



# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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*Have a joyous Easter!*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! You know by now just how much I love to sing, “Alleluia to Christ our King”. It is so powerful to proclaim these wonderful and powerful words after the long season of Lent! The author of the book of Ecclesiastes says that there is a time for every matter under heaven. There is a time for us to recognize that not all of life is filled with Alleluias. There is a time for Alleluias, and a time to refrain from Alleluias. We all experience times of grief and sadness in our lives. Some might even experience the darkness of Good Friday and the pain and sting of death when someone they love has died. But thanks be to God, death and the sting of death do not have the final word. When Jesus proclaimed from the cross, “It is finished”, the battle with sin and death was won. In the resurrected Christ, there is newness of life, and in death there is the promise of eternal life.**



**It may come as a surprise to some of you that although I have served Shepherd of the Glades since August of 2019, this year was my first Easter to lead you in public worship. And what a joyous celebration to be with you on Easter after a full year of dealing with the effects of a global pandemic. It was not exactly the same as years past, but hearing the song, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!” was a reminder that the winter months are in our past. Spring has promised us new life and hope for the days ahead. The snow is melting in the colder climates, and fresh green grass and new buds on the tree are beginning to show. The balding Cyprus in my yard is now filling up with new needles. If we are paying attention, it is easy to see that we are entering a new season in life. Likewise, we are coming out of a very difficult season in our life. Our relationships with others filled with hugs and handshakes had to go dormant. It was such a difficult time for extended families who had to stay socially and physically distanced. But a new season is upon us! Relationships that were forced to be limited to computers and the internet will once again become visits with one another in person. Thanks be to God and to science. Grandparents who have been vaccinated can once again safely hug their grandchildren. Parents can once again safely hug their adult children. Eventually, we will be able to safely hug our closest friends again. Soon we will be able to hug those who have lost the most in this challenging time.**

**In Christ, we have the promise that our winter will not continue forever. When Christ died on the cross, everyone thought his life had ended and all was hopeless. But Christ died for us and for our sins, and he was raised from death to eternal life. He gave his life so that when our time on earth comes to an end and our bodies lie dormant, it will not be the end but the beginning of new and eternal life. He gave his life so that we might have life abundantly. Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

## **PASTOR'S PAGES (CONTINUED) . . .**

Alleluia! May we give thanks to God for the end of winter and the promise of a new season of hopefulness, peace, and joy that awaits us with each new day. May your Easter season be filled with new life, and may the Son of God shine on you and be gracious to you.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Jeff

P.S. To our seasonal members! We wish we had been able to formally welcome you and bid you farewell, as in years past. We look forward to being able to carry on our traditions of hospitality in the future! We bid you safe travels and a healthy summer!

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

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Bonny Dery, President.

The meeting of the Shepherd of the Glades Council was held in person and via conference call because of the Corona Virus. Members in attendance: Bonnie Brisky, Brenda Charleston, Pat Cooper, Bonny Dery, Paul Hashagen, Barb Keller, Penny Morken, Bob Tidmore, Charlotte Wahlig, Doug Walck, and Phil Willman. Pastor Ungs was also in attendance. Devotions were given by Bonny Dery.

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 meetings with Caloosa Conference, East Naples Ministerial group, Council President, personal spiritual direction meetings; meetings for annual meeting and finance preparation, Stewardship campaign planning, worship A/V team training, and videos with virtual greeters. Pastor has been visitin and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick or interested in joining the church. He has been doing homebound communions. Pastor completed his annual parochial report. There have been no memorial services since the last Council meeting. Karen Puerner's funeral arrangements are pending. Regarding Covid 19, Pastor feels very strongly that SOTG needs to form a task force to assist Council in making very important decisions on official policies relating to Covid. We need to communicate that we still need to remain diligent in maintaining our safety protocols. He would like at least one medical professional on the task force. We also need to communicate the attendance policy that we no longer have assigned seating but that even pews with social distancing is still expected during the first service, and, if indoors, second service will use the odd numbered pews. Face masks are required indoors, and until seated for the second service, and social distancing is required. This remains our official policy. For Lent individual bags

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

have been assembled with all that is needed for the Ash Wednesday service and are available in the office. Thanks to Bob Tidmore for running the A/V this past week. Others are also willing to be trained.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Tidmore reported that the "bottom line" is that offerings were greater than expenses, possibly because some give their entire offering at the beginning of the year. We did need to upgrade the sound system amplifier and repair the well pump irrigation system.

