



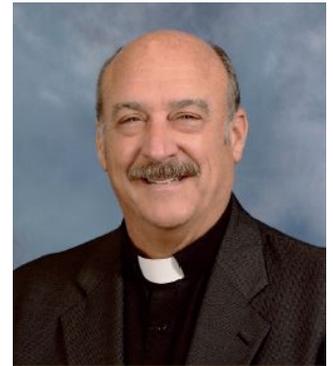
The Shepherd's Voice



January

January 2022

PASTOR'S PAGE



Can you believe it? It is January. Welcome to 2022. We are amid the 12 days of Christmas. By the time you read this we will be about to begin the season of Epiphany. I know I have said this before but, just as a reminder, the season of Epiphany begins with the day of Epiphany which is a set date on the calendar. The festival of Epiphany takes place on January 6. That is the day we remember the arrival of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12) who offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Wikipedia offers us a very good definition of the word “Epiphany”. An “epiphany” (from the [ancient Greek](#) *epiphaneia*, "manifestation, striking appearance") is an experience of a sudden and striking realization. The word *epiphany* originally referred to insight through the [divine](#). Today, this concept is more often used without such connotations, but a popular implication remains that the epiphany is [supernatural](#), as the discovery seems to come suddenly from the outside. Generally, the term is used to describe a scientific breakthrough or a religious or philosophical discovery, but it can apply in any situation in which an enlightening realization allows a problem or situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective.

Just think of Epiphany as a time when we focus on the revealing light of God. At the beginning of Matthew's Gospel Jesus is revealed to be more than just this little baby, the Messiah of Israel, who has been born in humble surroundings. Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and Lord of the entire world just as the prophets had foretold. Isaiah had said, *“the people who walked darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in land of deep darkness on them light has shined.”*

Through the entire Epiphany season (which will last until Ash Wednesday) the scripture readings for each week will reveal to us a Jesus who is Messiah and Lord of all of creation. His actions and his words will lead us (and the original readers) to see and understand who Jesus is in a new and more powerful way. As John put it, *“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.”*

It is about the promise. Normally, in January we talk about New Year’s resolutions. Those are just temporary. God’s promises are real and permanent. God keeps promises. God’s promises are pure. Instead of making New Year’s resolution, how about something else, how about we embrace the Epiphany promises. God’s greatest promise is fulfilled in Jesus.

These weeks we will spend in Epiphany give us time to unpack the full meaning of the gift we received at Christmas. What began in mystery starts to be revealed in Jesus’s signs and wonders and will continue to be revealed so that the light reaches every human being. The light that I am talking about helps us to perceive through the darkness of life’s challenges what we could not see before. It pulls back the veil of our fear and limits of our understanding such as we perceive the living God in our midst, and ourselves as God’s children.

Epiphany does not signal *“a return to normal”*. Even though we have put away the decorations at this point, Epiphany helps us to actually build on the momentum of Christmas: The living God is in our midst!

Pastor Dennis



JANUARY 6TH



Deacon's Corner

Greetings to all with the Blessings of the Almighty,

Jeremiah 29 11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



This may have been meant for the people of Babylon but when the new year comes, we live in question as to what this year will bring us.

The power of prayer is our telephone connection to God. So how do we prepare to pray before we call Him.

1. Know to whom you are speaking. ...
2. Thank Him. ...
3. Ask for God's will. ...
4. Say what you need. ...
5. Ask for forgiveness. ...
6. Pray with a friend. ...
7. Pray the Word. ...
8. Memorize Scripture.

Bible study on a weekly basis can give you a brand-new view as to what, we as Christians are all about. Sharing thoughts with others, learning, and laughing at the same time. It is only one hour on Mondays and Pastor Koch gives us history of the scripture. Give it some thought. We would enjoy your presence and fellowship.

May God Bless All of you with His Peace for 2022.

Deacon Robert



Applying Biblical Principles



Listen to this admonition from First Thessalonians chapter 4: “But we urge you, beloved ... to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.”

The Bible has much to say about how we are *not* to obtain money. First, we are not to steal it. Simply stated, stealing money is incompatible with the Christian life. Nor are we to exploit others by charging excessive interest, by overcharging them, or by defrauding them in any way. We are also not to gamble to obtain money, since doing so is diametrically opposed to our trust as believers in the sovereignty and provision of Almighty God.

