

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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New Life In Christ!

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Mt. 7:7-8) What do you ask God for in prayer? What do you seek that you wish to find? Has God

opened the door to what you asked? I have always trusted that when we pray and ask for something that God hears and answers our prayers. It may not always be the answer we are looking for, but God answers when we ask in prayer. When Covid closed down public gatherings and many things we enjoy doing in life, I prayed that as a congregation, we could remain connected and continue caring about and for one another. I prayed that a vaccine would be developed that would allow us to once again safely come together to worship. God answered those prayers, and now that we are able to worship together



again in public, I give God thanks. I also prayed that when it is safe for us to convene with public worship, that God would bring us growth, new life, and new hope. Once again, God has answered prayer. We are seeing new people visiting the church who were invited by members, visitors who found us on the internet livestream, and other new visitors who simply asked neighbors about a congregation that cares about people and were directed to Shepherd of the Glades. Because of your invitations, and as an answer to prayer for growth and new life, we will be celebrating a new member Sunday in August. We will welcome those who wish to become members to join with us in the ministry we share. Praise God for an answer to prayer.

The newly formed Mutual Ministry Team is ready to hear your praises about what is going well at Shepherd of the Glades, and your pinches of what you hope we can do better in the future. The mutual ministry team will give updates in the newsletter and share your praises and pinches, so be sure to contact a member of this new ministry team. They were pictured and highlighted in last month's newsletter. Please call the office if you need more information regarding this new ministry.

We have been blessed with many signs of new life and hope. The butterfly garden that Abraham Ungs created for his Eagle project is a wonderful reminder of Christ's transforming power. A caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly and is free to fly about. Christ transforms our lives while we are living here on earth and reminds us that death is not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful new life where we are set free from pain, suffering, and mourning. Thanks be to God, our separation from those we love is only temporary. Thank you to Abraham and BSA Troop 243 for blessing us with this beautiful butterfly garden. You can see some pictures of this new improvement to the property on page 3 of this newsletter.

So what do you ask for in prayer? Do you give God thanks when your prayers are answered and the door is opened to your prayer request AND when the answer is no or not now? Remember that God loves you and wants what is best for you and for others. What is it that you seek in life? Is it to God's glory or are you seeking things that are not life giving? If you are seeking new life in Christ, you will find it and your life will be transformed through faith in Christ. And when the time comes for you to knock on

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heaven's door, Jesus will be there to welcome you home and open the door to eternal life. Jesus gave his life for you, and he loves you. He desires that we have a life filled with abundant joy and loving relationships. And when our time on earth is done, he welcomes us home to new and eternal life. So ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Have a blessed August.

Pastor Jeff

THE NEW BUTTERFLY GARDEN . . .

Following are some photos of the new Butterfly Garden.



OPPORTUNITY WITH WOMEN OF THE ELCA . .



You are invited to

FL-BAHAMAS SWO Fall Gathering
November 12, 13, & 14, 2021
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
Leesburg, Florida

Faith
can move mountains

*I may have all the faith needed to move mountains but if I have no love,
I am nothing. Corinthians 13:2b Good News Translation*

A packet of registration materials is included in this invitation to join your sisters in Christ at this year's Fall Gathering. All of these materials are also available for download on our website www.flwelca.com. Please make copies for any woman who is interested in attending and does not have Internet access. **The deadline for registration is August 31, 2021.** Registration forms, scholarship and grant forms should be sent to the Registrar whose name (Diane Cummings) and address are listed on the forms.

Online registration is again available on our website. Just visit the website and follow the directions for registration and workshop signup. We encourage you to use this option to quickly complete your registration forms and sign up for workshops.

A list of available workshops is also included in this packet. Please select up to six (6) workshops in order of preference and return your request form with your registration. There will be three workshop sessions. Please note that some of the workshops have a materials fee.

See you in November!
Blessings,

Ann English and Loraine Van Haecke, 2021 Gathering Co-chairs

Note: Applications can be obtained either on line at www.flwelca.com or may be picked up at the church office.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR . . .

The 2021 UNDY SUNDAY Campaign is approaching. Undy Sunday provides an ample supply of underwear and socks for the thousands of needy elementary school students within Collier County. Last year with Covid-19, their campaign was virtual, but this year they are returning to “normal”. This year there are three ways to support the children of Collier County:

- There will be collection containers marked “Undy Sunday” at the church for two collection weekends, October 24th and 31st. Please bring new and unused underwear and socks in sizes small, medium, and large for children ages 5 - 14.
- The Undy Sunday team has a Charity Wish List where you can find their current socks and undies needs: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/R7GC9KYLQEIF/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl
- You may make a monetary donation using their secure online donor portal which opens August 1st. All monetary donations will be used to purchase underwear and socks for the needy Collier County children.

Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mike Egan at 239-333-9933, Tim Corcoran at 781-799-5486, or Paola Pinillos at 239-455-2655 or paola.pinillos@catholicchritiesdov.org.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS . . .



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 meets in Hanson Hall. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please contact Tom Gallagher at 239-348-2205.

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL . . .

"For teachers the month of August is one long Sunday night."

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."

"Atheism is a non-prophet organization."

"Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic."

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case."

"Be ye fishers of men. You catch them. He'll clean them."

"God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'"

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	The Phil Kalbaugh Family	Catherine Victoria Parker
Maryann Buettner & Family	Anita & Nick Lehr	Family of Eleanor Pitzer
Liza & Bruce Corson	Doc Lofthouse	The Karen Puerner Family
The Robert Cumor, Jr. Family	Carol Lyberg	Charlotte Sebe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Lisa McGarity & Family	Nina Smarjesse
Miami families in bldg collapse	The Carl Morken Family	Micah Smith
Carol Freitag	Margie O'Connell	Terry Vallon
Sue Haberkorn	Jim Oppermann	
Family of Sharon Hicks		

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

BACK TO SCHOOL THOUGHTS . . .

“The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.” — *Brian Herbert*

“If you think your teachers are tough, wait ‘til you get a boss.” — *Bill Gates*

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” — *Dr. Seuss*

“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.” — *Clay P. Bedford*

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” — *G.K. Chesterton*

“Intelligence plus character—that is the true goal of education.” — *Martin Luther King*

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” — *Henry B. Adams*

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown

Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth

Airman Corey Malinowski

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



FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Seven Months Ended July, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$176,153	\$210,300	(\$34,147)
Operating Expense	\$201,517	\$205,154	\$3,637
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$25,364)	\$5,146	(\$30,510)

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 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

August 1 Beverly Bartczak
August 2 Renna Knotek
August 2 Damon Delp
August 4 Carol Christian
August 6 Jay Berthe
August 6 Joan Maywood
August 6 Tom Moore
August 6 Michael Patten
August 8 Polly Orner
August 8 Ron Modjeska
August 8 David Willits
August 8 Deborah Moeser
August 9 Marilyn Stadler
August 10 Ginny Trendel
August 10 Phil Willman
August 10 Steve Snover
August 13 Robert Dyer
August 15 Dorothy Julien
August 17 Elouise Larson
August 18 Anne Buck
August 18 Annette Larson
August 19 Lynn Dickerman

August 21 Howard Wiesener
August 21 Scott Kischer
August 22 Betty Sauer
August 23 Barbara Cholewa
August 23 Bob Saaranen
August 23 Lori Bernabei
August 26 Carole Michel
August 27 Ron Dahl
August 29 Nancy Bullock
August 29 Jenna Snover
August 20 Christine Willits
August 31 Charlotte Wahlig
August 31 Luana LaStella

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES . . .



Donald Hertzner received his victory in the Lord on April 6, 2021 in Rocky River, OH. He had been an associate member here since 2010.

