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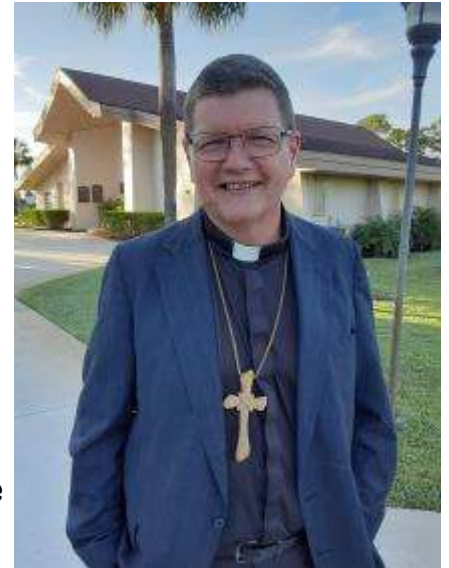
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**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PASTOR'S PAGES . . .

What a joyful January it was this year! It is wonderful to have the church filled every Sunday and to be able to enjoy fellowship with one another. It is so encouraging to see growth in membership and attendance and seeing everyone connecting again after Covid. That was part of why we went to one service this winter rather than two. It is easier to feel part of a united community when we are all gathered together for worship at the same time. I want to thank the fellowship committee for the "Welcome Back" celebration and luncheon with our seasonal members. It was a joyous occasion of food and fellowship. It is unfortunate that no one remembered to take pictures of the event. In January. The quilters began meeting again on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM, and what a joyful time they are having together as they piece together and sew quilts.



The stewardship campaign was also a lot of fun. Thank you to Megan, Cindy, Lisa and Kelli for your wonderful temple talks as you shared your gifts and passion with the congregation. I also want to thank everyone who participated in the skit, "The Hug Machine." As I write this article, the committees are busy preparing for a fun day at the ministry fair following Worship on the 29th where all the committees of Shepherd of

the Glades had the opportunity to showcase their ministry. If you have not completed your time and talent sheets and pledge cards, please take the time to prayerfully consider your gifts and passion and what ways God may be calling you to engage in the ministry of Shepherd of the Glades. You may mail them or bring them in to the office, or place them in the offering plate on Sunday. The pledge card helps us with patterns of giving and expectations for the year. The time and talent sheets let us know what you would like to learn more about or help with.

If January was joyful, February will be fabulous! The fellowship committee is hosting a garage sale February 10th and 11th with proceeds going to Palms Deaf Ministry, an ELCA mission congregation start. Did you know that 3.6% of the population in the USA are deaf or hearing impaired? Over 800,000 Floridians have hearing loss. And 95% of deaf Americans are unchurched! That is a staggering statistic that invites us to reach out to those who are deaf or hearing impaired and

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share the Gospel through the use of American Sign Language (ASL). To learn more about this wonderful new ELCA mission start ministry in Florida, visit their website, <https://palmsdeaf.org> . You will be learning more about this new start mission and others in the Florida Bahamas Synod and the ELCA in the coming months. February will also be fabulous because we will be welcoming new members on Sunday, February 12th! There is so much for the church to celebrate in fabulous February!

This month will be fabulous for Kelli and me because we will be first time grandparents! I am certain you will be hearing more about this (and probably see a few pictures of our new granddaughter!) I will be gone one Sunday in February to be with baby girl Unga and celebrate her arrival. Since February is known for love and Valentines, it will be a fabulous February as we celebrate all the love and joy God is sharing with us.

The stewardship campaign this year is, "We belong - We are connected to one another." As 2023 evolves, it is my hope and prayer that you feel that you belong and feel connected to Shepherd of the Glades. If there is any reason you feel like you don't belong or that you are not connected with Shepherd of the Glades, please let us know what can be done to help you be more connected to the church and to other members. Your gifts and your passion are needed and welcomed. As we move from joyful January to fabulous February, may you be blessed and remember to, "Rejoice in the Lord always." (Philippians 4:4)

In God's gracious grip,

+ Pastor Jeff

ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS LENT . . .

Ash Wednesday this year is February 22. Service will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with imposition of ashes.

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

Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday - Fellowship Committee

March 1 - Choir

March 8 - Property Committee & Quilters

March 15 - Staff and office volunteers

March 22 - Council

March 29 - Worship and Music Committee

COUNCIL CORNER . . .

