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*Blessed Father's
Day, Dads!*



**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

A very familiar hymn written in 1708 by Isaac Watts comes to mind in light of recent tragedies in our country. Watts wrote the following words. "O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home." The second verse continues, "Under the shadow of Thy throne, Your children dwell secure, Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure." Watts wrote this hymn in a time when the world was in chaos. Sweden had invaded Russia and the Great War of the North began. The Scottish and Great Britain were having problems, and the Royal Navy launched the first 50 gun warship. Yet Watts remained focused on his faith in God; his help in ages past and his hope for years to come. As much as things seem to change, one thing remains the same - God is the source of our help and our hope in times of trouble.



I remember the very first time Kelli and I got a call from the school our children attended notifying us that the school was on lockdown due to a gunman on the school premises. It was the first such call we received but unfortunately it would not be the last. The student population and location do not seem to make any difference. School active shooter drills and lockdowns have become commonplace. For us, the first time it occurred was in a very small school with a total school enrollment of 173. It happened again in a different school with a total school population of 3850 students. And school lockdowns happened yet again in a new school with 2811 students. We also received notification of student evacuations due to a bomb threat. Every time we got the call, our stomach jumped to our throats. Each time our children were safe and the threats were neutralized and dealt with. The school systems were each prepared and effective in communication. Perhaps their preparedness and action even prevented a tragedy. But getting that call caused my mind to immediately think the worst. What if this really happens? Kelli and I both felt so helpless, and we prayed with each and every phone call, "God please keep the children safe." I thank God for an answer to those prayers, and I pray with a broken heart for all the parents whose children did not return home safely from school. I also pray for the children and all people who witness these shootings. This is not how life should be in America. We may not agree on a path moving forward to bring about change and end these tragedies, but there is not a single American citizen who does not grieve for those affected by these school shootings and the public mass shootings we have witnessed in recent years.

This article is NOT about some simple solution to end this violence. Many people with good intentions seek simple solutions, but the solution is not simple. Evil and sin have been with us since Adam and Eve chose to reject God's plan for their life. Murder has existed since their first born son killed his younger brother. I am convinced that in order to bring about a change in our country and bring an end to these horrible acts of violence and murder we can and must deal with the sins that are the root of the problem of mass shootings. Romans 12:21 says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Much like the desire to find simple solutions to gun violence and solve them, many of us can quickly point to the evil things we can see happening in our society. But how do we overcome this evil with good? It is true there are many sins our society commits, and

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we can only change the actions of the person we see in the mirror. So what if instead of looking at the evil of society, we look to our own sins and acknowledge them before God and one another - The things we have done and the things we have left undone. You may not commit murder, but what things are more important to you than God and your neighbor that may inspire others to harbor hatred in their hearts or commit murder? What language do you use towards others that may persuade others to harbor ill will or murder? The choices we make about loving others and caring about others make a difference. The words we choose make a difference. We can make a difference. But first we must be willing to humble ourselves before God and confess that we have sinned in word and in deed. We have not loved God with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We recently celebrated Memorial day in our Nation and honored our heroes who gave their life for our freedom. Soldiers on the front line fight together to combat the evil enemy. Soldiers in battle cannot be selfish, nor can they believe they are more important than their comrades. The time has come for Christians to fight together with Jesus as our commanding officer. Regardless of our differences, we will work together to combat evil. We will combat the evil of mass shootings by overcoming evil with good by caring for our wounded - in body, mind and spirit. This will be very important to bring healing to our nation, making sure our wounded are cared for and attended to. We can stick together as one nation under God and refuse to surrender to the evil of insisting on our way rather than following the plan of our commander and Lord. Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us. Jesus gave his life for us so that we might have life. He defeated death and sin on the cross. Working together as one following Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us, I am convinced that we can remain one nation Under God, indivisible - with liberty and justice for ALL. May God bring safety and peace to our nation and to our world. "Oh God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

Pastor Jeff

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

On Memorial Day:

"This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home. This is not Veterans Day; it's not a celebration. It is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom." *Tamra Bolton*

"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die." *G.K. Chesterton*

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." *St. Ambrose*

"Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well." *Jennifer M. Granholm*

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." *Elmer Davis*

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY 10, 2022, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bonny Dery, President. All members of the Shepherd of the Glades Council 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 not in attendance - gave written report. Devotions: John Sherman

A motion to approve the minutes of the April Council meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written with one correction. The correction is as follows: The Iglesia Conexion United Methodist Church requested that they be allowed to use our parking lot for a garage sale to be held April 23, 2022. The Council voted 5-4 not to allow the mission church to have this garage sale on the premises because no policy exists regarding property use by non-members or renters. A committee was formed to update the current policy to include the use of property for events by non-members or renters.

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff reported that he had a luncheon 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.

