.

I've heard that "icy" is the easiest word to spell.
Looking at it now, I see why.

What is a geologist's favorite music?
Rock music!

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	The Herrick Family	Don Sharpe
Helene Boone	Sharon Hicks	The Karen Puerner Family
The Robert Cumor, Jr. Family	Family of Ina Loeslie	The Ted Roscoe Family
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Pat Lussy	Elaine Sima
Susan Espersen	Bill MacDonald	Micah Smith
Jack Fee	Leo Malinowski	Donald Spanitz
Carol Freitag	Lisa & Mark McGarity	The Spiegel Family
Sue Haberkorn	The Carl Morken Family	Family of Tim Stover
Paul Hashagan	The Jim O'Neal Family	Karen Tangen
The Phil Kalbaugh Family	Jim Oppermann	Family of Shirley Watson
Raymond Kern	The Robert Phinney Family	Nikki Wykstra
The Family of Jim Lee	The Ted Roscoe Family	
Anita & Nick Lehr	Charlotte Sebe	

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

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .



December 31, 2020

Dear Pastor Jeff,

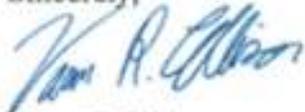
On behalf of those we serve at St. Matthew's House, thank you for your generous gifts: \$245 in cash, \$375 in gift cards, and 41 gifts for Christmas gifts for those at St. Matthew's; \$5,503.75 for the hungry and homeless at Immokalee Friendship House; and \$16,611.25 for the hungry and homeless at St. Matthew's House. I am filled with gratitude that you believe in our mission and that these gifts are provided to help us assist individuals and families in their time of greatest need. This support comes at a time in our history when our organization has been faced with the harsh reality of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The widespread closures and job losses have created an unprecedented surge in demand for our help. So many people are faced with the fears of becoming homeless, of not being able to obtain basic necessities to live, of not seeing friends and family. They are seeking a place to turn to for help and direction. Through your gifts and compassion, St. Matthew's House is able to provide this place. We can let them know that people like you care very much about them and that they are valued and loved.

Our shelters, soup kitchens, and mobile pantry will continue to work diligently to address the acute demand for immediate, emergency relief. We will continue to address the needs of everyone in our community who struggles with hunger, homelessness, and addiction as we have for the past thirty-two years.

Thank you for joining with us in making St. Matthew's House a place where people can come to receive life's necessities and words of encouragement. This gift of hope, when needed most, is the true blessing.

Sincerely,



Vann R. Ellison
President & CEO

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS . . .

If you are interested in working with the Altar Guild, we would love to have you. This would involve preparing the altar and communion distribution for Sunday Worship service, but time commitment is minimal. If interested, contact Anne Buck at (678) 428-5003 or Darlene Momberg at (239) 404-7598.

We are looking for a few people who would like to volunteer to read the Sunday lessons. If this is something you would like to do, you can contact Jan Wolfe at janwolfe@embarqmail.com or (239) 649-7437.

We are also looking for people to usher at both the 8:30 a.m. indoor service and the outdoor 10:30 a.m. service. Training will be provided. If interested, please call the office at (239) 775-0696.

YOUR 2021 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL . . .

Congratulations to your new 2021 Council! The newly elected officers and committee liaisons follow:



Bonny Dery, President and liaison with Christian Education & Youth (Term ends December, 2022)



Penny Morken, Vice President (Term ends December, 2021)



Barb Keller, Corporate Secretary and liaison with Parish Relations/ Mutual Ministry (Term ends December, 2022)



Bob Tidmore, Treasurer



Bonnie Brisky, Liaison for Evangelism/ Outreach (Term ends December, 2023)



Brenda Charleston, Liaison for Worship & Music (Term ends December, 2023)



Pat Cooper, Liaison for Worship & Music (Term ends December, 2021)



Paul Hashagen, Liaison for Social Concerns/Local Mission (Term ends December, 2021)



Charlotte Wahlig, Liaison for Bequests/ Endowment (Term ends December 2022)



Douglas Walck, Liaison for Property (Term ends December, 2021)



Phil Willman, Liaison for Property (Term ends December, 2021)

EASTER IS QUICKLY UPON US . . .

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM!



Please help us beautify our sanctuary in celebration of our Savior's resurrection this Easter!

Lilies will be placed around the altar for Easter worship services. You may take your lily home after the last service.

Please order one or more lilies by completing the form below. The cost is \$16 per Lily.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 26, 2021.

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 _____ lilies at \$16 each, dedicated as indicated below: (Please print)

Bulletin Dedication #1: _____

Bulletin Dedication #2: _____

Bulletin Dedication #3: _____

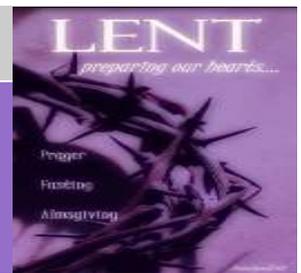
Bulletin Dedication #4: _____

My check or cash is attached for \$_____.

My name: _____

My phone: _____

My envelope Number: _____



FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew Sews	3	4	5	6 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
7 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY & STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAM- ING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE	8 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	9 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew Sews COUNCIL MTG 6:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	10	11	12	13 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
14 TRANSFIGURA- TION OF OUR LORD 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAM- ING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE	15 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	16 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew Sews AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	18	19	20 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
21 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAM- ING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE	22 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	23 8:30-11:00 a.m. Sew Sews AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	24 5:30 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	25	26	27 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
28 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAM- ING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M. OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE						

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