From a positive perspective, the Bible indicates we can receive money via saving and through wise investments. In fact, in one of Jesus’ parables, He commended an individual who had invested well. We can also receive money through gifts and bequests. But the primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.

Some people have concluded that work was part of the fall of man. They would agree with Snoopy who concluded, “Work is the crab grass in the lawn of life.” They reason that before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they just sat around in that lush atmosphere and were waited on hand and foot by God. But that was not the case at all. Genesis records that shortly after Adam was created by God and before his fall as a result of his sin, Adam was given the responsibility of caring for the Garden and for the animals.

So work was God’s plan for mankind from the beginning, and it is still His plan for mankind today. One of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self-respect. And God’s plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

In Proverbs 12:11 King Solomon said, “Those who till their land will have plenty of food, but those who follow worthless pursuits have no sense.” Or as one writer put it, “God doesn’t put much of a premium on laziness.” Solomon went so far as to say that “All hard work brings a profit.” He also said that we are to “be happy” in our work, for “this is a gift of God.”

Sometimes work comes to us disguised as a great burden, but in reality, the ability to work is really one of life’s great blessings. Work allows us to use our talents and abilities to glorify God, to minister to other people, and to provide for our families. One of the primary benefits which we receive from work is being able to give to the Lord. When we promise by faith to give to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as God provides, we can look to Him with the confidence and expectation that He will do so.

What should be the Christian’s response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a “gift of God.” Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do ... no matter what your vocation or occupation ... do it “with all your might,” as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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with your hands”

1 Thessalonians. 4:11

Financial Secretary

2021 Year-end Financial Statements will be available soon. If you need a copy of your 2021 giving, kindly contact Cheryl Cox, GSLC Financial Secretary, by calling the church office or by email at financial-secretary@gslchernando.org.

Statements can be emailed, mailed or a hard copy can be picked up at your convenience. Thank you and regards,

Cheryl

YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO



UNGREENING of CHURCH January 4th at 9 AM



Beginning

January 3rd

Covered walkway from parking lot to front door will begin.

USE CAUTION USING THIS ENTRANCE

Fellowship



On behalf of the Fellowship Committee we want to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

What goes up, must come down. We will be taking down the decorations on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9 am. The more hands the merrier. If we all pitch in it won't take long.

Just a reminder that February is around the corner and we will be looking forward to our Tag Sale. If you have had any previous experience with pricing items by helping at other sales, your own yard sale, or volunteering at a resale store, we could use your help. Please see Gloria Peterson, Tag Sale Chair, if you could help us out.

COFFEE HOUR will resume on Sunday, January 9 for both services. We welcome and appreciate finger-type food items, including sugar free and gluten free items. Sign up sheets for helpers are on the counter where coffee is served. For second service attendees, if you see our kitchen volunteers start to clean up, know it's time to close. Feel free to pitch in to help clean up.

If you have any questions about helping with any Fellowship activities, please feel free to see me or call 352-527-1630.

Betty Sanger
Chair, Fellowship Committee

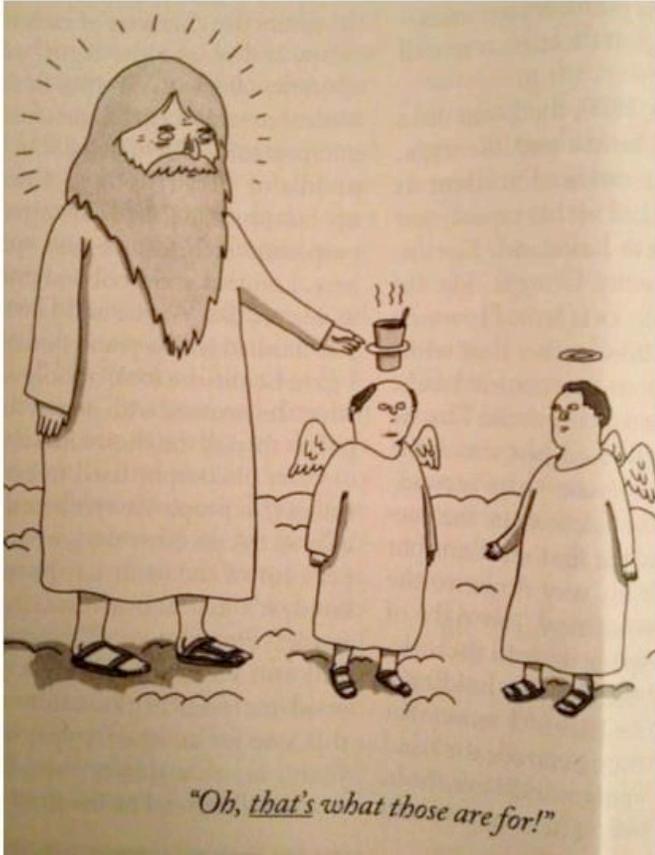


February 26th from 8 AM

to 1 PM

Drop of items due:

