



# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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*Hallelujah, He is risen!*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

This month the church will move from dark purple paraments to brilliant white paraments and from a time of quiet reflection to joyful celebration, complete with Easter lilies. We will once again praise God with the words "Alleluia!" We will celebrate the promise of the resurrection to new life in Christ Jesus. In our resurrection, we will see no more darkness, feel no more pain, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. The Easter resurrection gives us hope and something to look forward to. I have many wonderful memories of Easter as a child. Each child in my family got a basket of Easter candy, and early on Easter morning my Mom would hide each basket. When we got home from Church, we searched diligently to find the basket filled with candy that had our name on it. In many ways as I look back on the Easter egg and Easter basket hunts, it was very symbolic of life. The best things in life are often hidden and we should be eager to seek them out and enjoy each day with excitement.



Easter Sunday should change the way we live our lives. We should live each day with hope and excitement until that final day we finish our journey on this earth and find our prize. Like the Easter baskets I got every year, our faith is a gift that someone has given to us. But no one can make us take or even enjoy this wonderful life giving gift. We can choose to reject it, take parts of what we have been given, or we can fully receive and enjoy the full gift of faith in Jesus Christ and the sweetest prize of the promise of eternal life. Faith is kind of like an Easter egg hunt that is done in a fair way. When I went to Easter egg hunts as a child, every child was only allowed to pick up 3 eggs until every child had at least 3. Then when everyone had a fair amount, we were allowed to go back out and scavenge any eggs that had not been found. The eggs were plastic eggs that had a prize in it. Therefore everyone who participated got at least 3 prizes. Throughout our faith journey, God places many wonderful opportunities right where we can see them and some are more hidden. We should live life with the same energy and joy we did as children seeking the eggs. We should be careful of others around us who may struggle to pick up the eggs and even help them when they need it. All who are baptized are given the promise of getting the same prize - the gift of eternal life.

We can have it in our basket and we can make sure we help others get the prize as well. In the end, it is not about how many prizes you gather, but that all who seek shall find. Make sure you invite everyone you know this Easter to join us in getting the best prize ever as we worship Christ our Lord.

Maybe you are grieving this Easter because someone you love has passed or you are having a hard time in life right now. It is OK to grieve. Try to remember the good times and memories God has given you. Let others who are around you

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pick you up and help you keep your eyes on the prize that is before us. You can grieve, but you do not have to grieve without hope. Jesus has defeated death. When our journey on earth ends, we will be with those we love who have gone before us because we have been given the sweetest treat and the best prize life can offer. Because Christ defeated death and lives, we shall also live forever. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Have a very blessed Easter.

Pastor Jeff

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE . . .**

Every Wednesday through Lent we continue Lenten worship at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 10 and the distribution of palms, as we commemorate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 14, is Maundy Thursday with worship at 6:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 15, there will be a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER is Sunday, April 17, 2022. Come join us for joyous Easter worship with uplifting music at the 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service in the Courtyard, or 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary! Special music indoors will include flute, violin, and trumpet.

We will resume one Sunday worship schedule the Sunday after Easter at 9:30 a.m. on April 24.

## **BACKPACK / GRACE PLACE UPDATE . . .**

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our March "Fill the backpacks" campaign. Our goal was to raise funds to purchase 40 backpacks filled with school supplies (pre-K to 2nd grade children) for Grace Place, a community outreach program. We are well on our way to reaching that goal thanks to your continued generosity and a grant from Thrivent for \$250. There is a display box in the Narthex where you can get a list of needed school supplies, place any purchased backpacks, or pick up a special envelope for monetary donations. The committee plans to "fill the backpacks" and have a special presentation to the congregation at the end of April. God's Work, Our Hands . . ."

# COUNCIL CORNER . . .

## SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH March 8, 2022, 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. Members in attendance: Bob Tidmore, Penny Morken, Bonnie Brisky, Brenda Charleston, Bonny Dery, Doug Walck, Barb Keller, Charlotte Wahlig, John Sherman. Pastor Ungs was also in attendance. Absent: Elaine Sima and Brad Caulder. Devotions were given by Pastor Ungs.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February Council meeting and the February 20th Annual Meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor would like to thank all who attended Abraham's Eagle Scout ceremony at the Church. Thank you to Bonny Dery for leading the annual congregational meeting in his absence. Thank you to Shepherd of the Glades members and Council for your support and prayers following his mother's death. He would also like to thank Pastor Bob Hoffman for emergency pastoral calls and Pastor Rusty May and Pastor Tara McGraw for presiding during worship in his absence. He is grateful and blessed to be serving at Shepherd of the Glades. Pastor Jeff reported that he has had ZOOM meetings with East Naples Ministerial group and personal spiritual direction meetings. He has attended weekly staff meetings and New Member orientation, Property committee re: lighting in sanctuary in Hanson Hall and smoke alarm detector in the main building. Pastor has been visiting and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick, and he has been doing homebound communions. We had three new members join the Church on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Hanson Hall continues to be utilized by Iglesia Conexion United Methodist Church, Haitian Baptist Church, Bone Builders, AA Groups, HOA neighborhood groups and our Sew-Sews. Our Lenten services began with Ash Wednesday services and 60 members were in attendance. Bobby Hicks' funeral is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Financial contributions may be made to Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Lutheran World Relief. All these agencies network with the ELCA and all of them will be directly assisting the refugees and families of Ukraine. We continue to follow CDC guidelines and are monitoring local COVID cases.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows a decrease as of February 28, 2022. Bob reported the actual giving is close to budget, but that expenses show that we are below budget.

