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SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. These 40 days of Lent are a time for us to remember our fragile humanity. We will quickly journey through this season of Lent to the Great 3 days of Jesus' death and resurrection. While on our journey, I recommend finding a daily faith discipline that will help you turn to the LORD. We have included links to a few free online devotionals in this newsletter that have helped some members really grow in their faith (page 8). We also have free printed daily devotionals available at the church. I recommend taking the time to read a devotion and pray each day. Spend some quality time with God. If you want to listen to the bible daily with a commentary and prayer, I recommend the website www.dabplayer.com. You can listen to the bible



chronologically or listen to readings from both the Old and New Testament every day. Either way, you will hear the bible in one year. If you find it hard to make a time commitment each day to listen for about 25 minutes, you can listen to a Proverb or a Psalm each day on the same website. There are many options for listening, including one for children. Daily Audio Bible also has a prayer wall for people to call in with their prayer concerns. It is very moving to listen to and reminds us of our human frailty and need for God and for community. Martin Luther is known for saying, "I am so busy now that if I did not spend three hours each day in prayer, I could not get through the day."

Our Lenten midweek services are at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and we will be working our way through Luther's Small Catechism. If you did not grow up in the Lutheran Church, you may learn a lot from this series. I am sad that we will not have the traditional Lenten soup suppers and fellowship following our service. I am very hopeful that this tradition will return next year, but in order to remain safe, we will not be serving food or joining in any fellowship events until it is safe again. Please do not use that as an excuse to skip out on these wonderful worship services. Here are some things you might learn when you attend. What are the 10 Commandments and why do they matter? Why do we confess the Apostles or Nicene Creed each Sunday? When we pray the Lord's prayer, are we really only forgiven as we forgive others? Do you understand why Lutherans baptize infants and what we believe about baptism? How often should we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and what difference does it make? Please make an effort to attend in person or online. We will continue to broadcast each midweek service online just like our Sunday Worship.

Because I know that our April newsletter will not come to your homes before Easter, I also want to let you know that this year, we will have 3 opportunities for in person worship on Easter. We will have a 7 a.m. sunrise service outdoors (weather permitting). We will have public worship indoors at 8:30 a.m. (Facemasks will be required. Physical distancing will also be required.) We will also broadcast our 8:30

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a.m. service online and have it available on the internet after worship is completed. We will have a second outdoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting). We will have folding chairs, but please feel free to bring your own comfortable lawn chairs for the outdoor services.

This Lenten journey will go quickly! Think about the many ways you can, “return to the Lord your God.” this Lenten season. Easter is just a short time away. Resurrection Sunday will be even more meaningful if you have spiritually disciplined yourself in some way. Devote more time to God. Our time on earth is limited. Make the most out of it. Pray, listen, and pay attention to God’s plan for your life.

Have a blessed Lenten spiritual journey.

Pastor Jeff

2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE. . .



In Lent, 2021, the central theme of Lenten Wednesdays will be based on the small catechism. Wednesday evening prayer and reflection is rooted in the order for Evening Prayer. Each week provides readings from sacred Scripture as the center point for reflection. These readings explore different dimensions of God’s love for us and the love of Christ we share. The schedule is as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 17 - Worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

First Week of Lent, February 24 - “The Ten Commandments” (Exodus 34: 1-9, 27-28)

In Exodus God gives Moses the Law so that the people of Israel would know how to fulfill their part of God’s covenant as God’s people.

Second Week of Lent, March 3 - “The Apostles’ Creed” (Ezekiel 36:22-32) How do we express belief? How do we share our faith? The Creed, crafted in the early days of the church, gives us a simple but firm foundation for sharing and professing.

Third Week of Lent, March 10 - “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6: 9-15) Lent and Lenten worship call us to repent, to make a new beginning. One of the best ways to begin again with God is through conversation, also known as prayer. And what better prayer than the one that Jesus taught us?

Fourth Week of Lent, March 17 - “Baptism” (Romans 6: 1-14) Dying to our old, sinful self in baptism, we rise from the waters as beloved children of God. We are walking wet throughout the forty days of Lent, reminded daily that we are dead to sin.

Fifth Week of Lent, March 24 - “Communion” (Matthew 26: 26-29) As we approach Holy Week, we remember Jesus’ sacrifice for us. We gather around the table to remind ourselves and one another of that sacrifice and how it shapes our lives.

Holy Week, Evening celebration of Maundy Thursday, April 1 and Good Friday, April 2.

Easter, April 4 - Festive Easter services will be at 7:00 a.m. outside in the courtyard (weather permitting), 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and 10:30 a.m. outside in the courtyard (weather permitting).

COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

January 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Pastor Jeff Ungs.