The funeral for Ed Larson will be held in Chicago. The date has not yet been determined. The funeral for Eugene Lentini is scheduled for June 25, 2022. The funeral for Angelo Campanello is pending.

Weekly 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study has about 6 people attending. This Bible study will be continued during the summer except for the weeks the Pastor is gone.

We received many compliments on the Easter services. Thank you to Megan and the music team for making Easter so special. A financial gift was given to cover the cost of the additional musicians on Easter. The financial contribution was substantial enough to make it possible for the Worship Committee to pay additional musicians for future special services, as well.

Pastor will be gone from May 9-11 to attend a Synod Rostered Leaders' Retreat. Pastor will also be gone June 3-5 for Synod Assembly. Pastor Bob and Colleen Hoffman will also be attending as voting members. This year's assembly is in Orlando and the theme is "Joyful, Patient, Hopeful" and is based on Romans 12:12.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows a decrease as of the end of April 2022. Hopefully this will change as world conditions improve. Our giving is below budget and our expenses are down YTD.

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

Committee reports:

Endowment – Charlotte Wahlig reported that our investment balance increased, but due to the donation of \$10,000 to Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine, shows a decrease in the fund balance as of March 31, 2022.

Education – Pastor Ungs' Bible study class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 will continue throughout the summer months if enough interest is shown.

Stewardship – Brad Caulder reported that as of March 2022, 46% of the pledges have been met.

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

Parish Relations – A committee will be formed to revise the policy on the rental of Hanson Hall. The committee members will be: Penny Morken, Brad Caulder, Charlotte Wahlig and Doug Walck. Pastor Jeff will also work with the committee on the revision of this policy.

Property – G&C Landscaping will fertilize, and spray insecticide on our grass and plants. Condee Electric has scheduled their annual inspection of our eleven air conditioners for Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Fellowship – The “Farewell Breakfast” held Sunday, April 24, 2022, was very successful and very well attended. Also, thank you to the committee for providing coffee and sweets following each worship service during season.

Evangelism- Bonnie Brisky reported that we received enough funds from the congregation to fill the 60 backpacks for the children at Grace Place. The backpacks were filled by the congregation on Sunday May 1st and blessed by Pastor Jeff on Sunday, May 8th.

Local Mission- Donated food was delivered to St. Matthews House in Naples on Monday, May 2nd.

Worship & Music – Worship & Music will not meet again until the fall. John Sherman would like to thank everyone that attended the “Johnny & the Ghost Riders” concert on Saturday, April 23rd. We had 123 people in attendance, and we raised over \$2,000 for the Ukrainian World Relief Project. John has plans to work with Megan on providing some special music during our summer months.

Council voted not to meet during the summer months unless the situation warrants. Pastor Unga and Bob Tidmore will continue to submit written reports to Council during this time. Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with closing prayer by Penny Morken. Next meeting will be September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Bonny Dery.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

GETTING TO KNOW YOU. . .

Please welcome our newest members who became members of SOTG on New Member Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Adele T. Fuchs joined SOTG as an associate member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 7895 Portofino Court, Naples, FL 34114

Cell: 410-310-5095

Alternative Address: P.O. Box 1532, Easton, MD 21601

She and her late husband have been attending when they were in Florida.

Lynne Gervais joined SOTG as an associate member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 3651 Treasure Cove Circle, Naples, FL 34114

Cell: 239-687-9712

Email: LynneGervais@gmail.com

Alternate Address: 2347 Rue De L’Andalou, Saint-Lazare, Quebec, Canada J7T0E7

Lynne has been attending SOTG since October, 2021, through the invitation of a friend. She has already returned to Canada but will be returning in October.

Linda Lentini joined SOTG as a full member by reaffirmation of faith.

Address: 8527 Palacio Terrace North, Naples, FL 34114

Cell: 518-229-5955

Email: river.007@icloud.com

Linda has been attending SOTG since February, 2021. Pastor Jeff performed the wedding of her daughter.

AA GROUPS . . .

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 . . .



A special thank you to everyone that participated in the Grace Place Backpack project! Because of your generous donations and the financial gift we received from Thrivent, we were able to purchase 60 backpacks (and supplies) for the young children at Grace Place. After the worship service on May 1st, many of the members from our congregation helped the Evangelism Committee fill each backpack with supplies the children will need during this upcoming school year. This just shows that “Many hands make light work”.

Hope that you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.
The Evangelism Committee

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Luis Hernandez	Family of Carol Lyberg
Marilyn Barikmo	Family of Bobby Hicks	Family of Mark McGarity
Brad Caulder	Carl Hydes	Jim Opperman
Harmyn Caulder	Family of Ed Larson	Arlene Schamberger
James Caulder II	Anita & Nick Lehr	Charlotte Sebe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Lentini Family	David Siegers
Alan & Susie Espersen	Carl & Jean Lipke	Micah Smith
Family of Jack Fee	Doc & Sandy Lofthouse	The Swain Family
Sue Haberkorn	Patricia Lussky	The Ungs Family

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.

