

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

By the time most of you read this article, you will have already celebrated Labor Day weekend. Last month, I wrote about some changes that have happened in the last 3 years. Change is inevitable. Sometimes we recognize the changes and other times change is less dramatic. Labor Day weekend used to be a big holiday marking the end of summer vacation. Most of you probably watched or participated in the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethons that raised millions of dollars every year in an attempt to eradicate muscular dystrophy. The Jerry Lewis MDA telethon began in 1966 and was popular for many years but ended in 2010. Another change you may have noticed is that public school did not start until after Labor Day but in most parts of our country, school now starts before Labor Day. For most of us, these changes were not dramatic. Although we like things to remain the same, changes will happen.



As we start a new school year, I ask for you to pray for students, teachers, and all who work in the school system. There was a time when we didn't have to even think about the safety and well being of those who go to school, but between the evolution of new viruses and concerns with violence in our schools, it is important for us to pray. We should pray not just for our schools, students and employees of our schools but for children and education systems around the globe. Well educated students provide for a better future for the world as they may develop the cure to cancer, muscular dystrophy, and other diseases that currently exist. Well educated students receive an understanding of the importance of living together in community peaceably with others who have a different perspective. The foundation of a good education is important. There is an American citizen that teaches in Ukraine who I learned of through a friend. She is married to a man from Ukraine and they continue to live in their home in Ukraine. She has been interviewed by American news, and in the interviews she has shared how difficult it is to continue teaching in a war torn country. Some of her students have migrated to other countries but continue their education in Ukraine via the internet. She reports that the school children are living in fear and uncertainty. They want to return to their home and live in peace. For many of her students, she is the anchor and connection to their homeland as she teaches from Ukraine. In the interview, she stated that teachers' lives are at risk in the event the Russian military occupies Ukrainian territory. She has asked for prayers for peace and an end to the violence and destruction that Ukraine is experiencing due to war. So I ask for your prayers, and I give thanks for your support to people who have been affected by this war. You may recall the fund raisers we had for the people of Ukraine. Your financial gifts have been stewarded well to assist those going through traumatic changes in their lives. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Your financial gifts of \$39,028 that were sent to Lutheran World Relief have been utilized in the following ways. Within Ukraine, hospitals in Kyiv and Chernihiv are receiving surgical and wound care kits, gauze, IV kits, oxygen masks, defibrillators and stretchers. There are ongoing provisions for 6 emergency bomb shelters that have housed more than 15,000 people. Mental health services are being provided for families and those in need. In Poland where many refugees fled for safety, LWR has provided 2 million dollars in emergency cash for food, medical expenses, transportation and clothing for those displaced due to the war. This funding is also used to help prevent sexual exploitation and abuse of the women who are seeking safe refuge. Essential supplies including milk, energy biscuits, personal hygiene products and more are also being provided for those in need. LWR health kits and quilts from congregations are also being distributed to those in need.

I cannot thank you enough for making Christ known through your generosity and prayer support. You have made a positive impact and let your light shine in very dark places. I know that many of

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us long for the days of the Jerry Lewis telethons and peace in our country and throughout the world. But we have much to be grateful for and thankful about. As we put one more Labor Day Holiday behind us, make sure you thank teachers for their work. Pray for their safety and well being. Give God thanks for the many blessings in your life.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2)

God bless,
Pastor Jeff

HELPING OTHERS . . .

The 2022 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. This year there are three ways to support these children.

1. There will be collection containers marked “Undy Sunday” at the church for two collection weekends, October 23rd and 30th. Please bring new and unused underwear and socks in sizes small, medium, and large for children ages 5-14.
2. The Undy Sunday team has a Charity Wish List where you can find current socks and undies needs: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/R7GC9KYLQEIF/ref-smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl
3. You may make a monetary donation using their secure online donor portal (<https://one.bidpal.net/undysunday>). 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 (781-799-5486), or call/email our staff: Allegra (239-793-0059) or Esmeralda (239-455-2655 ext. 3100) at: allegra.belliard@catholiccharitiesdov.org or Esmeralda.alvarado@catholiccharitiesdov.org