February 24th



To Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY JANUARY 9th




Publix.
**Saturday Night Pick-Up
&
Food Share Monday Delivery**
Pastor Lynn

WELCA NEWS

***A**s a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.*

On December 4th, the Women of Good Shepherd held an Advent Program and Cookie Exchange in the Community Hall. Everyone was invited. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all as the posts on Facebook attest. A representative sample: "A great kickstart with the new President", "Enjoyed the event", "The group is friendly and the program was informative about Advent", "Glad I attended", and "Loved the cookies".

We are planning to do other events throughout the coming year, so watch for the announcements.



During the months of November and December, the Thankoffering was collected. Thank you to all who donated so generously to support the ministry of the Women of ELCA.

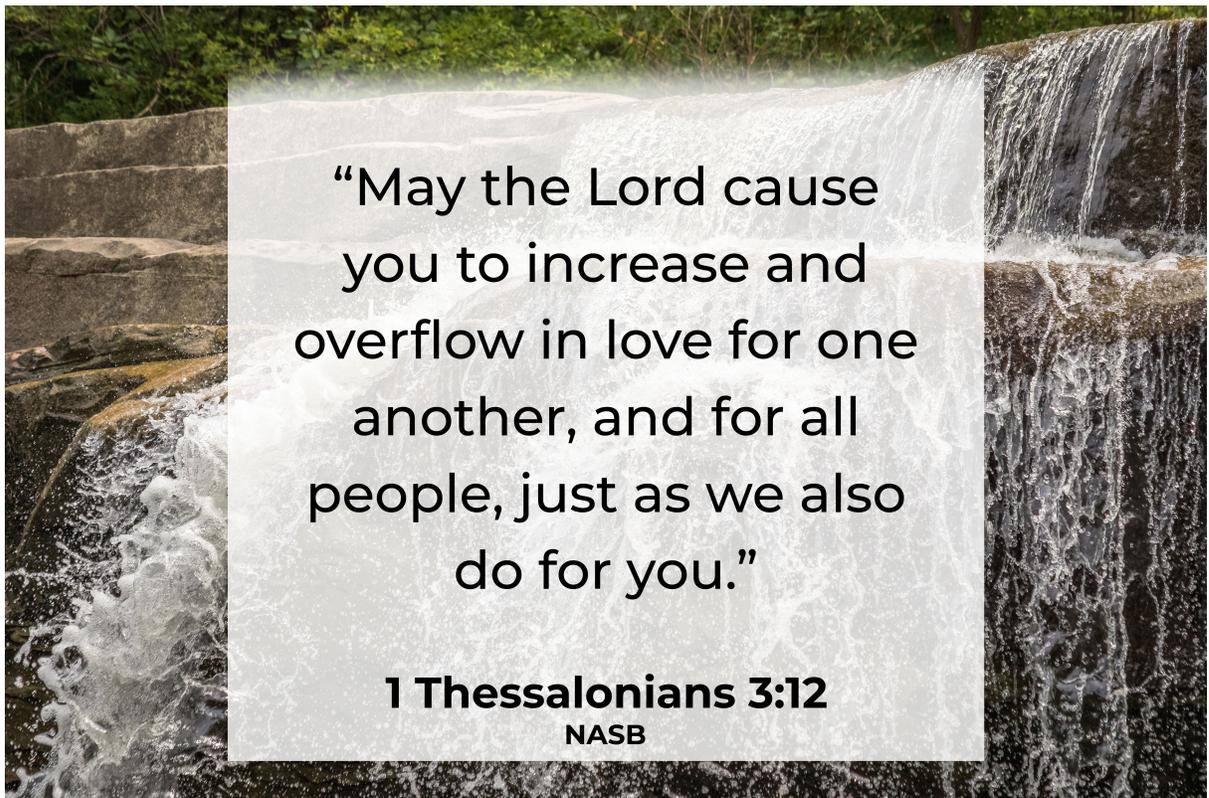
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Our Churchwide organization uses this money to support ongoing ministries. Churchwide provides many online and printed publications such as Gather magazine, Bold Connections, Bold Cafe, and Daily Grace. All of these resources are available at womenoftheelca.org. They also supply, training, scholarships, and free downloadable program resources.

