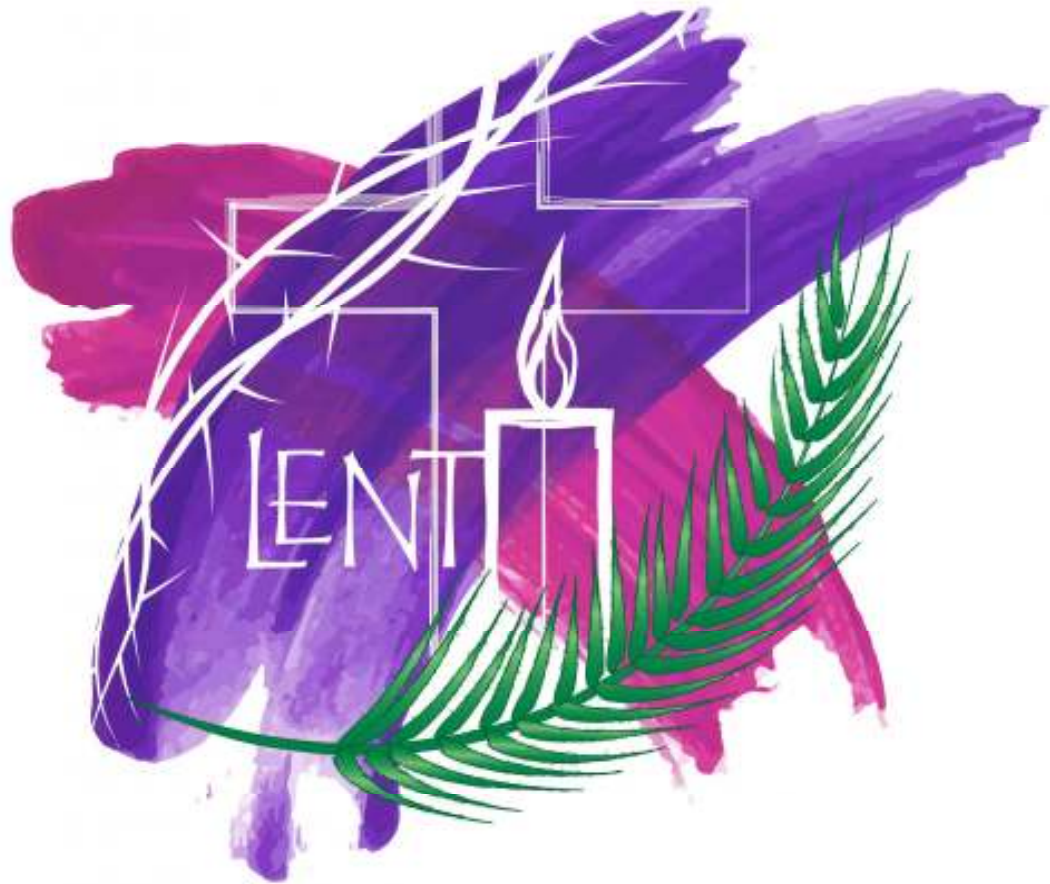


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JOIN US FOR LENTEN WORSHIP ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.



SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

Welcome to the season of Lent! It is a time for new life and renewal, so I thought I would share a picture of myself and our new Granddaughter, Alora Elouise Unga. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet her in person in February. I love holding babies because they have just come from God, and you can feel the peace and presence of Christ in this new miracle from God. As I held her, I



remembered our children when they were babies. It seemed that it wasn't that long ago. But the years fly by. As I reflected on those first years of parenting, I realized that every step along the way was a learning process. No



child comes with an instruction book! We followed what our parents did. We raised our children and brought them to church every Sunday. Each of them were baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith. And my most cherished memory is when all our adult children and their spouses were in church with Kelli, myself, my sister and my Mother. We all held hands as we prayed the Lord's prayer. By then my Father had passed away. I looked down the aisle and

recognized that Kelli and I had passed along the greatest gift our parents gave to us. A faith that reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. A faith that reminds us that we have only one life to live. And when we live our life trusting in the promises of scripture and the resurrection to new life, we have hope. Death is not the end, but the gateway to eternal life.

As we journey through these 40 days of Lent, I invite you to attend our Wednesday evening prayer services. This year, we will spend time during the prayer services getting to know one another better by sharing faith conversations. We will discuss the importance of the following topics over the five Wednesday services.

