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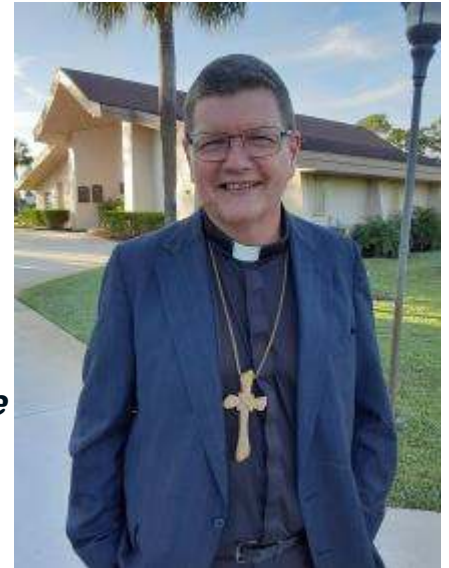
*“Do Justice, love mercy
and walk humbly with
God”*

Micah 6: 8

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

After the Church service ended, a father scolded his son for talking and making noise during the Pastor's sermon. The father said, "Do you understand why it is important for you to be quiet when the Pastor is giving his sermon?" The young preschool boy quickly responded, "Yah... because people are sleeping." While I hope that is not the case, I do believe that there are times throughout history when the church of Jesus Christ has fallen asleep rather than pay attention to the mission Jesus has invited us to participate in. *"When he (Jesus) rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow."* (Luke 22:45)



The Church and the world have experienced much sorrow and grief over the past 3 years due to the pandemic.

Although I have read this passage many times, this is the first time I noticed the reason that the disciples of Jesus were exhausted was because of their sorrow. This story of grief and sorrow and sleepiness took place after the Passover meal celebration. Why were these disciples so grieved? Because Jesus had just told them some bad news. He told them that he was about to be betrayed and put to death. Jesus had asked them to pray that they might not come into the time of trial. But they were so overwhelmed with sorrow and grief at the news of Jesus dying that they could not stay focused or alert. If you have ever experienced deep sorrow or grief when you get the news that someone you love is dying, you understand what that feels like. Everything becomes a fog and you can't think straight. In grief and sorrow, the disciples became so exhausted they fell asleep instead of staying awake and praying. They were in shock and deeply grieved when their hopes and expectations of their lives with Jesus suddenly changed. But all of that changed after the resurrection. Those who followed Jesus found new hope in the resurrection. Death was not the end but the beginning of new life. Things would not be the same as before. The foggy mindset of grief and sorrow eventually changed to clarity of a new beginning and a new understanding of what it meant to be a follower of Jesus.

Do you remember what it felt like when we were told we could not hold public worship services? Do you remember the shock that everyone felt as businesses and schools closed down? Our lives were suddenly and forever changed and the church was uncertain of what the future would look like or how we could stay connected. I will confess there were many times things felt very foggy and uncertain of what the future looked like without public worship. The expectations of what it meant to be with and worship Jesus in worship suddenly changed. The grief and the sorrow were very real as people we knew got sick or even died from the unexpected pandemic. But like the first followers of Jesus, we are people who believe in resurrection to new life. After the initial shock of the reality of Jesus' betrayal and death, the believers in Jesus became bold in their proclamation of

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hope. It is a good thing that the first believers did not stay stuck in their grief and uncertainty or fogginess. They woke up from their sleep and even became excited about the possibilities of the changes to come. As resurrection people, we recognize that life does not always go as we plan, but God sees us through our grief and pain and invites us to proclaim new life in Jesus Christ.

We are blessed to be a congregation that has many events that celebrate our life together in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. We are blessed that we can once again have these public celebrations together. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall and Winter. May we never take gathering together for public worship for granted again! Perhaps, dear church, we are now awakening from our slumber of grief and sorrow. For too long, people have been convinced that the Bible and the stories of Jesus are boring or have no relevance. For too long, people have seen the church asleep in her mission and purpose as followers of Jesus. For too long the church has focused on what divides us rather than what unites us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Perhaps the Christian church and followers of Jesus will once again become excited about the message of Jesus' death and resurrection to new life. May the Word of God awaken us and bring us hope, healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior, and may no one sleep through a sermon!

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_Ink_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

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

September 13, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Bonny Dery, President. Members in attendance: Bob Tidmore, Penny Morken, Bonnie Brisky, Brenda Charleston, Bonny Dery, Doug Walck, Charlotte Wahlig, Elaine Sima, Brad Caulder and Pastor Unga. Absent: John Sherman and Barbara Keller. Devotions: Bonny Dery. A motion to approve the minutes of the May Council meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written.