Sharon Hicks received her victory in the Lord on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Arrangements for her celebration of life are pending.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES . . .
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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| August 2 | Heidi & Mike Dziubla |
| August 4 | Virginia & Yerry Madison |
| August 4 | Leslie & Hank Beers |
| August 5 | Darlene & Lowell Momberg |
| August 7 | Debbie & Donald McWaters |
| August 8 | Carolyn & Jack Fee |
| August 11 | Sandy & Doc Lofthouse |
| August 12 | Bee & Jim Oppermann |
| August 12 | Margie & John Carr |
| August 14 | Colleen & Bob Hoffman |
| August 14 | Jane & Ron Limpus |
| August 17 | Maureen & Ken Drum |
| August 18 | Barb & Chuck Keller |
| August 20 | Vicki & Tom Dunlop |
| August 20 | Elaine & Jim Sima |
| August 24 | Karen & Don Johnson |
| August 25 | Mary Lee & Kenneth Jordan |
| August 25 | Sherry & Ed Larson |
| August 26 | Bonnie & Ron Dahl |
| August 29 | Brenda & William Charleston |
| August 30 | Doris & Bill Marderness |





You're Invited: August Events

Please join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region this month at our upcoming events. We help Christians find financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. All are welcome to attend our free virtual events.

Living in Financial Victory with Tony Evans- Wednesday, August 11th | On Demand Event 1 day only

Are you interested in living a life of financial victory? If so, you won't want to miss this message of encouragement from pastor, leader and best-selling author, Dr. Tony Evans. You'll discover the biblical principles of stewardship. Get your virtual ticket at <https://bit.ly/Tonyflyer>

Paychecks & Playchecks with Tom Hegna - Thursday, August 12th | Live at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 17th | Live at 12:30 p.m.

Want a retirement strategy that reflects your unique goals and priorities? Join us for this special event with national financial expert Tom Hegna, author of Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life. You'll learn a proven approach to creating a secure retirement strategy, even in these uncertain times. Register at <https://bit.ly/Playchecks>

Create Money Habits that Stick - Saturday, August 14th | Live at 11:00 a.m.

Learn about Money Canvas, visual learning tools to help you build savings habits and set achievable goals. Register at <https://bit.ly/Moneycanvas>

Faith & Finances with Ron Blue - Wednesday, August 18th | Live at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Most people want the answer to the question, "How am I doing?", when it comes to their finances. Join us with Ron Blue as he shares the biblical principles of finance, how to simplify money management, and takes the fear and confusion out of managing your money. Ron will present a framework for helping you to answer the questions for your unique situation. Register at <https://bit.ly/RonBlueLink>

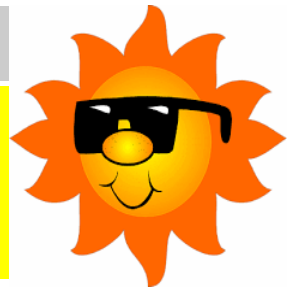
BINGO: A Celebration of Membership - Wednesday, August 25th | Live at 6:00 p.m.

Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region for the Celebration of Membership BINGO game! Hear updates from the Thrivent Member Network and join other Thrivent clients and guests in a friendly virtual BINGO game challenge. The first 100 households with Thrivent membership who register on or before by midnight on Sunday, August 8th will receive a Game Night Snack Pack including popcorn, candies and concessions to enjoy during the event. Only 1 snack pack per household. Register at <https://bit.ly/thriventbingo>

Feel free to share the events with your friends and family. Contact us at SoutheastTMN@thrivent.com or see what's happening at thrivent.com/southeast or at [Facebook.com/SoutheastTMN](https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastTMN).

Questions about Thrivent?

Call Thrivent Financial Associate David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
1 TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	2 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	3	4 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	5	6 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	7
8 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	9 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	10	11 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	12 5:30 P.M. NEW MEMBER PIZZA PARTY	13 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	14
15 TWELVTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST & NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	16 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	17	18 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	19 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	20 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	21
22 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	23 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	24	25 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	26	27 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	28
29 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	30 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	31				

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