- † Week one will be the importance of hearing the Gospel. We will discuss why it may be so difficult for some to hear the Gospel.
- † Week two will be the importance of believing the Gospel. We will discuss what things may prevent us from believing the Gospel.
- † Week three will be the importance of living the Gospel. What difference does it make when we walk the talk of faith as opposed to making our faith a Sunday only action.
- † Week four will be the importance of proclaiming the Gospel. This is not only on Sunday. We will discuss the adages "I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day." and "You may be the only Bible people read."
- † The final week of Wednesday prayer service, we will learn and discuss the importance of becoming the Gospel in a world filled with fear and hatred.

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

I hope you come and grow in your spiritual journey through this wonderful opportunity. Unlike my journey as a new parent and grandparent, my spiritual journey - and yours - comes with an instruction book, The Basic Instruction Book for Life Eternal (or BIBLE). And of course, when you come to the midweek prayer service, you will not only be fed by the Word of God, but you will also be fed by the soup supper that follows! (See below.) I look forward to seeing you! Have a blessed Lent.

In God's gracious grip,
+ Pastor Jeff

LENTEN SOUPS CONTINUE . . .

Come join us as Lenten services continue on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. AND this year we HAVE soup suppers immediately following in Hanson Hall. The schedule for soup suppers is as follows:

- March 1 - Choir
- March 8 - Property Committee & Quilters
- March 15 - Staff and office volunteers
- March 22 - Council
- March 29 - Worship and Music Committee

LENTEN WISDOM . . .

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
Pope Francis

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again.
Amen"
Henri Nouwen

"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps."
Luke 9:23

"The Gospel is the only story where the hero dies for the villain."
Daystar

"Easter is not about immortality but about resurrection from a death that is a real death with all its frightfulness and horrors, resurrection from a death of the body and the soul, of the whole person, resurrection by the power of God's mighty act. This is the Easter message."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God's love."
Chuck Colson

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS . . .

Praise God for all the people who have joined the Prayer Warriors. We have lifted in prayer at least 22 different people and given praise for many of them finding strength, peace or healing. As the body of Christ we are all able to use the first wireless connection to our creator, prayer. Thank you to those who are in our communication links, and we welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Please contact the church office and let them know how you want to be connected. We are currently using text messages or email. If neither works for you we will find a way. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

Blessings,
Kelli Ungs

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH February 14, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Unofficial)

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, John Sherman, Brad Caulder, and Elaine Sima. Pastor Jeff attended via phone.

Absent: Ed Reis, Charlotte Wahlig; Devotions: Elaine Sima

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, Council meeting was made, seconded, and approved as written.

Pastor's report: Pastor gave the Council an update on members who have been home bound, sick, or hospitalized.

Pastor Jeff reported that he had meetings with Spiritual Advisory Board of AVOW Hospice, East Naples Ministerial, Caloosa Conference pastors, and weekly staff. Pastor continues to meet with Stewardship, 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. Hanson Hall continues to be utilized by Iglesia Conexion United Methodist Church, Haitian Baptist Church, Bone Builders, AA Groups, and HOA neighborhood groups.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore reported that giving was up in the month of January, and our investment account is starting to show an increase. Bob recommended that someone from the Endowment Committee give a verbal report at the annual meeting on February 19, 2023.

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

Committee reports:

Endowment – No Report

Parish Relations – Discussed 50th anniversary function with Pastor Unga.

Property – Mulch was spread, a tree that was damaged from Ian was removed, roof on Hanson Hall has been repaired & herbicide has been sprayed on plants & bushes.

Education – Pastor Jeff's weekly 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study has been well attended. The women's Bible study is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

The children's Sunday school during worship service is going well.

Fellowship – The church garage sale was a great success. The Fellowship Committee collected over \$4,500. Thank you to all that helped make the sale a wonderful fund raiser for the Palms Deaf Church.

Stewardship – Brad reported that the Stewardship Committee calculated an increase in pledges this year. There was also an increase in the number of Time & Talent forms returned. This information has been entered into our computer system and reports have been distributed to committee liaisons.

Evangelism – The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 24th to discuss the possibility of having another Backpack project.

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

Local Mission - Elaine submitted a list of the foods most needed at St. Matthews in Naples and The Friendship House in Immokalee. This list will be posted in the March Newsletter.