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH January 10, 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, Charlotte Wahlig, John Sherman, Brad Caulder, Elaine Sima, and Pastor Unga.

Absent: Ed Reis

Devotions: Pastor Unga

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2022 (Annual Meeting), and December 13, 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. The baptism of Michael Anthony Cowles was December 11, 2022.

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.

Christmas Eve candlelight worship was well attended, there were 131 people attending the 5:00 p.m. service, and 76 attending at the 7:00 p.m. service. The 2022 average worship attendance increased by 2.84% over 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Tidmore explained how the financial figures are calculated in the "summary sheet" they receive with their monthly reports. Investment account shows a decrease as of December 31, 2022. Bob reported that the church really held to the budget in 2022.

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

Committee reports:

Endowment – Check was issued to St. Peter's Evangelical, in Fort Meyers to help cover the cost of the damage from hurricane Ian.

Parish Relations – No Report

Property – New bushes and flowering trees have been planted in the Memorial Garden. Thank you to Larry and Maryann Buettner. We are planning to buy and spread new mulch around the church grounds. We are looking for volunteers for this project. Plans are being made to power wash the sidewalks in the near future.

COUNCIL CORNER (CONTINUED) . . .

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

Fellowship – The “Welcome Back Luncheon” on January 15, 2023, should be a success. Over 80 members have signed up to attend. Plans are being made for the Rummage Sale coming up February 10th and 11th.

Stewardship – Annual Stewardship letter has been mailed to the members of the congregation. Temple talks are scheduled for January 8th, 15th, & 22nd with a ministry fare scheduled for the 29th.

Evangelism - New member Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2023. There will be a welcoming luncheon held Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 12:00 noon.

Local Mission - Donated food continues to be delivered to St. Matthews House in Naples. Worship & Music – John Sherman and Megan Cianflone are planning a concert sometime in February or March, featuring local talent.

New Business:

Council members elected the following members to be the 2023 Executive Committee members: Bonny Dery, President; Penny Morken, Vice President; Brenda Charleston, Secretary. The 2023 Council members will be the liaison for the following committees:

Parish Relations	Penny Morken
Endowment	Charlotte Wahlig
Property	Doug Walck
Fellowship	Ed Reis
Education	Elaine Sima & Bonny Dery
Local Mission	Elaine Sima
Stewardship	Brad Caulder
Worship & Music	John Sherman & Brenda Charleston
Evangelism	Bonnie Brisky

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

Next meeting will be February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with devotions by Elaine Sima.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Charleston
Council Secretary

FOOD FOR THE SOUL . . .

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own." *Robert A. Heinlein*

"The more kindly we treat people - the more we let God love others through us - the more real His Presence becomes to us." *Dave Roberson, The Walk of the Spirit*

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 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO . . .

February 1	Michael Kleiber
February 2	Ardelle Berthe
February 5	Gary Spragg
February 10	Yerry Madison
February 12	Michael Cowles
February 16	Ron Limpus
February 17	Earnie Keller
February 17	Conan Hayton
February 18	Cindy Quehl
February 21	Bob Tidmroe
February 23	Peter Horky
February 26	Margarete Krehan
February 28	Jan Wolf



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES . . .

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

February 4	Larry & Maryann Buettner
February 6	Gary & Linda Salisbury
February 11	Rod & Marilyn Barikmo
February 15	Andrea Tack & Deborah Moeser
February 16	Larry & Barb Tommingo
February 18	Bob Saaranen & Nola Halverson
February 28	Al & Marilyn Lane

RECEIVED HER VICTORY . . .

Sylvia Carroll received her victory on August 30, 2022 in Naples, FL.



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS . . .

Thank you to all of God's children. As prayer warriors we are all at times in need or in praise. We are thankful for the first most reliable wireless connection to the source of all life, prayer. Please let the church office know of needs or blessings. We are all the body of Christ. If you wish to join the prayer warriors there are different ways to communicate. It can be text, email, or in person. We hold all in strict confidence. Happy New Year and may the coming year be well blessed.

Blessings,
Kelli Ungs

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW . . .

The lover's holiday has its beginnings in the 4th century B.C. in Rome. The Romans held an annual lottery wherein young men would draw a young woman's name from a box. The couple would be assigned to each other the entire year for entertainment and pleasure. This celebration, traditionally held on February 15, also included banquets, dancing and foot races run in the nude.