- 2 transport wheelchairs, ranging from 16–19-inch seats.
- 2 2 wheeled walkers
- 2 shower chairs in varied styles
- 1 bed rail
- 2 4 wheeled walkers with seats and storage. (1 large and 1 smaller)
- 2 1 tall set of crutches and 1 shorter set

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 . . .

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room. Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping. His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Five Months Ended May 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$182,374	\$199,054	(\$16,680)
Operating Expense	\$171,015	\$170,353	(\$662)
Net Income (Deficit)	\$11,359	\$28,701	(\$17,342)

Thank you for your generosity in bringing us closer to budget. It is greatly appreciated!

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .



HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

June 1	Kent Adams
June 5	Maureen Drum
June 5	Brad Caulder
June 9	Peter Krehan
June 14	Bruce Tillman
June 16	Marilyn Malinowski
June 17	Paul Hashagen
June 21	Donna Read
June 21	Everett Bernabei
June 22	Richard Seminario
June 24	Debbie McWaters
June 28	Doc Lofthouse
June 30	Tom Dunlop

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!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES . . . **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

June 1	Sharon & Ron Eickhoff
June 5	Beverly & Kent Adams
June 9	Karen & Randy Kuzel
June 10	Janis & Wilbur Johnson
June 13	Ginny & Bob Trendel
June 14	Shirley & Alan Rowold
June 17	Jean & Carl Zirk
June 17	Barbara & Lee Collins
June 18	Cynthia & Bruce Tillman
June 20	Renna & Thomas Knotek
June 24	Anita & Nicholas Lehr
June 26	Christine & David Willits
June 27	Jackie & Bill Masterson
June 28	Marilyn & leo Malinowski
June 28	Kathryn & James Winters
June 29	Barbara & Ray Keith

RECEIVED HIS VICTORY IN THE LORD . . .

Ed Larson received his victory in the Lord on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in Wisconsin. A funeral will be held in Chicago, where his brothers live, on a date yet to be determined.



What is a Dad?

A Dad is a person
Who is loving and kind,
And often he knows
What you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests, and defends
A dad can be one
of your very best friends;
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient
and helpful and strong.
In all that you do,
a dad's love plays a part
There's always a place for him
deep in your heart

And each year that passes,
you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud
just to call him your dad!
Thank you Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you.

Author Unknown

YOU'RE INVITED: Thrivent Member Network June 2022 Online Events!

We help Christians find financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. All are welcome to attend our FREE virtual events.

June 02, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. ET - [The Church and the Financial Well-being of Christians](#)
Churches have great opportunity to help Christians make the most of all they've been given, but many leaders aren't sure where to start when it comes to providing financial guidance. We'll explore Christians' financial needs and actions you as a leader can take to promote financial well-being among the people and communities you serve.
RSVP - <https://bit.ly/ChurchJune2>

June 05, 2022 – June 12, 2022 - [The Power of Membership](#)
Join us for an educational webinar to learn about your member benefits and how you can make an impact in the communities where you live, work and worship. We'll cover it all, from Thrivent Action Teams to Thrivent Choice. We will also include educational resources, free and discounted services and so much more. Whether you're a new member or just need a refresher, you won't want to miss this!
RSVP - <https://www.itickets.com/events/465798>

June 13, 2022 - June 19, 2022 - [The 5 Love Languages with Dr. Gary Chapman](#)
The most common issue in any relationship is the communication barrier. Everyone experiences love differently, and it's easy to miss the mark when it comes to showing that you care. With a little help from The 5 Love Languages®, you can learn to identify the root of your conflicts, give and receive love in more meaningful ways, and grow closer than ever.
This event is on demand and you can watch any time as many times as you would like during this week.

Take The Love Language Quiz at <https://www.5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/3>
Your Love Language profile will explain your primary love language, what it means, and how you can use it to connect to others.
RSVP - <https://www.itickets.com/events/466048>

June 22, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ET - [Understanding Annuities & Social Security with Robin Mueller](#)
Join us for an exclusive webinar with nationally recognized Social Security speaker, Robin Mueller, hosted by the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region. You'll gain valuable insights on the impact of annuities and Social Security so you can continue to live a more content, confident and generous life.
RSVP - <https://bit.ly/Robin1234>

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



JUNE, 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	2	3 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH SYNOD ASSEMBLY	4
5 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP SYNOD	6 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	7	8 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	9	10 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	11
PASTOR JEFF ON VACATION						
12 THE HOLY TRINITY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	13 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	14	15 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS	16	17 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	18
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19 FATHER'S DAY SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	20 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	21	22 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	23	24 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	25
26 THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	27 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS AA MIXED GROUP 12 NOON	28	29 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	30		

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