The position of Vice President for GSLC WELCA group is available for 2022. If you are interested in learning more about this position, or know someone who is looking for a way to "serve the Lord and have fun doing it", contact Shelly Fortin at Shelly4ten@verizon.net or at 352-587-7007.



Shelly Fortin, GSLC WELCA President



Worship and Music

January 4th 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting



In case you missed it on December 12th, here is a link to the PIANO RECITAL:

<https://www.facebook.com/GSLC-Media-Center-105181027794365/videos/sunday-worship/641067470253826>

Adopt a Highway Program

Our Adopt a Highway program has been so successful the last two years that we have signed on for another two years. Thanks to everyone who has participated over the years. We ended this year with fun treats and gifts for those who were serving at our last clean-up. If you're thinking about joining us next year, please do! Our next clean-up will be Saturday, March 6, 2022 at 8:00 am starting in the church parking lot. If you have any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.





CRAFT N SHARE

We will meet next on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will social distance and wear masks. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

In January we plan to make a simple felt heart decoration for our shut ins for a Valentine card.

Join us for fun, chatty time.

In November four of us gathered and made 9 felt and button snowman ornaments for our shut-ins at Good Shepherd. Some were mailed in a Christmas Card and our Deacons delivered some. We thank them for that! Big thanks to Sylvia, Anne S. and Terry L. for help making these ornaments and cards.

We passed on to Veterans several more lap robes by Gerry K. to a Veteran organization, thanks to Gloria. We donated a couple dozen crocheted neck scarfs by Pam D. to Family Resource center, which were delivered among the Angel Tree gifts. And we passed on the need for more knitted Pocket Prayer Cloths, and we thank Eloise M. for taking the request!! We have patterns for these as well as patterns for prayer shawls, lap robes pillow case dresses for anyone who likes to work on a home project. We have a limited supply of yarn on hand, including enough to make a purple afghan if anyone has an interest, call **Maggie** 352-860-2215.

QUILTING GROUP



Quilts on display November 2020.

Quilts and Thankoffering 2021

January 5th and 19th are next meetings at 10:00 AM



Memorial and Special Gifts

S.O.S.

Susie and Patrick Bentley in memory of Barbara Johnson

Terry Lucente in memory of Barbara Johnson

Louann Motts in memory of Barbara Johnson

June Dreger-Parsons

Ken and Diane Meltesen in memory of Ken Swade

General Fund

Gladys Kean in memory of Barbara Johnson

Amy Gilbert in memory of Barbara Johnson

Anonymous in memory of Barbara Johnson

Media Center

Giffords

Thrivent Choice Dollars

The following Thrivent for Lutheran Members have directed December's Choice Dollars to be given to Good Shepherd.



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Betty D. Sanger

Anne R. Storan

Farewell and Godspeed

Beverly Brockschmidt

7118 Bluebell Court

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Beverly moved to be closer to her daughter.



In the Mail Bag

To my Good Shepherd Family, Michelle and I would like to thank you, Pastor Dennis, Deacons Bob and Rick, Shirley, and Lynn. We cannot thank you for all the love, comfort, and supporting words towards my husband Maynard and his passing and myself for all my surgeries, and also for cards, visits, and received phone calls from all the church family.

God bless you all. Love in Christ,

Carolyn Wall

Christmas Angel Tree for the Children

A big thank goes out to all those who supported the Citrus County Family Resource Center Angel Tree for the Children. All 51 angels were sponsored and delivered along with additional donations given. Thank you to Maggie Bregger, Pat Ouwerkerk, Vera Swade for their help and also to the elves at the Resource Center who helped carry in the packages from my car. A framed thank-you certificate from Ginger West and all her elves is on the shelf to the right of the front door.

Amy Gilbert



Thanks everyone for checking up on me after I broke my fibula and had surgery.

Stephanie Adams

S.O.S. Food Bank

Mail donations to:

SOS, P.O. Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0774

Volunteers always welcome!

