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PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

I thank you all for your cards, prayers, and support of my family as we grieve the death of my 67 year old brother, Kenny. Although we had differences of opinion regarding our interpretation of scripture, my brother was a man who firmly believed in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and even shared testimonies of his faith with many people. His life and his faith positively impacted many people. I am grateful for his life and dedication to Jesus. Although it will be difficult when I read his name during worship on All Saints day, I will know that he is with Jesus.



The day before All Saints day (November 1st), we will celebrate All Hallows Eve - or Halloween as it is known.

Some churches condemn this holiday because it is associated with death, demons, and witchcraft. It is true that All Hallows Eve is based on a pagan festival where people would light bonfires and wear costumes to scare off ghosts. This pagan festival marked the end of Summer and the harvest and the beginning of the cold winter months. This season after harvest was associated with a new year that begins with the end of life because the harvest was completed. The bonfires were built to burn crops as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. The people believed that on this day the border between the living and the dead became mixed, and so the ghosts of those who had passed returned to earth. To protect themselves from the evil spirits, people wore costumes of animal heads and skins. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st to honor the Saints. The evening before became known as All Hallows Eve, or the evening before all Saints day. The American tradition of trick or treat is mostly borrowed from the European tradition of dressing up in costumes and going door to door asking for food or money. This tradition came out of the Irish potato famine. Because Halloween is associated with pagan traditions and sacrifices to Celtic deities, some Christians feel it is appropriate to withdraw from participating in anything that promotes sorcery and costumes of the devil and other evil and scary things. But what if instead of taking the stance of church apart from culture, we do what I believe Pope Gregory III intended to do by declaring November 1st All Saints Day. What if the church acknowledges the power of sin and death in our world by embracing Halloween and the tradition of trick or treat by sharing the Good News that we have nothing to fear (including those scary costumes.) We could offer cold water and treats for those who are out trick or treating. The water is symbolic of life in Jesus, and the treats are symbolic of sharing the things we have with others.

This Halloween, the church will once again be hosting a trunk-or-treat party on Sunday October 31st. I encourage you to be creative as you decorate the trunk

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of your car or van. Maybe you use a skeleton and have the bible verse with dry bones (Ezekiel 37). Or maybe you use pumpkins or jack-o'-lanterns and give candy and the poem about Jesus and pumpkin seeds. Maybe you just dress up in a costume (like a public servant) and display a bible verse about serving others. Maybe you design games for the kids to play that have a bible theme and give them candy as a reward for doing well or even just playing. I think you get the idea. There are a lot of opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus and the promise of eternal life on Halloween in a very fun and safe way. In 2019, there were many children in our parking lot with cute costumes. Many parents joined in the fun as their children went trick or treating in the neighborhood. So let's engage in Halloween and celebrate life together. Let's show that we are not afraid of the devil or even death. Let's have some fun together as a church this Halloween beginning at 6 PM in the North parking lot. You might be surprised to see how many young families there are right in our neighborhood! Don't let their costumes scare you away!

Pastor Jeff

FROM YOUR MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM . . .

The mutual ministry team met on Sunday, August 8, 2021. The team discussed the many thank you notes, emails and letters that the office has received regarding Pastoral care and visits. Also discussed was the general excitement in the congregation about the number of people attending worship in the summer and how exciting it was to have a New Member Sunday in August. Someone shared how much they appreciate the quality of the church services online when they cannot attend in person. The congregation is happy with the butterfly garden and are grateful for the work of Abraham Ungs and his scout troop. The only "pinch" that the committee heard was concerning the wearing of facemasks again. Both the Pastor and the committee believe these changes will once again be temporary and when it is safe and the risk of Covid in our community decreases again, the mask recommendation will be removed. The committee recognized the concerns presented, talked about how far we have come since we were forced to close, and supported the current policy that recommends wearing face masks. Thank you for sharing your concerns with the committee and we appreciate your input.

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

September 14, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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 Unga was also in attendance. Devotions: Phil Willman

