



# **THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF**

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# **SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**



## PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

***“May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.” (Psalm 20:4)***

Maybe you have heard it said that if you aim at nothing, you are certain to hit your mark. When life is good and everything is going well, we often skip the process of creating a plan and setting goals. As we get older and begin thinking about retirement, we recognize that we need a financial plan to help us accomplish our goals at retirement. Or when we visit the doctor and they tell us we need to watch our blood sugar, blood pressure, or weight, we suddenly decide we need a plan to help us get healthier. Imagine how much better it would be if we began planning for retirement as soon as we became an adult. And what if we took the time to daily set goals for good health that would prevent future challenges with our health by eating right and exercising daily. When we do not take the time to plan and set goals for our financial well being, it becomes much harder to grow our financial portfolio later in our life. And when we do not take the time to plan and set goals for healthy living, it becomes much harder for us to remain strong and healthy as we age.



Within the church, we often function on auto pilot. With the exception of the annual meeting and the budget, we seldom think about or make plans for the long term future of the church. What will Shepherd of the Glades Church look like 5 years from now? 10 years from now? 25 years from now? What goals do we have for the church of the future? How do we accomplish them? And the most important question is what ministries and outreach is God calling Shepherd of the Glades to accomplish in the future? One way to accomplish goals for both our personal lives and the life of the church is to use SMART goals. SMART is a mnemonic acronym that will help individuals and the church reach their goals. S=specific; M=measurable; A=achievable (or attainable); R=relevant; and T=time bound. Using this acronym, a smart goal in our personal life would not be, “I want to lose weight.” A smart goal would be, “I want to lose 5 pounds per month in the next 12 months by exercising 6 days per week and following (xyz) diet plan.” You can see how using SMART goals help you achieve the plans you hope to accomplish. Using the acronym, a smart goal for the church would not be, “I believe the church can and will be filled with people again once this pandemic passes.” A smart goal would be, “Church members will all invite someone new or a member who hasn’t attended church in a long time to join us in person or online on the first Sunday of each month, and they will be invited to join the church in the ministry we share. Each quarter, the Evangelism Committee will host a New Member Sunday, and by the end of 2021, we will see an increase of 10% in average worship attendance for the year.”

The truth is, we do not know when the Covid virus will end, but we do know that we

## **PASTOR'S PAGES . . .**

have a faithful God who has made certain that God's Word of hope continues even in a global pandemic, and that growth is possible. This goal is **Specific** because it gives details of how the goal will be achieved - members inviting others. This goal is **Measurable** by the percentage of increase in worship attendance in person and online. It is **Achievable** based on the number of invitations and timeline given and the reality that Naples population is growing. It is **Relevant** because it includes both in person and online attendance. And it is **Time bound** by saying we will achieve these goals by the end of 2021. This is just one example of how setting SMART goals can help the church do long term planning.

Remember, if we do not aim at anything, we are sure to hit our mark! If we have no plans and goals for the future of Shepherd of the Glades, we are sure to hit the mark. But God invites us to create a plan that glorifies God so that God will give us the desires of our heart and make all our plans succeed. (Psalm 20:4) We at Shepherd of the Glades are called to Christ's mission to go out to the world, making disciples of all people and nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although our average worship attendance this summer is increasing and our online visibility has grown tremendously, we have not celebrated a baptism at Shepherd of the Glades in over two years. We have no ministries or Bible studies for youth and families. What plans shall we create to make disciples of all nations and peoples? What is God calling you to do to help us achieve those plans? Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." We know God's plan. What is our plan, dear church, for Shepherd of the Glades? The world needs to know that God gives us a future with hope.

Pastor Jeff

## **FROM YOUR MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM . . .**

The mutual ministry team (Pam Bhathena, Bob Hicks, Nadine Kelly, and Ron Modjeska) met on August 8th to discuss any praises and pinches the congregations shared with them. They will meet monthly on the second Sunday after worship, so please be sure to share any congregation joys or challenges you may have. They will share their August meeting report with the Council, and their report and recommendations will be shared in the October newsletter. The reason for the delayed report this time is that the council did not meet in August.