Worship & Music – John Sherman reported that the date for the spring concert is Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the concert will be \$15.00 and will benefit the victims of Hurricane Ian. John is looking for anyone that would like to participate in the concert.

New Business:

Bonny Dery suggested asking the congregation for a donation to purchase a set of stoles for Alisha Ungs as a graduation gift from seminary. Bonny also suggested that we take up a “noisy collection” to purchase supplies needed for Sunday school. A motion was made to accept these suggestions, voted, and approved by Council.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with council saying a prayer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Brad Caulder.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

WE HAD A GREAT GARAGE SALE . . .

Thanks to all who donated towards the garage sale! A total of \$4,435.56 was raised to benefit the Palms Deaf Church, a new worshipping community being developed in conjunction with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church by the Sea and the Florida Bahamas Synod. To learn more about this new ministry, follow the following link: <https://youtu.be/gKo9ADj6sKM>



NEWS IN THE SHEEPFOLD . . .



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!

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

March 1	Lowell Momberg
March 2	Lillian Hydes
March 2	Scott Krenz
March 3	Marilyn Lane
March 4	Carole Martin
March 6	Bill Mardrness
March 8	Sandra Maki
March 9	Rich McDanel
March 10	Ken Drum
March 13	Tom Watts
March 16	Lisa Willman
March 16	Susan Evans
March 18	Bonny Dery
March 18	Donald McWaters
March 19	Connee Zeman
March 19	Bob Hoffman
March 19	Jeff Ungs
March 22	Beverly Adams
March 22	Brad Puerner
March 22	Brandan Cowles
March 24	Colleen Hoffman
March 25	Karen Johnson
March 26	Nick Lehr
March 27	Megan Cianflone
March 30	Paul Keller
March 31	Rod Barikmo



MARCH ANNIVERSARY . . . HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

March 14 Marlous & Arvid Prickett

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORIES . . .



Beverley Cook received her victory in the Lord on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Joanne's House of Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs, FL. A service honoring

her life will be held on Friday, April 14, 2022 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington Island, WI.

Maureen Drum received her victory in the Lord on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Arrangements for the celebration of her life are pending.

HURRICANE IAN CONCERT . . .

There will be a Hurricane Ian Oldies Concert benefitting local victims of Hurricane Ian on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music will be provided by local talent with a special guest singer from the Fireflies. Cost of the tickets is \$15 each. Tickets may be obtained after worship or from the Church office.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

On Sunday, February 12, we welcomed six new members! Please give them your warmest welcome!



Brett Karlsen joined as a full time member and has transferred from St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Florence, SC.

Brett owns his own lawnmowing business and is an avid lawn enthusiast. He is a very accomplished artist and greatly enjoys music. He enjoys riding his bike about town.

Rich and Becky McDanel joined as full time members and have transferred from Perrysburg First Church, UMC.

Rich is a retired electrical engineer & worked in Toledo, OH. Becky did a lot of volunteer work with disabled children. They have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren.



Kenneth & Marjorie Oberst joined Shepherd of the Glades as associate members through Reaffirmation of Faith.

They come to us from the New Jersey area. They have two grown children and are life long Lutherans.

Judith Quandt joined as a full member through Reaffirmation of Faith.

Judy comes to us from the Chicago, Illinois area and is a life long Lutheran. She has three children (2 boys and 1 girl). Her daughter and grandchildren live in the Naples area.



CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Lynn Arbeiter & Family	Carl Hydes	Be Opperman & family
Ben Bairn	Jackie Jacobs	The Quehl Family
Family of David Beers	Christine Jensen	Renato's Family
James Caulder	Kyle Johnson	Dick Reumann & Family
The Charleston Family	Rev. Bernie Jorn	John Rogers
Kate Connell	Nadine Kelly	Arlene Schamberger
Family of Bev Cook	Ken Konopka	The Sebe Family
Lisa Corson	Al & John Lane	Leila Sellman
Xanver Davison	Family of Ed Larson	Joe Simmonasky
Marilyn Day	Anita & Nick Lehr	Micah Smith
Family of Maureen Drum	The Lentini Family	Lisa Stenback
Tracey Dunlap & Lillian Mendez	Carl & Jean Lipke	The Swain Family
Family of Bob Dyer	Pastor Peter Lyberg	Susanne Thomas
Alan & Susie Espersen	Al & Pat McFadden	Bill & Mary Ann Todd
Lisa Marie Farnsworth	Irma Median	The Ungs Family
Lois Horky & family	Patty Musielak	

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

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



FINANCIALLY, HOW ARE WE DOING? . . .