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 East Naples Ministerial group, personal spiritual direction meetings; and videos with virtual greeters. Pastor attended the closing of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Myers. Pastor has been visiting and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick, and he has been doing homebound communions. Pastor and SOTG welcomed four new members on Sunday, August 15th, and we are already making plans for another new member class in November. We continue to follow CDC guidelines and are monitoring local Covid cases. Masks are not mandated for Worship at this time. We are beginning to receive requests for HOA rentals. They pay an additional fee for sanitizing the hall after each use. Bone Builders has requested use of the hall again on Monday and Wednesday from 9-10:00 a.m. beginning October 11th. This year, pre-registration will be required. A motion was made and approved by Council to allow use of Hanson Hall for Bone Builders. A Baptist Haitian Church has requested rental of Hanson Hall for Worship on Sunday evenings from 6-9:00 p.m. Council discussed the pros & cons of renting Hanson Hall on Sunday evening and agreed it was a positive decision. A motion was made regarding the rental to the Baptist Church and was approved by Council. Council discussed the possibility of having the Paul Todd Concert again this year. A motion was made and approved to continue providing this holiday concert to the Naples community. Several of the Council members have volunteered to work on the committee to make this concert a success. Special thank you to Pastor Bob Hoffman and the staff for filling in while I was on vacation.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that the summary report shows that actual giving was above budget for July & August and YTD expenses were lower than budgeted. The BB&T account shows an increase thru the summer months. Finance committee will meet with the chairman of each committee in October to determine their needs for the upcoming year. The Finance Committee will then present Council with a 2022 budget at the November meeting.

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

Committee reports:

Endowment – Balance in ELCA Endowment Account shows an increase as of August, 2021.

Parish Relations – Barb Keller went over some of the pinches and praises from the Mutual Ministry Committee's meeting held August 8, 2021. There was a written report submitted and Barb made a motion to approve the report as written. Motion was seconded and approved.

COUNCIL CORNER (Continued) . . .

Property - Doug Walck reported that Condee Electric serviced and inspected each of the 12 a/c units in the Church & Hanson Hall. After some minor repairs, all of the newly installed parking lot lights are now working properly.

Education – Pastor Ungs is providing a Bible study class every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The church will order calendars again this year. These will be sold to the congregation as a fund raiser.

Fellowship – Everyone seems to be enjoying the coffee & fellowship offered after Worship services.

Stewardship – No report

Evangelism-Bonnie Brisky reported that we had four new members join on Sunday, August 15th. We are already making plans for a “New Member Class” in November.

Local Mission-Food was blessed and taken to St. Matthew’s Friendship House in Immokalee, and was greatly appreciated. The Friendship House volunteer program is closed due to Covid.

Worship & Music – Songs for Worship have been selected thru October. Council discussed the possibility of having guest musicians who will provide special music in the near future.

New Business:

We received a proposal from Gammatech for installing a new lighting system in the Sanctuary. A motion was made and approved to accept this proposal.

Council received a proposal Electronic Protection Systems, Inc. to upgrade the fire alarm system in the Church. A motion was made and approved to accept this proposal.

Council was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff. Next meeting will be October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Brenda Charleston.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tidmore, Administrative Assistant

TEEN CHALLENGE RETURNS . . .

Teen Challenge Southeast has visited Shepherd of the Glades annually in the past. They will be joining us again on Sunday, October 24. Teen Challenge is a recovery program for young men and women. Come hear their testimonies and about the work they do. If your heart is touched by this ministry, there will be an opportunity to give specifically to help them after the service.

BONE BUILDERS IS BACK . . .

Starting October 11, 2021 Bone Builders exercise classes will return to SOTG. Classes will be held in Hanson Hall every Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 10:00 a.m. and pre-registration will be required. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

TO BENEFIT EDUCATION AT SOTG . . .

“GOD’S CREATION” 2022 CALENDARS

On Sundays, someone will be in the Narthex after worship to make beautiful 2022 calendars available with scripture and beautiful photos to raise funds for the Sunday School. They are only \$7 each and make beautiful gifts!

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.

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.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY . . .

Pastor Ungs has scheduled a Bible study class on Ecclesiastes every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the choir room. The class will also be live streamed on ZOOM, or you can access on our website. All are welcome!

HALLOWEEN - TRUNK OR TREAT . . .

Anyone who wants to participate in this fun activity, October 31st, puts their goodies in their trunk, decorates their car for Halloween, drives to Church at 6:00 p.m. opens their trunk, and waits for the children to arrive. Any questions, call Kelli at (641) 529-0969. This should be a spooky good time!!

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	Pastor Ron Klose	The Karen Puerner Family
Leslie Beers	Ed & Sherry Larson	The Wayne Roberts Family
Maryann Buettner & Family	Anita & Nick Lehr	Shirley Rowold
Velma Carrasco	Doc Lofthouse	Gary Salisbury
The Robert Cumor, Jr. Family	Patricia Lussky	Charlotte Sebe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	The family of Carol Lyberg	Micah Smith
Family of Carol Freitag	Lisa McGarity & Family	Pastor Jeff
Sue Haberkorn	The Carl Morken Family	The family of Kenny Ungs
Family of Sharon Hicks	Jim Opperman	Terry Vallon
Carl Hydes	Catherine Victoria Parker	Rob Whistler
		The family of Anna Wood

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
- 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.