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

"Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer." - Elisabeth Elliott

"God is a God of systems and predictability and order, and God honors planning."  
- Andy Stanley

"Vision is the ability to see God's presence, to perceive God's power, to focus on God's plan in spite of the obstacles." - Chuck Swindoll

## AROUND THE WORLD . . .

### An Update on the Current Plight of Haiti

Pastor Livenson of the Elgise Luthérienne d-Haiti (ELH) has spent the past week in the south part of Haiti, the area of impact of the August 14th 7.2 earthquake. He reports that current statistics reveal 2,200 people have died, 12,268 have been injured and some 53,000 houses have been destroyed. Many people are still missing. The ELH has congregations in various communities where the earthquake occurred. Congregations and individuals alike in the Florida-Bahamas Synod have come forward with emergency relief gifts. Thank you, thank you for walking with our companion in this time of tragedy and profound need. You are the face of Christ to countless families, and your gifts are truly saving lives. It is important to note that 100% of donations made to Florida-Bahamas Earthquake Relief Fund are sent to the Lutheran Church in Haiti, or ELH. 100% of funds given to Haiti through the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response also are sent to communities in need. Alongside standing with the ELH, the ELCA distributes these donations through other organizations--the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), the ACT Forum (an ecumenical relief organization) and Church World Service (CWS).

## DISASTER RELIEF . . .

*"Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress" (Psalm 71:3).*

Dear friends,

The headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 30 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi. Homes are flooded and residents are awaiting rescue, which is hampered by the high waters and debris-clogged roads. Strong winds knocked out power lines and electrical substations, leaving more than 1 million people without power, including the entirety of New Orleans. In some areas, electricity is not expected to be restored for weeks. Ida weakened into a tropical storm as it moved inland and will likely cause heavy flooding in Mississippi, Alabama, and the Tennessee and Upper Ohio valleys. The impact of Ida is yet to be fully assessed, but with a hurricane of this scale, rebuilding will be costly and take years. With extensive experience in accompanying communities throughout the relief and long-term recovery phases, Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social service organizations to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ida. Immediate needs will include food, basic necessities and temporary housing. Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives. We pray that God's presence will be felt in the midst of suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors that they are not alone. [Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Ida. Gifts to "U.S. Hurricanes" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete.](#)

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS . . .

On Sunday, August 15 2021, we celebrated “New Member Sunday” with the reception of four new members. Please welcome our newest members:



Dorothy Hintzman joined by letter of transfer from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hartford, MI,

Dorothy is a widow and is from the Michigan area. She moved to this area to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren.



Renna Knotek joined by letter of transfer from St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Stow, OH.

Renna is married to Thomas Knotek and has been attending here since 2011. She keeps active with her grandchildren, golf, sewing and crafts.



Carole Martin joined by letter of transfer from St. James Church, Columbus, OH.

Carole is a widow and retired as an AP Supervisor, with Red Roof Inn. She enjoys knitting, reading and dancing.



Mary Nelson joined as an active member by affirmation of faith.

Mary is a widow and comes to us from the New Jersey area. She held many positions in the educational field and is now retired and enjoying time with her grandchildren.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY . . .**

After a long pause from COVID-19, we are scheduling the Women's Bible Study on the second Friday of each month. Our first Women's Bible Study will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. We use the "Gather" Bible study for the month. All women are welcome and we meet in the music room. Please bring your magazine and your Bible.

## **WE GET LETTERS . . .**

Dear Friends at SOTG,

Thank you so much for your prayers and well wishes. Nick & I are so lucky that we have such caring people. We are coming along slow and slower, but going forward.

Blessings to All,  
Nick & Anita Lehr

## **CARING CONNECTIONS . . .**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Afghanistan people & troops	The Phil Kalbaugh Family	Family of Eleanor Pitzer
Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Ed & Sherry Larson	The Karen Puerner Family
Maryann Buettner & Family	Anita & Nick Lehr	The Wayne Roberts Family
Velma Carrasco	Doc Lofthouse	Shirley Rowold
The Robert Cumor, Jr. Family	Carol Lyberg	Charlotte Sebe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Lisa McGarity & Family	Nina Smarjesse
Carol Freitag	The Carl Morken Family	Micah Smith
Sue Haberkorn	Nancy, Diane, David & Nolan	Terry Vallon
Family of Sharon Hicks	Margie O'Connell	Rob Whistler
Carl Hydes	Jim Oppermann	Ann Wood
	Catherine Victoria Parker	

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



## HELPING OTHERS . . .

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 current socks and undies needs: [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lis/R7GC9KYLQEIF/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lis/R7GC9KYLQEIF/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl)
- You may make a monetary donation using their secure online donor portal (<https://one.bidpal.net/undysunday>) which opened 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](mailto:paola.pinillos@catholicchritiesdov.org).

## REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown  
 Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth  
 Airman Corey Malinowski  
 Marine Tom McGilton  
 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: Eight Months Ended August 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$198,191	\$224,960	(\$26,769)
Operating Expense	\$224,627	\$230,608	\$5,981
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$26,436)	(\$5,648)	(\$20,788)

# 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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

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| September 1  | Barbara Modjeska     |
| September 3  | Carolyn Case         |
| September 4  | Linda Boyd           |
| September 8  | Kellen Snover        |
| September 10 | John Carr            |
| September 10 | Frankie Siciliano    |
| September 11 | Noel Bischoff        |
| September 13 | Susan O'Neal         |
| September 16 | Thomas Cianflone     |
| September 19 | Charlotte Sebe       |
| September 20 | Karen Kuzel          |
| September 21 | Theresa Hansen       |
| September 21 | Kim Ciaramitaro      |
| September 22 | Alan Espersen        |
| September 22 | Pamula Leimer        |
| September 25 | Barbara Harvey       |
| September 26 | Esther Rascher       |
| September 26 | Helene Boone         |
| September 27 | Pam Bhatena          |
| September 27 | Susan Espersen       |
| September 28 | Rev. H. Peter Lyberg |
| September 28 | Lynn Rolland         |





## NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

September 1	Barbara & Ron Modjeska	September 17	Betty & Jim Sauer
September 3	Betty & Clay Baker	September 22	Guy & Pat Cooper
September 5	Helen & Vern Rasmussen		
September 6	Karen & Julio Soto		

## **A TIME FOR PLANTING . . .**

Pastor Jeff will be leading a Bible study beginning Thursday, September 9th at 3:00 PM. The Bible study will also be available online through ZOOM. If you join us live, you will be able to fully participate. The Bible studies will be posted to our website after they are completed. If you watch after the Bible study is completed for that week and have questions, feel free to call the office and visit with Pastor Jeff. A ZOOM link for the Bible study will be sent in an email. We look forward to seeing you in person or online September 9th!

## **LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL . . .**

Amal and Juan are identical twins. Their Mom only carries one photo because if you've seen Juan you've seen Amal . . .

When a kid says, "Daddy, I want Mommy", that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."

The people whose first instinct is to smile when you make eye contact with them are some of earth's greatest treasures.

Dusted once. It came back. Not falling for that again.

### Funny Oxymorons

Found missing	Original copy
Open secret	Only choice
Small crowd	Liquid gas
Fully empty	Social distancing
Pretty ugly	Act naturally



## **You're Invited: September 2021 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.

### **Sep 02 @ 8:00PM | [An Evening with Lauren Daigle](#)**

Enjoy an exclusive private concert and discussion with GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, Lauren Daigle. With a voice that is both smoky and sweet, Daigle has forged a unique sound that is reminiscent of soulful and vulnerable icons.

Register for FREE with iTickets at <https://bit.ly/Daigle123>

### **Sep 17 – 19 : Watch Anytime | [Uncommon with Tony Dungy](#)**

What does it take to live a life of significance? Join us for an interview with Super Bowl-winning coach and #1 *New York Times* best-selling author, Tony Dungy, and he reflects on what it takes to achieve significance. Dungy is looked to by many as the epitome of success that is highly valued in our culture. Athletic victory, professional excellence, fame, awards and honors—he had it all. But even in those moments, he knew those achievements had little to do with his ultimate significance as a man. Dungy still passionately believes that there is a different path to significance—a path characterized by attitudes, ambitions, and allegiances that are all too rare but uncommonly rewarding.

Register for FREE with iTickets at <https://bit.ly/TonyDungy123>

### **Sep 22 @ 7:00PM | [Understanding Annuities and Social Security with Robin Mueller](#)**

Would you like to know how to navigate retirement well so that you can live your best life? Join us for an exclusive webinar with nationally recognized Social Security speaker, Robin Mueller. You'll gain insights on the impact of annuities and Social Security so you can continue to live a more content, confident, and generous life.

Register for FREE at <https://bit.ly/3rpazkn>

### **Sep 29 @ 12:00PM & 7:00PM | [Student Loan Essential with Ryan Law](#)**

Almost 45 million people in America have outstanding student loan debt, and borrowers owe an average of more than \$32,000. Next to a mortgage, student loans are likely to be an individual's largest liability. In this presentation, Ryan Law, will discuss the loan process, various types of loans, repayment plans, refinancing and consolidation options, and resources available if you need help.

Register for FREE at <https://bit.ly/RyanLaw123>

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

# SEPTEMBER, 2021



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs .	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>6</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>9</b> 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	<b>10</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>13</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>16</b> NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE  3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	<b>17</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>20</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>23</b> 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	<b>24</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>27</b> AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF		



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