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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

LOOKING BACK - LOOKING AHEAD

April was a beautiful and amazing month. We finished up the Lenten mid-week series, and it was very successful. Perhaps it was appropriate that the sermon series was "Giving it up for Lent" as the Church Council voted to "give up" having soup suppers with our midweek services due to an increase in local Covid cases in mid March. I believe there was deep spiritual growth from the series, and we have received many compliments from those who attended in person or online.

On Palm/Passion Sunday, we blessed quilts and prepared to send them off to the women's shelter and St. Matthews House. (See photos on page 5.) Thank you to the Sew-Sews for your hard work and dedication this winter. As a congregation, we processed with



Palms, and you could feel the momentum changing as we have not had a procession on Palm Sunday or passion play for two years due to Covid. Those who participated in the readings did a fabulous job and it was truly a spiritually meaningful Sunday. Thank you to Clay Baker, Brenda Charleston, Pastor Bob Hoffman, Chuck Keller, Dave Larson, Penny Morken, Paul Smith, Bob and Linda Tidmore, and Phil Willman for role playing the various characters in costume. A special thank you to Penny Morken for putting it all together.



Of course, there were many things happening behind the scenes. Thank you to Darlene Momberg and the Altar Guild for your hard work and dedication every Sunday. The paraments were changed for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. The altar communion setup was prepared differently on Palm Sunday and Easter. The Altar Guild made everything seamless from Lent to Easter. On Easter Sunday we had three Resurrection worship celebrations!

Thanks to Megan Cianflone and all the musicians, the celebration was incredible. Again, we finally were able to celebrate a traditional style Easter complete with trumpet, violin, flutes, cello, and pipe organ! It was so wonderful and uplifting!



PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

The final week of April we had a fundraiser concert for Ukraine, and we said farewell to our seasonal members with a prayer of blessing and a fellowship brunch. Thank you John Sherman for your uplifting and fun concert.

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and to the Property Committee for making the farewell fellowship event such a success. April was indeed a beautiful and amazing month. Thanks be to God for spiritual renewal and fellowship!



Now peeking ahead to May - I wish all mothers a very special and Happy Mother's day. The choir is scheduled to sing on Mother's day, so don't miss it! This will be my first Mother's Day without my Mom. We used a portion of her memorial funds to purchase the new communion chalices. Even if she cannot

be with me in person, her memory will be with me in a special way as we worship every Sunday, including Mother's day.

God bless,
Pastor Jeff

OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS . . .

From Lutheran World Relief:

Because of your love, Lutheran World Relief has committed \$7 million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine, and we expect to increase this amount as we receive additional support. With more than 4.6 million refugees fleeing to other countries and more than 6.5 million individuals displaced in Ukraine, the needs grow daily.

I've attached our latest **situation report** that details the ways in which we are responding in Ukraine and Poland. **Please share these updates – and our gratitude – with your congregation.** Here are a few key highlights:

- **In Ukraine, we are supporting health facilities by providing supplies** such as surgical and wound care kits, IV kits, defibrillators and stretchers. **We are also providing ongoing support to six facilities that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons.** Your love will provide nearly 60,000 nights of shelter for people who need a place to stay.
- **In Poland, we are distributing emergency cash and vouchers to more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months.** We're also integrating a referral system at these sites to **protect women and children from sexual exploitation and abuse.**

In Gratitude,
Emma Wagner
Lutheran World Relief

P.S. We raised \$1,776 from the concert benefitting the Ukraine. There were also additional checks written directly to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you John Sherman! \$10,000 was donated from the Endowment Fund. Additional donations totaled \$26,362 for a grand total of \$38,138 sent to Lutheran World Relief from SOTG members and friends for the Ukraine! Thank you all who donated!

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH April 12, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bonny Dery, President.

The meeting of the Shepherd of the Glades Council and all members were present. Members in attendance: Bob Tidmore, Penny Morken, Bonnie Brisky, Brenda Charleston, Bonny Dery, Doug Walck, Barb Keller, Charlotte Wahlig, John Sherman, Elaine Sima and Brad Caulder. Pastor Ungs was also in attendance.

Devotions: Brad Caulder

A motion to approve the minutes of the March Council meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written.