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

### Committee reports:

**Endowment** – The Endowment committee met and approved the giving of \$10,000 from the fund to the Lutheran World Relief Organization. This is in support of the crisis in the Ukraine. The donations will be matched up to \$250,000. Charlotte Wahlig reported that our investment balance was down as of the end of February due to the world conditions.

**Parish Relations** – No report.

**Property** – The new lights in Hanson Hall have been installed. The smoke alarm sensors have been installed in the sanctuary. A special thank you to the property volunteers and the Ungs family for the help they provided with moving the pews.

**Education** – Pastor Ungs' Bible study class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 has been well attended. Elaine Sima's Women's Bible study the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. has been well attended.

**Fellowship** – Strawberry Sundae Sunday was a great success.

**Stewardship** – Chuck Keller reported that to date we have received 49 pledges. Of those that have pledged, there is a 38% increase in giving.

**Evangelism** – Bonnie Brisky reported that we will be collecting and filling 40 backpacks for the children at Grace Place. The committee has requested help from the congregation by either purchasing supplies themselves or donating to the project. Each Sunday the congregation will be given an update by a committee member.

**Local Mission** – Donated food was delivered to Friendship House in Immokalee on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship & Music** – There will be a Worship & Music meeting Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. John Sherman (liaison to W&M) has offered to have a fundraising concert to benefit the residents of Ukraine. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Shepherd of the Glades from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be a freewill (\$10-\$20) offering and people of all ages are welcome. "Johnny & the Ghost Riders" will be singing songs made famous by Elvis Presley and Neil Dimond, and it should be an enjoyable afternoon.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Brad Caulder.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Charleston  
Council Secretary

## LENTEN WISDOM . . .

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

*Pope Francis*

“O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen”

*Henri Nouwen*

“Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps.”

*Luke 9:23*

“The Gospel is the only story where the hero dies for the villain.”

*Daystar*

“Easter is not about immortality but about resurrection from a death that is a real death with all its frightfulness and horrors, resurrection from a death of the body and the soul, of the whole person, resurrection by the power of God’s mighty act. This is the Easter message.”

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.”

*N.T. Wright*

“Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God’s love.”

*Chuck Colson*

## PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW . . .

Sew Sews say farewell to long time quilter Annabella Riccardi, who is relocating to Michigan. Though Annabella was not a member of SOTG, she served as our liaison to The Shelter For Abused Women and Children. She was the one who delivered the quilts to The Shelter. She also received the donations of sheets, fabric and sewing machines from Options (the resale shop supporting The Shelter)



## STRAWBERRY SUNDAE SUNDAY . . .



Everyone who attended worship service on Sunday, March 6th was offered a special treat. The Fellowship Committee offered strawberry sundaes to everyone. Everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and the tasty strawberries and ice cream.

## **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 first Friday of each month. Our next Women's Bible Study will be held on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. We use the "Gather" Bible study for the month. If you do not receive the magazine, we will provide copies for you. All women are welcome, and we meet in the choir room. Please bring your magazine and your Bible.

## **AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .**

On Sunday, April 24, the first Sunday after Easter, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a "Farewell Breakfast" after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Plan to enjoy some much missed fellowship time with breakfast casseroles as we bid farewell to our seasonal folks.

## **CARING CONNECTIONS . . .**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Ed & Sherry Larson	Arlene Schamberger
Angelo Campanello	Anita & Nick Lehr	Judy Schroeder
Velma Carrasco	Lentini Family	Charlotte Sebe
Brad Caulder	Carl & Jean Lipke	Dale Shank
James Caulder II	Doc & Sandy Lofthouse	Micah Smith
Family of Henry Cholewa	Patricia Lussy	Helen Sobe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Family of Carol Lyberg	Nina Smarejesse
Susie Espersen	Family of Mark McGarity	The Swain Family
Family of Jack Fee	Jim Opperman	The Ungs Family
Gail Fesnak	Family of Wayne Pahr	Terry Vallon
Family of Carol Freitag	Catherine Victoria Parker	Rob Whistler
Sue Haberkorn	Family of Eleanor Pitzer	Family of C.B. Williams
Family of Bobby Hicks	Family of Wayne Roberts	Family of Anna Wood
Carl Hydes	Jim Sauer	Adam Yakubowski

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

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR ANYONE IN NEED . . .