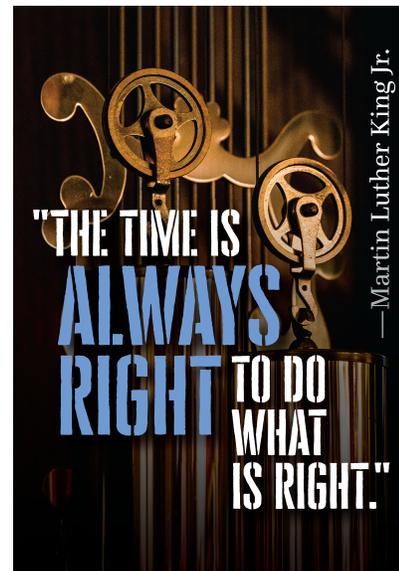
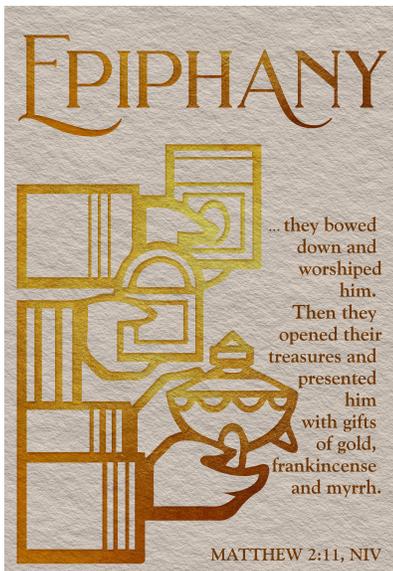
Special Dates

January 1st - New Year's Day

January 6th - Epiphany

January 17th - Martin Luther King Day

January 30th - Congregational Meeting



Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast at Mama's Country
Cafe

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

- ___ 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
- ___ 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
- ___ 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
- ___ 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
- ___ 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- ___ 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
- ___ 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
- ___ 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh (Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi (Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob (Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer (Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph (Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph (Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

<h1>JANUARY 2022</h1>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7:30A - Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Cafe <i>Every Tuesday</i>				1 
2 8:30 & 11A Worship 	3	4 9:30A W/ECLA Board Mtg 10:00A Worship & Music	5 8:00A-SOS 10:00A- Quilters 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 8:30A - SOS 9:30 A Executive Council Zoom 12 P Lunch Angelotti's	7 8:00A – Workday on Grounds  11:00A Ken Swade Funeral	8
9 8:30 & 11A Worship ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	10 10:00A – Bible Study 1:30P Fellowship	11 6:30P - Scouts 6:30P- Bells	12 8:00A-SOS 1:00P WELCA BibleStudy Zoom 6:30P - Choir	13 8:30A- SOS  3:30P Church Council Zoom	28 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	15 
16 8:30&11A Worship	17 10:00A – Bible Study 1:30P - Social Ministry	18 6:30P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	19 8:00A-SOS 10:00A - Quilters 6:30P -Choir	20 8:30 A- SOS 	21 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	22
23 8:30& 11A Worship	24 10:00A - Bible Study	25 6:30P- Scouts 6:30P- Bells	26 8:00A - SOS 10:00A - Craft n Share 6:30P - Choir	27 8:30 A- SOS 	28 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	29
30 10:00 A Worship 	31 10:00A - Bible Study					