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff reported that he has had ZOOM meeting with East Naples Ministerial group. He has attended weekly staff meetings and met with the Property Committee and the Evangelism Committee. Pastor has regular communication with Pastor Orlando Ramirez of Iglesia Conexion and Pastor DJ and Haitian Baptist Church leaders, and the Caloosa Conference. Pastor has been visiting and praying with members that have been hospitalized or sick, and he has been doing homebound communions. 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 were held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. During Holy week we will have Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 p.m., Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m., and Easter Sunday worship services at 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Bobby Hicks' funeral was March 30th at 11:00 a.m. and Jim Mabry (non-member)'s service was held April 12, 11:00 a.m. Memorial services for Shirley Tuck (non-member) are scheduled for April 21, 2022. The memorial for Eugene Lentini (non-member) will be scheduled at a later date.

Music and Worship Committee will not meet again until fall. Thank you, Brenda, and John, for your leadership. Fellowship Committee has been serving after both services. Thank you to all who have made this additional fellowship opportunity possible.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows an increase as of March 31, 2022. Bob reported the actual giving is close to budget, but that expenses show that we are below budget. He continues to caution all committees to keep expenses down during the upcoming summer months.

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

Committee reports:

Endowment – Charlotte Walhig reported that our investment balance was down as of the end of February but feels this will change as world conditions improve.

Parish Relations – A committee will be formed to revise the policy on the rental of Hanson Hall. The committee members will be: Bob Tidmore, Penny Morken, Brad Caulder, Charlotte Wahlig and Doug Walck.

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

Property – The installation of the new lights in the Sanctuary has been postponed until fall. Condee Electric has scheduled their annual inspection of our eleven air conditioners for Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Education – Pastor Ungs’ Bible study class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 will continue throughout the summer months if enough interest is shown. Elaine Sima’s Women’s Bible study the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. will continue in the fall.

Fellowship – Committee making plans for “Farewell Breakfast” to be held Sunday April 24, 2022, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Stewardship – No update.

Evangelism- Bonnie Brisky reported that we received enough funds from the congregation to fill the 40 backpacks for the children at Grace Place. The Evangelism Committee is scheduled to fill the backpacks on Sunday, May 1st after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The T-shirt order was very successful. We ordered over 40 T-shirts and a special thank you goes to Kelli Ungs for her assistance with this project.

Local Mission- Donated food was delivered to St. Matthews House in Naples on Monday, April 4th. The Sew-Sew’s delivered their beautiful quilts to St. Matthews House and the Women’s Shelter.

Worship & Music – Worship & Music will not meet again until the fall. Ticket sales for “Johnny and the Ghost Riders” are going well. The concert will be held Saturday, April 23rd from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the families of Ukraine. Tickets will be sold after each worship service and at the door the night of the concert.

Barb Keller addressed the Council members to get feedback regarding the possibility of the ELCA’s purchase of a memorial for the victims of sexual misconduct.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

SEW-SEWS SEWING . . .

On Palm Sunday, the Sew-Sew’s quilts were put on display and blessed before being donated to St. Matthew’s House and The Shelter for Abused Women and Children. The quilting season has come to the end. We constructed and delivered 65 quilts. Our team consisted of seven. Three of whom do not attend Shepherd of the Glades! One has moved back north permanently. We would like to see some new faces next season!!

This is a great ministry that should not fall by the wayside! See you in mid October!

Maryann Buettner



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.

BACKPACK / GRACE PLACE UPDATE . . .