Thank you to all the wonderful generous people of this congregation. We have been blessed to have available some durable medical equipment available to lend out to anyone in need. All the medical equipment is currently stored in Hanson Hall library. Please let the office know if you wish to use any the following items so we can keep an up-to-date list of what is available.

- 4 transport wheelchairs, ranging from 16–19-inch seats.
- 3 – 2 wheeled walkers with some accessories,
- 2 mobility bags, and basket
- 3 shower chairs in varied styles
- 3 4 wheeled walkers with seats and storage. (2 large and 1 smaller)
- 2 tall crutches and 1 shorter set
- 1 adjustable self-standing cane
- 1 Mueller green adjustable back brace

There are also some absorbent pads for anyone in need.

## 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



## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .

- What's the best way to make Easter easier? Put an "i" where the "t" is.
- What kind of bean can't grow in a garden? A jelly bean.
- What should you do to prepare for all the Easter treats? Eggs-ercise!
- What do you call the Easter Bunny the day after Easter? Eggshhausted
- Where does Christmas come before Easter? The dictionary!

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

PERIOD: Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$113,540	\$127,841	(\$14,301)
Operating Expense	\$109,731	\$96,129	(\$13,602)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$3,809	\$31,712	(\$27,903)

You have been especially generous in giving for extraordinary needs (such as the Ukraine) in March. Please note that the giving that supports the general life of the church is markedly below budget. Please keep this in mind in your future giving.

## NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .



### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

April 1	Vicki Dunlop
April 2	La Morris Cook
April 5	Merlyn Bowers
April 5	Elizabeth Cianflone
April 7	Jackie Masterson
April 7	Joanne Bartsh
April 11	Matthew McWaters
April 12	Gerald LaStella
April 12	Merilyn 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	Don Pryor
April 17	Be Opperman
April 21	Don Bassett
April 22	Gerald Campbell
April 23	Leslie Ann Beers
April 30	Lawrence Buettner
April 30	Jeffrey Seminario



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

April 17	Linda & Bob Tidmore
April 20	Stephanie & Daniel Bernabei
April 28	Susan & Alan Espersen
April 29	Karen & Harlo Peterson
April 30	Diana & Steve Snover

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!

## GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .

Thank you to my church family at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church for your love, support, financial help, and continued prayers for my son and his wife and child. I can't express how much this means to me and to them.

Many blessings to you!

Brad, James, Jenna and Harmyn



## OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS . . .



It is difficult to watch the evening news and to see the destruction and loss of life in the Ukraine. It makes one ask the question, "What can I do?" It made me realize, while being on the Endowment Committee, we could do something to help. Our endowment charter is to provide financial assistance beyond the church budget. Here is an excellent opportunity to show our support to the Ukrainian people.

The Endowment Committee, with the blessing of the Church Council, has agreed to send \$10,000 to Lutheran World Relief (LWR.ORG/MATCH) and our contribution will be matched with an additional \$10,000 gift. We encourage our congregation members to make their own personal contribution to this humanitarian relief endeavor. As of March 27, Shepherd of the Glades has already raised \$5,542, which will be added to the \$10,000 donation. Thank you to the congregation for their generous giving and compassionate hearts.

Chuck Keller, Chairperson  
Endowment Committee

### SPECIAL CONCERT BENEFITING THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE THROUGH LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



#### *JOHNNY & THE GHOST RIDERS*

Where: Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran  
6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd.  
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When: Saturday, April 23, 2022  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 - \$20/ticket free will offering

Concert will feature oldies and favorites from Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Elton John, the Beatles, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, classic rock groups, old standards, and country.

Come and bring a friend to have a good time and help support the people of Ukraine.

Tickets are available at the office of Shepherd of the Glades or after Sunday morning worship. Questions? Call 239-775-0696.





**Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.**

**Join Us for these Free Thrivent Member Network Events**

**April 5, 2022 | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly**

Do you know what next steps to take so you can retire? We can help. Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region for our free workshop, 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly, to learn insights that can help you achieve your retirement goals.

**RSVP - <https://bit.ly/RetireFearlessly>**

**April 7, 2022 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly**

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**RSVP - <https://bit.ly/RetireFearlessly>**

**April 27, 2022 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - Economic Update**

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?

**RSVP - <https://bit.ly/EconomicUpdate123>**

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**Questions about Thrivent?**

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



# APRIL, 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> NEWSLETTER MAILING  10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT  8:30 & 10:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>4</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP  7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>5</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>6</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  6:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  FAREWELL BREAKFAST AFTER WORSHIP  9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	<b>25</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON  7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	<b>26</b> 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. SEW-SEWS	<b>27</b> 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS  10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY  6:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NEWSLETTER MAILING	<b>30</b>

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