Both the Pastor's and Treasurer's reports were motioned for approval, seconded, and passed.

**Old Business:** The following volunteered to get the Covid 19 Task Force started: Doug Walck, Chair; Paul Hashagen, Barb Keller, and Charlotte Wahlig.

**New Business:** There is some confusion concerning who are members of the Endowment Committee. Chuck Keller will contact all members.

**Committee reports:**

**Endowment** - Current use of this fund includes \$5,000 to help support Alisha Ungs with seminary expenses and \$10,000 for capital improvements. The annual report is completed.

**Parish Relations** – Barb Keller reported that there was no news.

**Property** - Doug Walck had submitted a written report. The front church sign was painted; mulch is put down around sign. The old sign on Santa Barbara has been removed and a new sign mounted. Sew-Sews are now meeting in Hanson Hall. The Property Committee sets up for them. They have also cleared the grove of fallen branches. The electrical contractor has been scheduled for replacing the parking lot lights on February 19.

**Education** -No report

**Evangelism**-Penny Morken will continue with Linda Tidmore until a new person volunteers and is trained. Three people have joined by letter of transfer but have not been introduced yet.

**Local Mission**-Food has been taken to St. Matthew's. Volunteers were not able to go to the Friendship House in Immokalee.

**Worship & Music**-Pat Cooper has sent music and photos for use in worship following the sermon.

Council was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Penny Morken.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Barb Keller, Secretary**

## **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.

## **SCHEDULE UPDATE . . .**

EASTER is Sunday, April 4, 2021. Come join us for joyous Easter worship with special music at either the 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service in the Courtyard, 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, or 10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard!

We will continue to have two worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. through the month of April. On Sunday, May 2, our schedule changes to one service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## **CARING CONNECTIONS . . .**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

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

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

## A CAPITAL IDEA . . .

### 2021 Property Capital Campaign Update

The Shepherd of the Glades Church council has approved a bid from B&W Paving Contractors of Southwest Florida Inc. to pave the church parking lot. This is the final planned property improvement project of the 2021 Capital Campaign. The total for the new sign on Santa Barbara, new parking lot lights, and pavement will be \$85,000. The work on the parking lot may begin soon after Easter. To date, at the writing of this article, \$30,000 has been pledged towards this large capital improvement project. \$10,000 from memorial funds, \$10,000 from the endowment funds, and \$10,000 from individuals. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help keep the church property safe and beautiful. Remember that the capital campaign is separate from your regular giving, and your offerings are used to support the day to day budgetary expenses. We will post a "thermometer" in the Narthex and keep you updated on progress, but we are very excited to see the improvements and it is our hope this project will be paid for by the 4th of July. That way we can celebrate "independence" of debt incurred for this project.

Don Bassett, Chair

## GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .

The following note was recently received from one of the A.A. groups meeting in Hanson Hall.

Thank you . . . For your wonderful hospitality, letting us have our Saturday 9:00 a.m. morning meeting that is making many lives comfortable . . . Comfortable to have a place to meet and gather with friends . . . Friends that we would not have ever met if we were not chosen by God to come together , , , Together we gather on the sacred grounds of Shepherd of the Glades Church . . . These Church grounds are offering a safe place to gather and share our experience, strength, and hope with each other . . . Every one of us offers you and your Council a "thank you" for your kindness and generosity . . . Your generosity has given us a safe place to share and to keep our Mind, Body, and Spirit in line with sobriety.