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Mike and Maggie Kirkeby

01/17/14



1 - Lenore Deck
Cindy Towne

7 - Connie Adams

11 - Harv Johnson
Dell Peterson

12 - Carol Herbst
Nate Williams

14 - George Bendtsen

15 - Ann Neville
Jane Lobenthal

17 - Carol Colson

18 - Fran Stetson
Randy Wagner

19 - Analise Heinz
Wesley Heinz

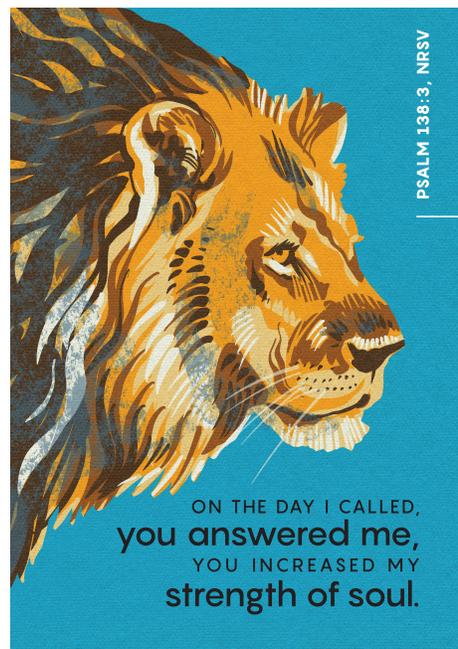
23 - Colleen Garvin

27 - Susan Fowler

29 - Nancy Jo Schroeder

30 - Jim Kauth
Sandra Jernberg

31 - Mary Wagner





Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Jernberg, Sandy	Masters, Leith
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Jimenez, Jeannette	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Burnfeindt, Janet	Johnson, Carol Lee & Roer	Pawelko, Diane
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis & Linda	Thomas, Maria
Dionne, Pam	Koch, Michael	Whitcomb, Maria
Drennen, Rose & Family	Lauer, Barbara	Wildman, Joe
Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lawrence, Ivalee	Wolf, Jack
Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Lepore, Linda	

Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

Hehn, Margaret	Moll, Bob	Phillipp, Dick	Whitcomb, Ray
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All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake	Holman, Evan	Posa, Codymicheal	Timpe, Chris
Ceballos, Jason	Jackson, Brad	Radloff, Steven	
Corsino, Mykael	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Radosevitch, Eric	
Day, Kenneth	Luchay, Alan	Seefeld, Jessica	
Gaertner, Jerrod	Martin, Aaron	Springer, Dennis	
Harrington, Bryan	McCann, Jim	Stroble, Jeremy	
Heinz, Karinen	Miller, Tyler	Swain, Jr., Terry	
Hickman, Richard	Muchow Jason	Thomas, Peter Chris	
Hicks, Nathan	Piott, Trenton	Thompson, David	



Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Burgess, Louise	Crooks, Candi	Gifford, Judy
Balastieri, Casey	Burkhardt, Faith	DeGina, Fran & Family	Goetter, Thomas
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Campano, Thomas	Dortin, Rachel	Goforth, Jeffrey
Beck, Bryan	Cato, Cecelia	Egan, Tom	Goodloe, Ernestine
Beeftink, Paul	Cherry, Elaine	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice & Declan
Bell, Ian	Cipollone, Elaine	Fidwell, Eloise	Guberman family
Blunt, Robert	Clarke, Charlotte	Fowler family	Hertel, Karl
Blyth, Ruby	Clarke, Father Peter	Fratto, Joseph	Johnson, Jim
Brockschmidt, Donna	Costa, Denise	Gaertner, Kent	Kamm, Mike & Nancy
Bruqger, Tristan	Crawford, Cleola	Garling, John	

Kraft, Carter	Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra
Krol, Shirley	McHugh, Mark	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Krutzikowski, Karl	McPhee, John	Schoenleber, Sara	Wilder, Gayle
Lavaia, Jim	Mena, Steve	Sillen, Rita	Williams, Dorothy
Lewellen, Emily Anne	Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wierzel, Rosalee
Lobenthal, Jean	O'Berry, Darlene	Stewart, Sam	Wittman family
Loftin, Tracy	Page-Wood, Jake	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wood, Rowen
Longworth, Kathy	Powell, Bill	Thatcher, Jean	Woods, Donna Jean
Lublemon family	Priselac, Lorrie	Thompson, Lori	Woolf, Nick
Lundsford, Victoria	Queen, Max	Traywick, Edward	Woolley, Carol & family
Magnotta family	Rajotte, Keith	Tuegel, Chuck	Wright, Matthew
Maqrum, Corbin	Ralph, Bruce	Van Wyck family	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Mainster, Arlene	Rambaldini, Jim	Vera, Mireya	Yonker, Veronica
Maqri, Steve	Rivera, Roberta	Vespa, Hazel	

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. We will continue to pray for those folks for as long as they need our prayers.

However, **please call the church office by the third Sunday of the month to ask that your loved one or friend be removed from the prayer list - otherwise,** they will joyfully remain on the list.

Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military.

Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Winter Music Series 2021-2022

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FLORIDA 34442



Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band

February 18, Friday, 7pm

Johny Carlsson & The MegaBones

Five professional trombone players performing original compositions that characterize jazz from the 50s and 60s.

February 27, Sunday 3pm

Special Consensus, Bluegrass Band.

Grammy nominee and IBMA "Best Song of the Year" award winner.

April 29, Friday 7pm

Tickets for each concert are \$15 at the door.

We will be masking and distancing based on current CDC requirements.

Please call, text, or email for confirmation!