PERIOD: Two Months Ended February 28, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$77,565	\$86,520	(\$8,955)
Operating Expense	\$59,721	\$68,512	\$8,791
Net Income (Deficit)	\$17,844	\$18,008	(\$164)

Year to date income was short, but year to date expenses were also short, resulting in only a \$164 net shortfall from year to date budget. Thanks to all who are faithful in their support.

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.

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.

Every other Friday morning at 10:00 a.m., a women’s AA group meets in Hanson Hall. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, please contact Kathy Story at 239-398-4156.

EASTER IS COMING! . . .

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM!

Please help us beautify our sanctuary in celebration of our Savior’s resurrection this Easter! Lilies will be placed around the altar for Easter worship services. You may take your lily home after the last service. Please order one or more lilies by completing the form below. The cost is \$20 per lily The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 31, 2023. Please place your order form in the offering plate, leave in the basket in the narthex, or deliver to the Church office.



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I would like to order _____ lilies at \$20 each, dedicated as indicated below: (Please print)

Bulletin Dedication #1: _____

Bulletin Dedication #2: _____

Bulletin Dedication #3: _____

Bulletin Dedication #4: _____

My check or cash is attached for \$_____.

My name: _____

My phone: _____ My envelope Number: _____

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Welcome March, Welcome Spring!

“Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of spring?” – Neltje Blanchan

Please join the Thrivent Member Network for these free online events.

MARCH 02, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

The Generosity Story: A New Page in Christian Giving

The landscape of generosity is changing. Between the pulpit, the pews, and spaces outside the church, generosity is defined differently. Join us on Thursday, March 2 at 12 p.m. for The Generosity Story: A New Page in Christian Giving to explore generosity far beyond dollars given and hours served. Based on a new study by Thrivent and Barna, you'll discover a framework for how to cultivate generosity in your church and community.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/GenerosityStory>

MARCH 16, 2023 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

BINGO: A Celebration of Membership

Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region for a game of BINGO to celebrate your Thrivent membership! Hear updates from the Thrivent Member Network and join other Thrivent clients and guests during this time of fellowship.

When you register, you will receive instructions to download your bingo cards for the event.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ThriventBINGO>

MARCH 28, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET & 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM ET

MARCH 30, 2023 | 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET

Increase Your Lifetime Wealth With Tax Planning

No matter your tax bracket, there are steps you can take now to help minimize the taxes you'll owe in retirement. If you file your taxes in the spring and forget about it the rest of the year, you could be missing out. Learn more at our event with Debbie Taylor, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and attorney, and the founder and lead wealth advisor of Taylor Financial Group, LLC.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/WealthTaxPlanning>

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 these events with your friends and family.

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

FOODS MOST APPRECIATED BY ST. MATTHEW'S . . .

We so appreciate all who donate items to be delivered to St. Matthew's House food pantry. The items they can most use are:

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| Long grain rice (bulk) | Jellies and jams |
| Black or red beans | Iodized salt |
| Dry or evaporated milk | Sugar (bulk) |
| Crackers | Coffee & Tea |
| Breakfast cereals | Cookies |
| Canned tomato products | Canned tuna or chicken |
| Fruit juice cans or jars | Soups, dried or canned |
| Peanut butter | Pasta, Mac & Cheese |

MARCH, 2023



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 5:30 P.M. LENTEN WORSHIP W/ SOUP	2 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	3 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. WOMEN'S AA GTROUP 10:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	4
5 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT STRAWBERRY SUNDAE SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	6 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	7 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. QUILTERS	8 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 P.M. LENTEN WORSHIP W/ SOUP	9 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	10	11 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. HURRICANE IAN OLDIES CONCERT
12 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	13 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	14 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. QUILTERS 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL MTG	15 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 P.M. LENTEN WORSHIP W/ SOUP	16 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	17 10:00 – 11:00 A.M. WOMEN'S AA GROUP	18 7:00 P.M. EVERGLADES BARBARBER SHOP CHORUS CONCERT
19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	20 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	21 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. QUILTERS	22 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 10:00 A.M. PASTOR JEFF'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 P.M. LENTEN WORSHIP W/ SOUP	23 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	24 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE	25
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