Pastor's report: Pastor gave the Council members an update on members who have been home bound, sick, or hospitalized. Pastor Jeff reported that he had a meeting with Spiritual Advisory board of AVOW Hospice, East Naples Ministerial, weekly staff meetings, as well as attending a staff retreat in August. Pastor has met with the Property, Fellowship, and the Evangelism Committees. 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 Group, HOA neighborhood groups.

After 30 plus years the chimes in the church stopped working. New chimes were ordered, shipped, and have been installed.

A motion was made that the church have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. during the winter months. This motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows a decrease as of the end of August 2022. This account has been fluctuating along with the stock market. Our giving is below budget and our expenses have increased substantially due to the cost of the new chimes and a/c repairs throughout the summer.

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 was down as of August 19, 2022. This reflects the current status of the stock market. A withdrawal was taken out for the Lutheran World Relief – matching funds for the Ukrainian Project, and for the Lutheran seminary tuition support program.

Parish Relations – Hanson Hall rental policy committee met August 16th to discuss rental of Hanson Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to gather information and questions about what should be included in the policy. Brad Caulder agreed to do a review of our insurance policy regarding coverage for rental of Hanson Hall.

Property – The Property Committee worked throughout the summer months on A/C repairs, the sprinkler system, landscaping projects, and preventative maintenance on the (11) air conditioning units currently in use.

Education – Weekly 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is going well and has about 8 people attending. The Women's Bible Study is scheduled to begin on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship – Fellowship Committee met Tuesday, September 13th and have planned special activities from October through April 2023. The first activity will be "Trunk or Treat" on October 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. All Committees voted to provide soup suppers following the Lenten services again this year.

Stewardship – No Report

Evangelism - Evangelism Committee meeting will be held September 29, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

New Member Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2022.

Local Mission- Donated food was delivered to St. Matthews House in Naples every month during the summer.

Worship & Music – Thank you to John Sherman, Pat Cooper, and Pastor Bob Hoffman for the special music they provided during the summer months. Council voted to support the Paul Todd Christmas concert again this year. The date of the concert is December 5, 2022. More details will follow as they become available.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff. Next meeting will be October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Brenda Charleston .

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

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.

- 1 transport wheelchair, ranging from 16–19-inch seats.
- 3 2 wheeled walkers
- 1 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
- 2 canes with 4 pronged bottom

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: Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$266,359	\$272,754	(\$6,395)
Operating Expense	\$294,379	\$274,598	(\$19,751)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$28,020)	(\$1,844)	(\$26,176)

Income and expenses were on track with budget for the month of September. Year to date figures reflect the impact of the unexpected air conditioning and sanctuary alarm system repairs, from which we are still recovering financially.



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

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| October 1 | Charlie Orner |
| October 3 | Janet Connell |
| October 5 | Jennifer Hackethal |
| October 6 | Janis Johnson |
| October 6 | Charlotte Gulden |
| October 7 | Kelli Unga |
| October 10 | Jim Sauer |
| October 11 | Beverly Cook |
| October 11 | Kathryn Williams |
| October 11 | Gary Larson |
| October 12 | Carolyn Fee |
| October 12 | Diane Roforth-Smith |
| October 13 | Jane Limpus |
| October 13 | Larry Gulden |
| October 20 | Bryan Cook |
| October 21 | Dorian Delp |
| October 24 | Anita Lehr |
| October 25 | Linda Stover |
| October 25 | Diana Snover |
| October 26 | Judy Kobs |
| October 27 | Don Johnson |

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!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| October 5 | Scott & Bonnie Kischer |
| October 15 | Michael & Lynn Karle |
| October 18 | Tom & Sally Moore |
| October 19 | Scott Krenz & Gayle Huberty |
| October 22 | John & Mary Sherman |
| October 24 | William & Carol Christian |
| October 26 | Paul & Earnie Keller |
| October 30 | Milan & Gloria Blaho |
| October 31 | Ralph & Marilyn Stadler |

RECEIVED HER VICTORY . . .

Nancy Stiener received her victory in the Lord on Friday, September 9, 2022 with her family up North.

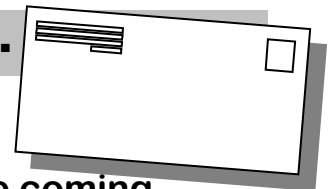


WE GET LETTERS . . .