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Ken Konopka	Jim Opperman
Ben Bairn	John Lane	The Quehl Family
Brad Caulder	Family of Ed Larson	Jim Sauer
James Caulder II	Anita & Nick Lehr	Arlene Schamberger
Marilyn Day	The Lentini Family	Charlotte Sebe
Tom & Vicki Dunlop	Family of Dee Lipe	Leila Sellman
Alan & Susie Espersen	Carl & Jean Lipke	David Siegers
Family of Jack Fee	Doc & Sandy Lofthouse	Micah Smith
Sue Haberkorn	Patricia Lussy	The Swain Family
Family of Bobby Hicks	Family of Carol Lyberg	The Ungs Family
Sara Hundley	Family of Mark McGarity	

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 the Nursery. 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

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: Eight Months Ended August 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$248,962	\$255,374	(\$6,412)
Operating Expense	\$266,813	\$247,198	(\$19,615)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$17,851)	\$8,176	(\$26,027)

We fell behind on our income to budget in August! We still need to make up for the unexpected a/c and fire alarm repair expenses. Thanks to all who have remained faithful through our leaner summer months.



HAPPY BELATED AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO . . .

August 31 Charlotte Wahlig

Due to human error Charlotte's birthday was left off last month's newsletter.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Barbara Modjeska

September 2 Pat Barrack

September 3 Carolyn Case

September 8 Kellen Snover

September 10 John Carr

September 11 Noel Bischoff

September 13 Susan O'Neal

September 16 Thomas Cianflone

September 19 Charlotte Sebe

September 20 Karen Kuzel

September 21 Terry Hansen

September 22 Alan Espersen

September 22 Pamula Leimer

September 25 Barbara Harvey

September 26 Helene Boone

September 27 Pamela Bhathena

September 27 Susan Espersen

September 28 H. Peter Lyberg

September 28 Lynn Rolland

September 29 Kathy Heldman



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

September 1 Barb & Ron Modjeska

September 3 Betty & Clay Baker

September 5 Helen & Vern Rasmussen

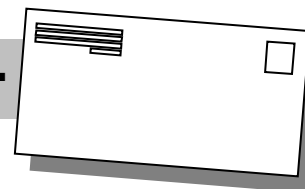
September 16 Andrea & Kathy Heldman

September 17 Betty & Jim Sauer

September 22 Pat & Guy Cooper

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!

WE GET LETTERS . . .



Dear Caring Congregation,

So sorry this note is so late in arriving, but I wanted to thank you for keeping me in your prayers as I go through chemo and surgery for breast cancer.

My dear sister, Marcia Schacht Watts, put the bee in your bonnet to add me to your prayer list, for which I am very grateful. It means so much to me to be in your prayers, and it is such a lovely thing for you to do.

Many thanks again.

Best wishes,

Marilyn Day



**September is Life Insurance Awareness Month!
Join Thrivent for these FREE online events.**

September 12 through 18, 2022 | anytime - [Jeremy Camp Virtual Concert & Interview in honor of Life Insurance Awareness Month](#)

Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region for a special virtual concert with Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, Jeremy Camp.

In honor of Life Insurance Awareness Month, Jeremy will share his powerful testimony during an exclusive interview. Enjoy a time of worship as Jeremy Camp and his band perform, “Keep Me in the Moment”, “Same Power”, “I Still Believe”, “Out of My Hands”, “Walk by Faith”, “He Knows”, and “Christ in Me.”. Don’t miss this free special event full of encouragement and hope available for one week only.

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

**September 20, 2022 @ 7:30 PM ET & September 22, 2022 @ 12:30 PM ET or 7:30 PM ET – [21st Century Medicare with The Medicare Coach, Emily Gang](#)
Medicare can be great when you do what’s right for you.**

Join the Thrivent Member Network and Emily Gang, The Medicare Coach, as we explore 21st Century Medicare: Planning to Protect Your Healthcare Rights and Retirement Savings.

During this workshop, Emily will cover things that you can do to both help yourself and/or your loved ones to prepare for Medicare. She will also discuss where and when to start the application process along with important tips once on Medicare to save money.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/21Medicare>

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

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

Want to know more? Call Thrivent Financial Associate David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.



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

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