



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

In last month's newsletter article, I wrote about the difficult debates in which our nation and churches are engaged. I stated that some seek simple solutions to complex challenges. The debates continue throughout our country now regarding abortion with the recent Supreme Court decision overturning Roe V Wade. There are no simple solutions to such a complex challenge. Proverbs 18:2 says, ***"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing personal opinion."*** I will therefore do my best to refrain from expressing my personal opinion regarding difficult and divisive topics. As I shared in my sermon on



June 26th, dissension and division of the body of Christ are the works of the flesh, and not the fruit of the Spirit of love. I want to make it clear that it is also not a fruit of the Spirit of love when we remain silent regarding matters that do not demonstrate Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us. We are called to love and to care about one another and truly listen to each other and recognize that those who have different views than us are also beloved children of God. The ELCA social statement on abortion is a document that was adopted in 1991 at Churchwide assembly that wrestles with the medical complexity of giving birth, the circumstances under which life is conceived, and the fragility of life itself. The document is neither pro-life nor pro-choice. ELCA social statements are not binding in terms of what each individual member believes, but are created as teaching statements for guidance for the whole church. According to the ELCA website, The ELCA's social statement on abortion is grounded in the conviction that "Christians are united in Christ through faith with both the freedom and obligation to engage in serious moral deliberation." The entire ELCA social statement on abortion is available online and should be read in entirety as some have taken parts of it out of context. The following is only a small portion of the social statement found on page 10 that summarizes the statement. I share it with you for the purpose of knowing and understanding what the ELCA teaches about abortion. Even though it is from 1991, it is a very relevant teaching statement for today. ***"The position of this church is that, in cases where the life of the mother is threatened, where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or where the embryo or fetus has lethal abnormalities incompatible with life, abortion prior to viability should not be prohibited by law or by lack of public funding of abortions for low***

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income women. On the other hand, this church supports legislation that prohibits abortions that are performed after the fetus is determined to be viable, except when the mother's life is threatened or when lethal abnormalities indicate the prospective newborn will die very soon" (C. Regulation of abortion - page 10)

This social statement took a lot of prayer and working together before it was passed. It does not support abortion on demand, nor does it support making abortion illegal in all circumstances. This teaching social statement is simple and consistent. Love God. Love your neighbor. It is simple, but it is not always easy. As I shared last month, there are many ways that evil and the power of sin will attempt to distract us from our calling as baptized children of God. As we celebrate our nation's independence day, may we be thankful for the many freedoms we enjoy. We are free to engage in dialogue and debate peacefully about difficult topics. We are free to worship God and give God thanks for the many blessings in our life. May we not be fools and simply express our personal opinion, but instead seek wisdom and understanding from God and one another. May we as Christians and members of Shepherd of the Glades remain united in Christ through faith with both the freedom and obligation to engage in serious moral deliberation.

Happy 4th of July, dear Church!

Pastor Jeff

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

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

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



AA GROUP . . .

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.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Six Months Ended June 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$212,351	\$214,054	(\$1,703)
Operating Expense	\$220,953	\$199,383	(\$21,570)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$8,602)	\$ 14,671	(\$23,273)

Even though we were close to budget in income, we had some unexpected expenses such a/c, alarm, and irrigation repairs. Thanks to all who generously gave extra. It is greatly appreciated.

NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD. . .



- July 25 Bruce Kobs
- July 27 Betty Teal
- July 27 David Roforth-Smith
- July 29 Joanne Hogan
- July 29 Jeanne Jones

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

- July 1 Chuck Teal
- July 4 Nancy Larrabee
- July 5 Bailey Tait
- July 6 Heidi Dziubla
- July 7 Doug Walck
- July 7 Lanna Williams
- July 8 Ann Hashagen
- July 8 Daniel Bernabei
- July 9 Roland Cumor, Sr.
- July 12 Lee Collins
- July 13 Linda Dean
- July 14 Barbara Gega
- July 18 Chuck Keller
- July 19 Randy Kuzel
- July 20 Andrea Tack
- July 20 Dorothy Hintzman
- July 20 Holden Bernabei
- July 21 James Bernabei
- July 21 Cadence Snover
- July 21 Jocelyn Snover
- July 22 Sue Walck
- July 23 Bill Masterson
- July 25 Pat Spanitz



JULY ANNIVERSARIES . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- July 11 Margarete & Peter Krehan
- July 19 Lori & James Bernabei
- July 19 Pamela & Jamshed Bhathena
- July 24 Judy & Bruce Kobs
- July 27 Kelli & Jeff Ungs
- July 30 Beverly & Paul Smith
- July 31 Elouise & Dave Larson

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!

RECEIVED HER VICTORY IN THE LORD . . .

Delores "Dee" Lipe received her victory in the Lord on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Dee's Memorial service was held Saturday, June 18, at Christ Victorious Church, Chaska, MN.



Happy Summer!! Thrivent Online Events continue in July and everyone is welcome to attend our FREE virtual events.

July 07, 2022 | 12 PM ET - Flourishing Pastors, Flourishing Communities

Join Made to Flourish's Tom Nelson and Amy Sherman for a biblically rich conversation on how to lean into the gift and the mission of personal and community flourishing. In the midst of our broken communities and stressed lives, it can be difficult to believe that God desires our flourishing, provides the way to flourishing, and wants to use us as his agents of flourishing. But God's promise to strengthen us and bring blessing to others through us is no chimera.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/Flourish123>

July 11 – July 17, 2022 - Living in Financial Victory with Dr. Tony Evans

Do you wish your house was in better financial order? If so, you won't want to miss this message of encouragement from pastor, leader and best-selling author, Dr. Tony Evans. You will discover the biblical principles of stewardship. Dr. Evans will illustrate how we should approach money in the areas of:

- Living in financial victory through sowing and reaping
- Understanding the biblical principles of stewardship within the realm of God's kingdom
- Principles of give, save and spend

Take this opportunity to learn to be a good steward, or manager, of what God has entrusted to you.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/TonyEvans123>

July 27, 2022 | 12 PM & 7 PM ET - Paychecks & Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life

Want to learn a proven approach to retirement that is tailored to your priorities? Join us for a free special event with national financial expert Tom Hegna, author of Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life. You will learn how to retire with enough guaranteed lifetime income to cover your basic expenses and how to optimize the rest of your portfolio to make sure you receive your playchecks. You want to feel comfortable that you have a strategy in place so that your basic living expenses are covered for life—and there is something leftover to play with.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/Playchecks123>

LOOKING AHEAD:

ARE YOU A BASEBALL FAN? AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION MONTH!

See the Mighty Mussels in Fort Myers, the Jumbo Shrimp in Jacksonville, the Marlins in Miami and more!! Games in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia too!

Check us out at Thrivent.com/southeast and click on "Events" for specific dates and times!

No products will be sold at our events. For additional disclosures, see Thrivent.com/social.



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs.	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	2
3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY-OFFICE CLOSED 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	5	6 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	7	8 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	9
10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	11 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	12	13 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	14	15 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	16
17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	18 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	19	20 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	21	22 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	23
24 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	25 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	26	27 9:00 -10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	28	29 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	30
31 EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP						

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