Around A.D. 496, early church fathers sought an end to the pagan practice, but knew better than to upset the citizens by removing the lottery completely. Instead, they had teenagers pull the names of saints from the box. The teen was supposed to spend the year emulating that saint's life as much as possible, which was probably not as much fun as naked marathons. St. Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new event, and young Roman men resorted to courting females by sending handwritten notes delivered on February 14.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY . . .

We will be welcoming our new members on Sunday, February 12, 2023. If you would like to make Shepherd of the Glades your home church (either seasonally or full time) just call the church office.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE . . .

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday. "I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well, Dear, what was it like being six again??" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you dummie!"

CARING CONNECTIONS . . .

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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

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: One Month Ended January 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference: Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating Income	\$47,293	\$42,985	\$4,308
Operating Expense	\$31,914	\$39,564	\$7,650
Net Income (Deficit)	\$15,379	\$3,421	\$11,958

January income and expense figures looked good. Thanks for your generosity in supporting the mission of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church!

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 the office for Tom Gallagher's phone.

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 the office for the phone number of Jay Miller, the contact person.

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 phone the office for Kathy Story's contact information.

GOT STUFF? . . .

The all-church garage sale will be held February 10th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and February 11th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will receive priced donations Wednesday & Thursday, February 8th and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Donation guidelines are as follows: We will not accept soiled or torn items of any sort, nor will we accept any undergarments. Please price your items. Books will sell for \$1.00 for paperbacks and \$2.00 for hard cover, and they do not need to be priced individually. The caveat is: If you wouldn't buy it, we can't sell it. We are grateful for your support and this opportunity. Volunteers are welcomed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who wish to volunteer. The proceeds will go to the "Palms Deaf Church."

The Fellowship Committee

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE . . .

Dear Friends at Shepherd of the Glades,

Thank you so much for choosing to support our work at Mully Children's Family. We recognize that there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, and we are so grateful to have your help. Your generosity is helping to transform the lives of abused, neglected and orphaned young people across Kenya by bringing them healing, hope, opportunity, and a future. Thank you for making a difference!

Gratefully yours,
Craig Steuterman, Executive Director

Dear Shepherd of the Glades,

Thank you SO MUCH for your continued support as I get closer and closer to graduation! I truly am grateful beyond what I can express in words for all of your prayers, kind words, and financial support. Your kindness means the world to me.

With gratitude,
Alisha Ungs

Check out these FREE Thrivent Events in February**FEBRUARY 02, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET****Tax Tips for Church Workers**

Church workers face unique tax considerations. Join Ryan Burger, CPA, on Thursday, February 2 at 12 p.m. for a discussion of key issues and considerations, including:

- Why and how you're taxed.
- Tax saving ideas.
- Myth busters.
- And more.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ChurchTaxTips>**FEBRUARY 06, 2023 - FEBRUARY 12, 2023 (ON-DEMAND ALL WEEK!)****The 5 Love Languages with Dr. Gary Chapman**

Love may be a universal language – but how can you be sure your loved ones are understanding you? The most common issue in any relationship is the communication barrier. Everyone experiences love differently, and it's easy to miss the mark when it comes to showing that you care. With a little help from The 5 Love Languages®, you can learn how to prevent your expression from getting lost in translation. Join us for this on-demand event available for one week only. **Bonus:** You will gain access to the 5 Love Languages Gift Guide at the event just in time for Valentine's Day.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/FebLoveLanguages>**FEBRUARY 21, 2023 | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET****FEBRUARY 23, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET & 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET****Using Behavioral Science to Improve Financial Well-Being with Wendy De La Rosa**

Is it time to make a change with how you manage your money, but you don't know where to start? Get ways to change how you save, borrow, and spend money with tips from Wendy De La Rosa, an assistant professor at The Wharton School who focuses on using behavioral science to help people make better financial decisions.

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

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FEBRUARY, 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	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
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12 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	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	16 7:00 –8:00 P.M. AA MIXED GROUP	17 10:00 –11:00 A.M. WOMEN'S AA GROUP NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE	18
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26 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 9:30 A.M. LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP	27 9:00 –10:00 A.M. BONE BUILDERS 12 NOON AA MIXED GROUP	28 8:30 - 11:00 A.M. QUILTERS				

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