REMEMBER THOSE IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY . . .

Staff Sergeant Adam Crown
 Warrant Officer, Christopher Farnsworth
 Airman Corey Malinowski
 Marine Tom McJilton
 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: Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$217,505	\$243,560	(\$26,055)
Operating Expense	\$251,799	\$257,602	\$5,803
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$34,294)	(\$14,042)	(\$20,252)

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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

October 1	Charlie Orner
October 3	Clare Campbell
October 3	Janet Connell
October 5	Jennifer Hackethal
October 6	Janis Johnson
October 7	Kelli Ungs
October 10	Jim Sauer
October 11	Beverley Cook
October 11	Kathryn Williams
October 11	Gary Larson
October 12	Carolyn Fee
October 12	Diane Rofoth-Smith
October 12	Harold Turino
October 13	Jane Limpus
October 19	Carlos Knasel
October 20	Bryan Cook
October 21	Darian Delp
October 24	Anita Lehr
October 25	Linda Stover
October 25	Diana Snover
October 26	Judy Kobs
October 27	Don Johnson



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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

October 5	Bonnie & Scott Kischer	October 26	Earnie & Paul Keller
October 15	Lynn & Michael Karle	October 31	Marilyn & Ralph Stadler
October 18	Sally & Tom Moore		
October 19	Gayle Huberty & Scott Krenz		
October 22	Mary & John Sherman		
October 24	Carol & William Christian		



RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES . . .

Carol Lyberg received her victory in the Lord on Saturday, September 11, 2021. A service of life in memory of Carol will be held at SOTG on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch and fellowship will follow.

Anna Wood received her victory in the Lord on Monday, September 13, 2021. A service of life in memory of Anna will be held in Presque Isle, MI., on October 7th. Condolences can be sent to Richard Michaels, 5113 Castle Rock Way, Naples, FL 34112.

Carol Freitag received her victory in the Lord on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in Naples. Arrangements are pending. Condolences may be sent c/o Mary Meyer, P.O. Box 2435, Cody, WY 82414.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

October 31 is Reformation Sunday. Following is wisdom from Martin Luther:
“We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.”

“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: ‘I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!’”

“You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.”

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

YOU'RE INVITED: Thrivent Member Network October 2021 Events

We help Christians find financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. All are welcome to attend our free virtual events. Spanish and English Events are available!

Oct 5th @ 8:00 PM - [Las Cinco Claves para Jubilarse](#) (Virtual – Spanish) ¿Qué debe saber antes de jubilarse?

Aprenda a poner en práctica lecciones del mundo real sobre la administración de las finanzas y la consecución de metas financieras. Asista al taller Las cinco claves para jubilarse sin temor y obtenga información que lo puede ayudar a descubrir qué pasos debe tomar a continuación.

No se venderán productos.

Regístrate gratis - <https://bit.ly/5Claves1>

Oct 13th @ 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM - [Savvy Tax Strategies](#) (Virtual – English)

Want to understand how taxes might affect your retirement? Join us for Savvy Tax Strategies with Thrivent Financial Consultant, Michael Fuehrmeyer. This free educational event provides a fundamental overview of the topic, including:

- The critical tax question you must answer before retirement

- The Social Security “tax trap” and how you can avoid it

- Mistakes to avoid when it comes to your investment portfolio, health care, and estate

- A summary of the SECURE Act

Register for free - <https://bit.ly/SavvyTax123>

Oct 27th @ 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM - [Economic Update](#) (Virtual – English)

What shapes your financial strategy? See how the latest economic data can help you make informed money decisions.

Attend the Economic Update webinar to learn Thrivent’s perspective on the economy and how it could affect your financial strategy.

- How often should I review my financial strategy?

- How should I react to economic headlines?

- How have economic measures changed in the past quarter?

Register for free - <https://bit.ly/EconomicData123>

No products will be sold. For additional disclosures, see [Thrivent.com/social](https://thrivent.com/social).

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://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 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	2
3 NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	4 AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	5	6 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	7 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	8 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	9
10 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	11 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	12 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING	13 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION	14 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	15 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	16
17 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	18 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	19 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	20 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION	21	22	23
PASTOR AWAY						
24 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST TEEN CHALLENGE 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	25 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON AA WOMEN'S GROUP 7:30 P.M.	26	27 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 7:30-9:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION	28 PASTOR BACK 3:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY W/ PASTOR JEFF	29 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	30 11:00 a.m. Service of Life for Carol Lyberg w/ lunch following
PASTOR AWAY						
31 REFORMATION DAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING 6:00 P.M. TRUNK OR TREAT						

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