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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1) As we approach Thanksgiving, it is appropriate that we view this holiday not as a springboard to Christmas, but rather a time to reflect on the many blessings God has given us. Hurricane Ian took the lives of at least 114 Florida residents and left behind damages estimated from 41 - 70 billion dollars in damage to property and agricultural loss. That is a staggering number that is almost unbelievable. Some might ask, “Where is your God in this mess and destruction?” The answer is evident if you are willing to look. The first Sunday after the hurricane, I played news footage of people of faith who looked beyond their own needs and saved the lives of others. From the teens who used their canoes to seek people trapped in their homes to the emergency first responders who risked their lives to save others, God was present. Immediately after the hurricane, people opened up their homes to those displaced by the hurricane. Complete strangers became good friends. There are so many stories of people who are heroes of the faith who reached out to help others in their time of need. The Florida Bahamas Synod disaster relief ministry gave out over \$50,000 within two weeks of the hurricane to people who were identified by local ELCA congregations who were in need of immediate assistance. And God was with those who perished in the storm. God’s steadfast love endures forever, even as we face the valley of the shadow of death. We do not minimize the pain and grief some are suffering as their loved ones have perished in this storm. Yet we remember that even death has no power over us when we believe and trust in the promises of God. And so we are invited to give thanks to the Lord and see the many ways that God is good. In case you have not heard yet, the only known damage to the church property is the roof on Hanson Hall. This will be expensive to fix, but it could have been so much worse. And so we give thanks to the Lord for the blessings God has provided.



As we end a busy October and enter into November, the church is hopping with new life and many activities. Thank you to all who brought clothing for Undy Sunday. We filled the boxes to the brim! With our collaboration with Catholic Charities, many families will be grateful for your donations and give thanks to the Lord for your generosity. These are financially challenging times for families. Also, thank you to all who helped by bringing candy to distribute for Halloween night and to those who decorated their cars and distributed candy. We enjoyed Trunk or Treat and meeting our neighbors and their children in a fun way. The fun and excitement of October has ended, but November is equally as busy! November 13th we will be honoring Veterans day weekend with a reception following worship. We will also be receiving and welcoming many new members to Shepherd of the Glades on November 13th! Please come and celebrate with us!

On Thursday November 24th, we will host a Thanksgiving meal for anyone who might otherwise be eating alone or be without family on Thanksgiving. Please be sure to sign up for this event if you plan on attending so that we can prepare enough food for

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everyone. We will also play games and have some fun together.

There is so much to give God thanks for and to celebrate even after a devastating hurricane. At this year's fall theological conference on ministry, I was reminded by our speaker that, although there are many denominations and congregations, there is only one church. After the conference on ministry, the Pastors from Caloosa and Mid-Gulf Conferences were invited to visit with Presiding Bishop Eaton and Bishop Suarez in Fort Myers for prayers, comfort, consultation, and support. We joined together in worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. We are church together. And we are church for the sake of the world. I am grateful for all Shepherd of the Glades does to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and care for others. May you be blessed with a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may we always give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

In God's Gracious Grip,

God bless,

Pastor Jeff

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS . . .

I am interested in starting a prayer group/chain in our faith community. I am currently looking at what works best for our congregation. Some of the options are: In person at the church (morning or afternoon)

Prayer chain (how often, weekly, every two weeks)

If interested, please contact Kelli Ungs 641-529-0969 or the church office M-F 9:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Blessings,

Kelli Ungs

EVANGELISM "GIVING TREE" . . .

The Evangelism Committee would like to reach out to the elderly population for Christmas. We saw a need, and this year the residents of ProMedica of Lely Manor will be the recipients of the gifts from the "Giving Tree".

There are 60 long term residents living at this facility and the activities director was very excited about having the residents participate in this project.

The tree will be setup and decorated by Sunday, December 4th. The ornaments will be made by the residents with suggestions for gift giving. Please take an ornament from the tree, wrap the gift, and return it before Sunday, December 18th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Evangelism Committee

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

October 11, 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, Brad Caulder, John Sherman, and Pastor Unga.

Absent: Elaine Sima and Barbara Keller

Devotions: Brenda Charleston

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

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff continues to make congregation home visits, provides home bound communions, and makes hospital visits. Pastor Jeff reported that he had a meeting with Spiritual Advisory board of AVOW Hospice and attended weekly staff meetings. Pastor has regular communication with Pastor Orlando Ramirez of Iglesia Conexion and Pastor DJ and Haitian Baptist Church leaders, and the Caloosa Conference. Hanson Hall continues to be utilized by Iglesia Conexion United Methodist Church, Haitian Baptist Church, Bone Builders, AA Group, HOA neighborhood groups. Pastor Ramirez has requested permission to install two large screen televisions so they can project the words to the music they sing.