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

PERIOD: Three Months Ended March, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$96,355	\$111,020	(\$14,665)
Operating Expense	\$87,859	\$92,460	\$4,601
Net Income (Deficit)	\$8,496	\$18,560	(\$10,064)



# 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 APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

April 1 Vicki Dunlop  
April 2 La Morris Cook  
April 5 Merlyn Bowers  
April 5 Elizabeth Cianflone  
April 6 Andrea Moran  
April 7 Joanne Bartsh  
April 11 Matthew McWaters  
April 12 Gerald LaStella  
April 12 Marilyn Barikmo  
April 13 Kenneth Sebe  
April 13 Wilbur Johnson  
April 14 Leila Sellman  
April 14 Beverly Smith  
April 14 Lester Larrabee  
April 15 Gary Dieterichs  
April 16 Vern Rasmussen  
April 16 Linda Salisbury  
April 17 Be Oppermann  
April 21 Don Bassett  
April 21 Bobby Hicks  
April 22 Gerald Campbell  
April 23 Leslie Ann Beers

April 29 Mary Jingling  
April 30 Lawrence Buettner  
April 30 Jeffrey Seminario



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSERY TO:

April 10 Howie & Jennifer Wiesener  
April 17 Linda & Bob Tidmore  
April 20 Daniel & Stephanie Bernabei  
April 27 Donald & Barbara Glaser  
April 28 Alan & Susan Espersen  
April 29 Harlo "Pete" & Karen Peterson  
April 30 Steve & Diana Snover

## "STRAWBERRY SUNDAE SUNDAY"

Thankyou to the Fellowship Committee for hosting the annual " Strawberry Sundae Sunday". It was nice to enjoy some sociability again!



## **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



## **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](mailto: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.

## **EASTER HUMOR . . .**

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful Bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong. "I feel terrible," he explained, "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. What should I do?" The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came to back life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!!!!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."





### ***Five reasons to buy life insurance***

*To provide continuing income for your family members*

*To pay off debts you leave behind*

*To pay final expenses and taxes*

*To provide an estate for your loved ones*

*To leave money to charity*

You'll get around to buying life insurance, but not today. With all the things you've got to do, buying life insurance can come off as a low priority--just one more thing you ought to do. Plus, the whole idea of discussing life insurance isn't a whole lot of fun. Who wouldn't rather take the dogs for a walk on the beach, attend a child's softball game, or spend those precious few hours of free time in the evening visiting with friends?

Nonetheless, buying life insurance is really an important task that should be addressed

If you don't have a clue about which type of policy is right for you, or how much life insurance you need, join the club. Few of us truly understand life insurance: why we need it, what type of policy is best, how much we need, when and how benefits are paid, how benefits may be taxed, and more. That's okay. It's not your job to know everything about life insurance. That's the job of an insurance professional. At Thrivent, we can help you answer these questions.

**Don't forget the Thrivent Member Network free online events are still going on!**

We continue 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 [@southeasttmn](#). If you have questions about Thrivent, or need help registering for these events, please reach out to David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.

# **FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .**

## **“Just for One Day”**

Here are ten resolutions to make when you awake in the morning. They are “Just for One Day”. Think of them not as a life task but as a day’s work. These things will give you pleasure. Yet they require will power. You don’t need resolutions to do what is easy.

1. Just for Today, I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do some things for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep them up for a lifetime.
2. Just for Today, I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that “most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” Happiness is from within; it is not a matter of externals.
3. Just for Today, I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come, and fit myself to them.
4. Just for Today, I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, and nourish it, and not abuse it nor neglect it; so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.
5. Just for Today, I will try to strengthen my mind, I will study. I will learn something useful, I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.
6. Just for Today, I will exercise my soul. In three ways, to wit:
  - (a) I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anybody knows of it, it will not count.
  - (b) I will do at least two things I don’t want to do, as William James suggests just for exercise.
  - (c) I will not show any one that my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but today I will not show it.
7. Just for Today, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with flattery, criticize not one bit nor find fault with anything, and not try to regulate nor improve anybody.
8. Just for Today, I will have a program. I will write down just what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I’ll have it. It will save me from the two pests Hurry and Indecision.
9. Just for Today, I will have a quiet half hour, all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, some time, I will think of God, so as to get a little more perspective to my life.
10. Just for Today, I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

(“The Boston Globe, 1921 by Frank Crane)



# APRIL, 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 5:30 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	<b>2</b> 7:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE	<b>3</b> AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
<b>4</b> EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 A.M. OUT- DOOR SUNRISE WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT- DOOR WORSHIP	<b>5</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>6</b> 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW SEWS AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
<b>11</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT- DOOR WORSHIP	<b>12</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>13</b> 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW SEWS COUNCIL MTG 6:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
<b>18</b> THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT- DOOR WORSHIP	<b>19</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>20</b> 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW SEWS AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M.
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