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

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 had two funerals this month. He has been doing homebound communions. Pastor is sending weekly readings in advance of the Worship service, and videotaping weekly greeters for Sunday worship. Due to weather conditions, both Worship services on Christmas Eve were held indoors. In-person attendance was sparse but online views more than made up for the decrease in personal attendance. He is having discussions with the Worship committee regarding Ash Wednesday and mid-week services during Lent. Due to the Coronavirus, there is no way to safely distribute ashes and it is likely the service will be different this year.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that the giving exceeded the expenses, He also updated Council on account balances and the PPP loan. Doug Walck made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded Phil Willman and approved by all.

Committee reports:

Endowment – Bob Tidmore reported that the balance in the Endowment account is \$140,987 as of December 31, 2020. The Council made a motion and approved the distribution of \$15,000 from the Endowment Fund and \$10,000 from the Memorial Fund per the recommendation of the Endowment committee. This will be for \$5,000 for higher education seminary student grant, \$10,000 matching funds to capital improvements, and \$10,000 from Memorial Fund to be used for matching funds for capital improvements in 2021.

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

Property - Doug Walck had submitted a written report. He contacted electrical contractor about status of the parking lot lights. Lights should be in next week. The well has been repaired for the cost of \$3,000. A new sound amplifier has been ordered for \$1,000. Santa Barbara sign will be ready this week. Will paint the front sign in the near future.

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

This Council meeting was led by Pastor Ungs and the purpose of the meeting was for Council to get better acquainted. Council members participated in the exercises, and everyone got to know each other better. Council members elected the 2021 Executive Officers and they are as follows:

Bonny Dery – Council President

Penny Morken – Council Vice President

Treasurer – Treasurer

Barbara Keller – Secretary

2021 Committee Liaisons:

Parish Relationship/Mutual Ministry – Barbara Keller

Endowment – Charlotte Wahlig

Education – Bonny Dery

Evangelism – Bonnie Brisky

COUNCIL'S CORNER . . .

Property - Doug Walck & Phil Willman
Local Mission – Paul Hashagan
Worship & Music – Pat Cooper & Brenda Charleston

Old Business:

Pastor Jeff would like a Covid committee to be formed to decide when it would be necessary to close the church for public worship in case the Corona Virus numbers increase.

New Business:

New policy was adapted for the second service. If the temperature is below 50 degrees or we have inclement weather, the worship service will be held inside the church and masks will be required. Council voted to give \$70 to Iringa Hope for their mission.

Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m. with closing devotions by Pastor Jeff. Next meeting will be February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Bonny Dery.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cooper, 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.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lynn Arbeiter & Family | The Herrick Family | Don & Marge 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 Lussky | 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 | Daniel Swain |
| The Phil Kalbaugh Family | Jim Oppermann | Karen Tangen |
| The Family of Jim Lee | The Robert Phinney Family | Family of Shirley Watson |
| Anita & Nick Lehr | The Ted Roscoe Family | Nikki Wykstra |
| | Charlotte Sebe | |

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

A CAPITAL IDEA . . .

Property Capital Campaign Update

In February, Doug Walck gave a temple talk on stewarding our property. He shared that we would be doing a capital campaign in 2021 to make much needed improvements to the property. The new sign on Santa Barbara is completed, and the new lights for the parking lot are currently being replaced. The largest item in need of improvements is the parking lot. The overall financial capital needed to complete all of these projects in 2021 will be somewhere between \$60,000 to \$100,000, depending on how the parking lot improvement is done. We are still receiving bids for this project but would like to see it completed in the late Summer of 2021. The Council has approved and currently has matching funds of \$25,000 pledged to this designated fund and the goal is to have half of the money needed to complete the work pledged as matching funds before the parking lot work begins. All funds you designate to the capital campaign fund will be matched. Please note that regular giving and what you have pledged to the general offering is not included in this campaign. Regular offerings are needed to maintain the day to day ministry expenses we share. More information will be coming during announcements and as final bids are received for the parking lot. The property committee has asked, and Don Bassett has agreed to assist with the fundraising element of this project. Thank you Don!

LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE . . .

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace." The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Two Months Ended February, 2021

| | Actual | Budget | Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|----------------------|----------|----------|---|
| Operating Income | \$69,105 | \$69,520 | (\$415) |
| Operating Expense | \$53,707 | \$62,010 | \$ 8,303 |
| Net Income (Deficit) | \$15,398 | \$7,510 | \$7,888 |

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 MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

| | |
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| March 1 | Lowell Momberg |
| March 2 | Lillian Hydes |
| March 2 | Margie Carr |
| March 2 | David Delp |
| March 2 | Scott Krenz |
| March 3 | Marilyn Lane |
| March 3 | Cecilia Knasel-Castillo |
| March 6 | Bill Marderness |
| March 9 | Ginny McDonald |
| March 10 | Ken Drum |
| March 11 | Derek Moran |
| March 16 | Lisa Willman |
| March 16 | Susan Evans |
| March 18 | Bonny Dery |
| March 18 | Donald McWaters |
| March 19 | Connee Zeman |
| March 19 | Bob Hoffman |
| March 19 | Jeff Ungs |
| March 20 | Isabel Jensen |
| March 20 | Kenneth Jordan |
| March 20 | John Farnsworth |
| March 22 | Beverly Adams |

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| March 22 | Brad Puerner |
| March 23 | Cecilia Almeida |
| March 23 | Nancy Stiener |
| March 24 | Colleen Hoffman |
| March 24 | Doug McIlwain |
| March 25 | Nan Brooks |
| March 25 | Karen Johnson |
| March 26 | Jack Fee |
| March 26 | Nicholas Lehr |
| March 27 | Megan Cianflone |
| March 28 | Mike Dean |
| March 30 | Paul Keller |
| March 31 | Rod Barikmo |
| March 31 | Richard Bartsh |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSERY TO:

| | |
|----------|--------------------------|
| March 1 | Ann & Paul Hashagan |
| March 3 | Linda & Mike Dean |
| March 14 | Marlous & Arvid Prickitt |
| March 14 | Sharon & Bobby Hicks |

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



FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

John 3:14–21 “¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Many of us have had painful experiences of what we thought was “love” in various types of relationships. Superficial affection, self-interest, and even abuse can masquerade as love and make us doubt if such a thing even exists.

This familiar gospel reading shows that real love is God’s love, defined as a gift (see verse 16). Not just any gift, but the gift of God’s only Son, Jesus, who willingly died humanity’s death so that all can live an abundant life both now and forever. Love is manifest not only in the gift itself, but also in God’s act of giving sacrificially for the benefit of others. Divine love calls and capacitates people to give of themselves to God and others for the sake of true relationships that build up, not destroy. As we journey toward the cross, we are called to surrender false notions of love and our very selves to the One who is true love.

Loving God, forgive us for the ways we have hurt or failed to love others. Pour your love into our lives to heal our wounds and free us to truly love you, ourselves, and the world for which you died. Amen. From 2021 Lenten Devotional from Luther Seminary, “Awesome Mystery”; <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

Other daily internet devotionals you may reference:

“Lutheran Hour Ministries”; <https://www.lhm.org>

“Daily Grace”; <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

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.

THRIVENT UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS . . .



The Thrivent Member Network is still going strong with free online events for you this year!! Here's some of what we have in store for March 2021!

Career Crunch: How to find work-life balance in the middle of the storm

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 11 a.m. | Online Webinar

Are you a working woman who feels like you're holding it all together with a paper clip? Do you feel like work-life balance is a pipe dream? You are not alone! But there IS help. One of the leading voices on women and work, Cat Breet, will help you find a little more balance between your dreams and your reality.

Feel free to bring some friends for the grace, support and laughter you so badly need right now.

Casting Crowns Virtual Concert

March 19 -21, 2021 | 3 Days | On Demand Event

Join us for an uplifting virtual concert with the award-winning Christian band, Casting Crowns. Sing along with their greatest hits and let your heart go on a journey of faith. Enjoy an exclusive interview with lead singer, Mark Hall, as he shares what's new in his life and the importance of having a godly financial plan. Don't miss this virtual music concert and interview full of encouragement and hope! View this online event on your own schedule for three days only.

Retirement And Taxes with IRA Expert, Ed Slott

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 1 p.m. | Online Webinar

This totally unique, entertaining and educational online webinar is for members, like you, who have spent a lifetime saving for retirement and now want to know how taxes will impact those savings... and what you can do about it.

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](https://www.facebook.com/southeasttmn). If you have questions about Thrivent, or need help registering for these events, please reach out to David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.

*No products will be sold at any of these events. For more information visit [Thrivent.com/social](https://www.thrivent.com/social)

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: _____

MARCH 2021



| Sunday | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs. | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW SEWS AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M. | 3 5:30 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE | 4 | 5 | 6 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M. |
| 7 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT-DOOR WORSHIP | 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 5:30 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE | 11 | 12 | 13 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M. |
| 14 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT-DOOR WORSHIP | 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 5:30 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE | 18 | 19 | 20 AA MIXED GROUP 9:00 A.M. |
| 21 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT-DOOR WORSHIP | 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 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. OUT-DOOR WORSHIP | 29 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M. | 30 8:30-11:00 A.M. SEW SEWS AA MIXED GROUP 5:30 P.M. | 31 | | | |
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