The new chimes arrived and sound beautiful.

Nominating committee will present names for 2023 council at the November meeting. Annual meeting date is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2022, following the worship service.

A new AA group has requested the use of Hanson Hall for an evening meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and approved by council.

Lutheran World Relief will have a representative come to Shepherd of the Glades worship on November 6th to thank us for our gift and explain how these gifts were used.

There are many resources and financial assistance programs for persons in need. The ELCA disaster response has set up their website for donors and have been very efficient at checking in on local pastors and ministries. The Synod disaster response has also been very helpful in their response (including immediate financial assistance for someone in our congregation and offers for pastor care).

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported, that the Truist investment account shows a decrease as of the end of September 2022. This account has been fluctuating along with the stock market. Our giving is about even with our budget, and our expenses have increased substantially due to the cost of the unexpected a/c repairs that have been made. Bob stated that he will meet with the chairman of the various church committees to discuss their needs for the 2023 budget. The finance committee will present a proposed 2023 budget to the council at the November meeting.

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 31, 2022. This reflects the status of the stock market. An endowment meeting will be scheduled later in October.

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 (committee chairman), agreed to do a review of our insurance policy regarding coverage for rental of Hanson Hall and set up a committee meeting to make any necessary changes to the policy.

Property – The Property Committee would like to thank all the members of the congregation that helped with the property clean-up. Another clean-up of the grove behind the church will be

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

scheduled soon.

Education – Weekly 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is going well and has 7-9 people attending. The Women’s Bible Study is scheduled to begin on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship – The first fellowship activity will be “Trunk or Treat” on October 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. On November 13, 2022, they will provide a veterans’ reception.

Stewardship – No Report

Evangelism- New Member Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2022. The committee is planning to serve a “traditional” Thanksgiving meal to any member of the congregation that would like to attend. An announcement will be made each Sunday, and flyers will be available in the narthex along with a sign-up sheet for those wanting to attend. The “giving tree” will benefit the residents at ProMedica this year.

Local Mission- Donated food was delivered to St. Matthews House in Naples.

Worship & Music – John Sherman is making plans for another entertaining concert to benefit the victims of Hurricane Ian. The date and time are still being discussed.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with closing prayer by Pastor Jeff.

Next meeting will be November 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Bob Tidmore.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

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.

On Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., a mixed AA group meets in Hanson Hall. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please contact Jay Miller at 404-435- 6695.

FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Ten Months Ended October 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$302,085	\$283,293	\$18,792
Operating Expense	\$327,483	\$300,037	(\$27,386)
Net Income (Deficit)	(\$25,398)	(\$16,804)	(\$8,594)

Although year to date income looks very good, we have had numerous unplanned for expenses this year. Among them are the repair of the Sanctuary fire detector, replacement of a/c lines for office air conditioner, replacement of lighting in Hanson Hall, replacement of office area sink and hot water heater, replacement of the church chimes, and replacement of the Sanctuary lighting system. Thanks to all who have been so generous in helping to fill the gap!



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO . .

- November 3 Linda Tidmore
- November 7 Hank Beers
- November 7 Darlene Momberg
- November 8 Alexa Tibbetts
- November 9 Patricia Cumor
- November 14 Helen Rsamussen
- November 15 Barbara Keith
- November 18 Marcia Schacht
- November 18 James Opperman
- November 20 Lois Horky
- November 21 Bernard Schmidt
- November 21 Elaine Sima
- November 22 Bonnie Dahl
- November 23 Clay Baker
- November 24 Gunar Strungs
- November 26 Sharon Eickhoff
- November 29 LeAnn Granato
- November 29 Charlotte Buettner
- November 29 Lauren Buettner
- November 29 Ashley Neil
- November 30 Barbara Collins

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- November 7 Phil & Lisa Willman
- November 21 Don & Alice Bassett
- November 27 Gary & Annette Larson
- November 28 David & Diane Roforth-Smith



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!

THRIVENT UPDATES . . .

Disaster Response: Hurricane Ian

When disaster strikes, we stand with our clients and their friends and families. If you have friends or family affected by Hurricane Ian in the Southeast, you can use your Thrivent Action Teams to help!



Apply for your Thrivent Action Team today at <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam>
Use Promo code: SOUTHURRICANE2022 to help expedite the processing of your Action Team so you can serve your community faster. Promo code expires on 1/1/2023.

Want to help another way, but not sure how?

You can also assist those in need by donating to specified organizations online via Thrivent's online giving platform and/or directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars too!

Don't forget to join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region this month for our upcoming events.