Greetings, All!

Hope all is well. We are coming along slowly, but surely. It takes time, patience, and prayers. We thank you for your prayers, cards, and for thinking of us.

Blessings,
Anita & Nick Lehr



THRIVENT UPDATES . . .

October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

Take the time this month to recognize and appreciate the service of your pastors, priests, reverends, ministers, and all clergy members.

Please join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region this month for our upcoming events.

October 3 - 9, 2022 | anytime - Big Daddy Weave Virtual Concert & Interview

On Demand Event | Available for one week only.

Exclusive event with Christian band, Big Daddy Weave.

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

October 10 at 7:30 p.m. ET & October 12 at 12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. ET –

Where There is a Will There is a Way

Online Webinar | presented by Michelle Singletary

Learn why it's important to have a will and estate plan.

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

October 19 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ET – A Lifetime Gift presented by Shelly

Halverson

Online Webinar | Discover resources, tools, and comprehensive information for end-of-life planning to give families the greatest gift.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/LTG0819>

October 25 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ET – Savvy Tax Strategies

Online Webinar | presented by Mike Fuehmeyer

Understand how taxes might affect your retirement.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/SavvyTaxOct25>

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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](https://facebook.com/SoutheastTMN).

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

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



AH, SWEET FELLOWSHIP . . .

The Fellowship Committee has met and planned activities for the coming year, now that COVID has abated! So mark your calendars!

October 31, 2022 - Trunk or Treat at 6:00 p.m.

November 13, 2022 - Veterans Reception

December 4, 2022 - Annual Bake Sale

January 15, 2023 - Welcome Back Luncheon

February 10 & 11, 2023 - Garage Sale

February 22, 2023 - Ash Wednesday - 1st soup supper after Lenten service.

(soup supper will be held every Wednesday until March 29, 2022)

March 5, 2023 - Strawberry Sundae Sunday

April 16, 2023 - Farewell luncheon

TRUNK OR TREAT . . .

Our first activity is a “Trunk or Treat” Halloween celebration. Anyone who wants to participate in this fun activity, October 31st, puts their goodies in their trunk, decorates their car for Halloween, drives to Church at 6:00 p.m. opens their trunk, and waits for the children to arrive. Any questions, call Jeanne Jones at (239) 970-0322 or Kelli Unga at (641) 529-0969. This should be a spooky good time!!



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!. . .

Please be advised that we will only have one worship service this winter. The service will be held at 9:30 a.m.

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayer:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family

Sue Haberkorn

Al & Pat McFadden

Ben Bairn

Family of Bobby Hicks

Irma Median

Family of David Beers

Sara Hundley

Jim Opperman

Brad Caulder

Ken Konopka

The Quehl Family

James Caulder II

John Lane

Arlene Schamberger

Marilyn Day

Family of Ed Larson

Mike Schwentner

Tom & Vicki Dunlop

Anita & Nick Lehr

Charlotte Sebe

Alan & Susie Espersen

The Lentini Family

Leila Sellman

Family of Jack Fee

Family of Dee Lipe

Micah Smith

Amanda Fink

Carl & Jean Lipke

The Swain Family

Doc & Sandy Lofthouse

The Unga Family

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

UPCOMING EVENT AT AVOW . . .



59 MINUTES TO AVOIDING SCAMS & FRAUD



Thursday, October 6, 2022

Lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00pm

Presentation from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Event will be held in the
Dick Lee & Mary Martha Tonra Waterview Room
in the Ispiri community center
1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples

RSVP to Mark Beland by September 30
at (239) 285-9300 or mark.beland@avowcares.org

Think you're too smart to fall for a scam? The Federal Trade Commission reports scams are up 70% with 2.8 million people reporting billions in lost money.

Fraudsters have become more sophisticated than ever. Stay ahead by joining Avow and our guest speaker for lunch and a presentation on avoiding scams and frauds.

Presenter:

ANGELA LARSON

Angela has been a member of the Collier County Sheriff's Office since April 1997 and supervisor of the Victim and Senior Advocacy Unit since August 2003.

She is certified by the State of Florida as a Crime Prevention Practitioner, Elder Crime Prevention Practitioner, and Victim Services Practitioner.



WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

- ANONYMOUS



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	3 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	4	5 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	6	7 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	8
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30 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	31 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP 6:00 P.M. TRUNK OR TREAT					

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