For Information contact: Angela Busler, 860-906-8723 (cell), AMBusler@gmail.com

Sponsors: Tom and Barb Laing



There are plenty of volunteer opportunities waiting for you at GSLC. Excellent benefits. Some positions include the extra "get in shape physically" positions. See page 24 for Chair contact information.

For anyone who acquired these over the holidays:

UF IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Did you know?

The poinsettia is native to Mexico. The ancient Aztecs used poinsettias in their fall celebrations.

Named for Joel Poinsett, the botanist and U.S. Ambassador to Mexico who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825.

The colorful and showy “flower” is actually a cluster of modified leaves called bracts. The true flowers are small and clustered in the center of the bracts.

As a result of intensive breeding, there are more than 150 varieties of poinsettias to choose from.

Research has shown that poinsettias are not poisonous to people or pets, although some are mildly allergic to their white, milky sap.

References:
Brown, S.P. 2013. Poinsettias at a Glance. UF/IFAS EDIS publication ENH1083. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep349>

POINSETTIA

Pointers

Caring for Potted Poinsettias

- 1 They do best on a porch or in a window with indirect sunlight for at least 6 hours per day.
- 2 If indoors, room temperatures of 65° - 70°F are best; keep them away from cold drafts and excessive heat.
- 3 Water thoroughly only when the surface of the soil is dry to the touch; do not water too frequently.
- 4 Indoors, fertilize lightly only every 4-6 weeks.
- 5 In April, when the leaves and bracts begin to deteriorate and fall off, cut the plant back and give it sun, water and fertilizer regularly.
- 6 A real challenge is to reflower plants indoors the next year. In October, start keeping the plant in complete darkness for at least 13-14 hours each day and in bright light the rest of the day. After about 2 months, your plants will develop a colorful display of holiday blooms.



Flower

Bract

Leaf

Poinsettias in the Landscape

- 1 Varieties that naturally bloom in early to mid-November are the best for central and north Florida's landscapes.
- 2 It is best to keep these plants in brighter light during the winter, rather than indoors.
- 3 Plant in early spring as soon as the danger of frost is past. Choose a sunny spot (3-6 hours of sun) that will not receive artificial light at night.
- 4 Cut off fading bracts, leaving 4-6" of the stem on each branch.
- 5 Poinsettias prefer moist, well-drained soils with a pH between 5.5 and 6.5.
- 6 Keep mulched and well-watered until established; fertilize monthly with balanced amounts of nitrogen and potassium, and low phosphorus. Controlled release fertilizers are good.
- 7 Cut back once a month if needed, leaving 4 leaves on shoots; stop pruning in early September.
- 8 Poinsettias are nice in landscape containers, but proper watering is more critical.



For information about poinsettias, go to solutionsforyourlife.com, or visit your local UF/IFAS Extension office.

Newsletter Editor

It's a New Year and a new newsletter. Hope you are enjoying our/your newsletter. Links in blue will hyperlink you, if you read the newsletter online. Please review the Prayer Request pages and if anyone needs removed or added, including military members, email me. I will remind article contributors before deadline, so please respond even if you have no report. Thanks to all for helping me with the newsletter.

Stephanie



ALTAR & COMMUNION

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Class - Deacon Rick Mainster

Children's Class - Susan Fowler

MONEY COUNTERS

Louise Osborn, Lead

GREETERS

USHERS

8:30

Jerry Knecht & Joann Frost

11:00

Harv Johnson

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

LECTORS

January 2nd

8:30 - Linda Koch

11:00 - Leith Masters

January 9th

8:30 - Ann Neville

11:00 - Sharon Maxwell

January 16th

8:30 - David Sotrines

11:00 - Vera Swade

January 23rd

8:30 - Margot Berger

11:00 - Shelly Fortin

January 30th

10:00

Lisbeth Getter

DEACONS

Serving All Weeks

Deacon Rick Mainster

Deacon Bob Bonomo

NURSERY

Susan Fowler



God's work. Our hands.

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Kids' Corner



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; **plead** the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ...
To act **justly** and to **love** me____ and **to** walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

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|---|-------------|
| — | father_____ |
| — | pe_____ |
| — | _____venge |
| — | _____od |
| — | _____rcy |
| — | op_____ |
| — | _____hbor |
| — | humb_____ |
| — | cas_____ |
| — | _____tice |

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them
d_____ to you, for this s_____ms up the _____w and the Prop_____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Answers: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

**God protects
Daniel's friends
in a furnace.**

Daniel 3:1-30