The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our "Backpacks for Grace Place Campaign" held in March and April. Thanks to your generous giving of cash donations and school supplies we were able to reach our goal of 40 pre-K to 2nd grade backpacks filled with school supplies. We received \$2,590 in cash donations and a \$250 grant from Thrivent, along with many donated school supplies. This allowed us to meet our goal of 40 filled backpacks. There will be a "fill the backpacks" celebration on May 1 after our worship service. The filled backpacks will be blessed at the May 8 worship service and delivered to Grace Place, a community outreach program serving identified children and families in the Golden Gate/Naples area. "God's Work, Your Hands". Thank you for making this such a successful outreach project.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Anita & Nick Lehr	Arlene Schamberger
Angelo Campanello	Lentini Family	Charlotte Sebe
Velma Carrasco	Carl & Jean Lipke	David Siegers
Brad Caulder	Doc & Sandy Lofthouse	Micah Smith
James Caulder II	Patricia Lussky	Nina Smarejesse
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Family of Carol Lyberg	The Swain Family
Susie Espersen	Family of Mark McGarity	The Ungs Family
Family of Jack Fee	Jim Opperman	Adam Yakubowski
Sue Haberkorn	Family of Wayne Pahr	
Luis Hernandez	Catherine Victoria Parker	
Family of Bobby Hicks	Family of Eleanor Pitzer	
Carl Hydes	Jim Sauer	
Ed & Sherry Larson		

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 . . .

Chris: “Why is a computer so smart?”
 Mom: “It listens to its motherboard.”
 Son: “Mum, stop making jokes you’re not funny.”
 Mum: “I made you.”

Why don’t they have Mother’s Day sales? Because Mothers are priceless.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Four Months Ended April 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$147,959	\$177,963	(\$30,004)
Operating Expense	\$137,021	\$123,958	(\$13,063)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$10,938	\$54,005	(\$43,067)

You have been extraordinarily generous in giving for special needs such as Grace Place back-packs and Ukraine. 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 MAY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

May 1	Louise Kalbaugh
May 2	Ralph Stadler
May 2	Lori Cook
May 3	Keith Scamehorn
May 3	Donia Mrozek
May 4	Dave Larson
May 4	Lynn Arbeiter
May 5	Nikki Wykstra
May 7	Carol Brown
May 7	Cynthia Tillman
May 8	Joan Heimlich
May 9	Bonnie Brisky
May 10	Mary Lee Jordan
May 10	Ben Pletsch
May 10	Gayle Huberty
May 11	Brian Bartczak
May 12	Sylvia Carroll
May 12	Paul Smith
May 12	Larry Tommingo
May 18	Pastor Bob Trendel
May 19	Betty Baker
May 19	Linda Lee

May 19	Gary Salisbury
May 20	Kathy Somers
May 21	Lynn Karle
May 23	Ed Larson
May 23	Marlene Grzywinski
May 25	Sandy Lofthouse
May 26	Nadine Kelly
May 26	Karen Peterson
May 27	Virginia Madison
May 28	Thomas Knotek
May 29	Stephanie Bernabei
May 31	Shirley Rowold



MAY ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

May 4	Jay & Ardelle Berthe
May 18	Steve & Deniece Spaulding
May 22	Brian & Beverly Bartczak

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!

A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT. . .

A CHILD'S ANGEL

Once upon a time, a child was ready to be born. So he asked God, "How am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God answered, "Among the many angels, I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The Child asked, "Here in Heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, that's enough for me to be happy."

God answered, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy."

The Child asked, "How will I learn?" "I don't know the language that men talk?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to live."

The Child asked, "What am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God smiled, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

The Child pleaded, "Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life. "

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard, and the child in a hurry asked softly: "Oh God, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name?"

Your angel's name is of no importance, you will simply call your angel, "Mom."

Author - Unknown



The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.
Edwin Way Teale

Join us for our May online events!

May 12, 2022 | 7 p.m. ET - BINGO: A Celebration of Membership
Virtual Event | Hear updates from the Thrivent Member Network and join other Thrivent clients and guests during this time of fun and fellowship.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/bingocelebration>

May 17, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. ET - 4 Truths About Long Term Care (GA, SC, & NC Only)

If your permanent residence is, or will be, in GA, SC, or NC, this webinar is for you!

Online webinar presented by Bill Comfort

Learn to protect your assets and reassure your family about the future.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/May17LTC>

May 19, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. ET - 4 Truths About Long Term Care (FL Only)

Florida Long Term Care Information.

Online webinar presented by Bill Comfort

Learn to protect your assets and reassure your family about the future.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/May19LTC>

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MAY, 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
1 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP 11:30 A.M. WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING	2 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP 7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	3	4 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	5	6 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	7
8 MOTHERS' DAY 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	9 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP 7:30 P.M. AA WOMEN'S GROUP	10 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MTG.	11 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	12	13 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	14
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