November 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. ET | The Easiest Way to Win College Scholarships—Starting in 8th Grade

Jeannie Burlowski is a nationally recognized college planning speaker. She is an academic strategist, podcast host, speaker for students ages 10–26 and their parents/grandparents—and she is the author of the book LAUNCH: How to Get Your Kids Through College Debt-Free and Into Jobs They Love Afterward. RSVP - <https://bit.ly/WinForCollege>

Watch for additional Thrivent online events, including our free December concerts! Check us out at- <https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/southeast/events>

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

Want to know more? Call Thrivent Financial Advisor 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



LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE . . .

Happy Thanksgiving!

What is a pumpkin's favorite sport? Squash, of course!

What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, google, google

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy.

What was the turnkey suspected of? Fowl play!

What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost? A poultrygeist!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin Pi!

TO BENEFIT THE HURRICANE VICTIMS . . .

"GOD'S CREATION" 2023 CALENDARS

On Sundays, someone will be in the Narthex after worship to make beautiful 2023 calendars available with scripture and beautiful photos to raise funds for hurricane victims. They are only \$8 each and make beautiful gifts!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! . . .

**** Please be advised that we will 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

Ben Bairn

Family of David Beers

Bridget Adeline Bragg

Brad Caulder

Marilyn Day

Tom & Vicki Dunlop

Alan & Susie Espersen

Family of Jack Fee

Amanda Fink

Sue Haberkorn

Family of Bobby Hicks

Rev. Bernie Jorn

Nadine Kelly

Thomas Knotek

Ken Konopka

Family of Ed Larson

Anita & Nick Lehr

The Lentini Family

Carl & Jean Lipke

Margie McConnell

Al & Pat McFadden

Irma Median

Patty Musielak

Jim Opperman

The Quehl Family

Arlene Schamberger

Mike Schwentner

Charlotte Sebe

Leila Sellman

Joe Simmonasky

Micah Smith

The Swain Family

The Ungs Family

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

EVANGELISM'S UPCOMING EVENT...



We certainly have a lot to be thankful for!

The Thanksgiving holiday is right around the corner. This year the Evangelism Committee is trying something different.

We would like to provide a “traditional” Thanksgiving dinner for anyone in our congregation that is alone, does not have family in the area, doesn’t like to cook, or anyone that would just like friendship and fellowship during this Thanksgiving holiday. The dinner will be served on Thursday, November 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Hanson Hall.

Beginning Sunday, October 23, 2022, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you are planning to attend the dinner (or bring a guest), please sign the sheet indicating the number of people. This will allow us to provide an adequate amount of food. We are also requesting that if you are planning to join us for dinner, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the St. Matthews food pantry. There will be a freewill offering to offset the cost of the food.

Thanksgiving Meal Menu:

**Roasted turkey with dressing
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Sweet potatoes
Green beans
Fresh cranberry salad
Rolls and butter
Pie and desserts**

We are excited about providing this special holiday meal. Please plan to stay for more fellowship and games following dinner.

The Evangelism Committee



OUR 2022 HOLIDAY SPECIAL! . . .

CHRISTMAS
With **PAUL TODD**
& *Paul Todd Jr.*
25TH ANNIVERSARY Concert

**AT SHEPHERD
OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6020 RATTLESNAKE
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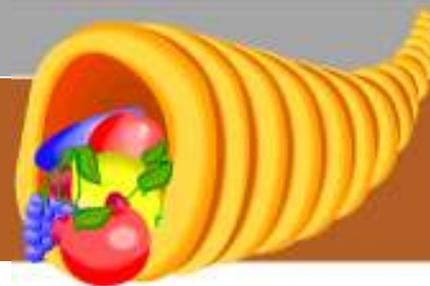
Looking for a special gift? Treat yourself or others to the Paul Todd and Paul Todd Jr. 25th Anniversary Christmas Concert at Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. for only \$20 per ticket. Make this your opportunity to receive **DOUBLE CHRISTMAS PLEASURE!**

Proceeds from the concert will be designated for Hurricane Ian Relief Fund. This concert truly will be the gift that deepens on giving!

Tickets are on sale in the church office or after church in the courtyard effective November 13th. This concert is open to the community.

Let's make 2022 a real Merry Christmas for many!

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	3 7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	4 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	5
6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	7 NO BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	8 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MTG	9 NO BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	10 12:30 P.M. NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON 7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	11 10:00 A.M. WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION	12
13 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP VETERANS' RECEPTION	14 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	15	16 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	17 7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	18 6:00 - 8: 00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	19
20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	21 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	22	23 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	24 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 P.M. DINNER 7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	25 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IGLESIA CONEXION CHURCH	26
27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	28 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	29	30 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY	7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP		

The fellowship committee will provide fun and fellowship at the “Veterans’ Reception “ immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We will gather in the courtyard, and we hope you will attend.

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