

The Shepherd's Voice

November 2024

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

"You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I extol you. This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118: 28,24)

As Thanksgiving approaches, for many of us, our mouths begin to water as we think about the traditional Thanksgiving feast with all the fixings. We look forward to the gathering of our family and friends where there will be the sharing of the delicious meal, talking and laughing, playing of games, the watching of a Thanksgiving parade and/or football games. Yet, most importantly, it is a time to say "Thank you" to God for all his abundant blessings. In fact, our celebration is to be a reminder that we are to offer up our prayers of thanksgiving to God not only at Thanksgiving but every day of the year.

We have so much to be grateful for in this life. Each and every day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, struggles and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures just to pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

We as God's people both as individuals and members of a congregation can tell gratitude stories from both the giver's and receiver's perspective. We can share stories filled with joy in the opportunity to give to others. We can give thanks as members in our congregations on a regular basis for all we are and all we do as the church together in Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, living gratefully is about more than merely appreciating what we have. True gratitude ignites compassion, inspiring us to share our blessings with others.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and our Thanksgiving celebration. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those who gather around the table with us. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, rebuilding their lives' following hurricanes and other natural disasters, the sick and those suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love and may true gratitude ignite compassion, inspiring us to share our blessings with others. We ask your blessing through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

With God's Blessings at Thanksgiving and Always, Pastor Bob



Executive Council Meeting

November 7th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

November 14th @ 3:00 PM

Church Council News



The Council met on October 17th and approved the following items:

- Approved the expense of \$125.00 and the use of Fellowship Hall for a non-certification AED/CPR class.
- Approved repairing the LED sign not to exceed \$1000.00.
- Approved building use request for the Citrus Ringers to use Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. through the end of November.

Council President's Message



The Florida – Bahamas Synod is offering monetary assistance to those impacted by the hurricanes. The assistance will range from \$100.00 - \$500.00. If you were impacted by one of the recent hurricanes, please reach out to Pastor Bob or me so we can help you with the necessary paperwork.

I am happy to announce we are going to continue the Thanksgiving take out dinner option this year. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex for food donations, volunteers to help package the meals, and for those who would like to take home meals on Thanksgiving morning.

A big thank you to everyone who came out for our first ever Trunk or Treat/Octoberfest! A thank you also to those who donated candy, helped set up, or decorated their vehicles. I heard a lot of positive comments and I hope everyone had a great time. The food truck, OMG Pretzels, was a big hit and we will have more food trucks as we plan future events!

Grace and Peace,

Joe

Mutual Ministry Reminder

DO NOT DISTURB

As you know, October was Pastor Appreciation Month. Here's an idea as how we might continue to show our appreciation to our interim Pastor Bob for all he does for us and the church:

Each Sunday morning, as he prepares for service he dons his vestments, meditates and prays, clearing his head, mind, and heart for the work of the Lord. We are able to help him in this preparation. **Please, if you would, refrain from approaching him during this important time.** His office door may be open but please don't read this to mean "c'mon in, let's have a chat". You may not recognize it as such, but he is in **spiritual preparation** to deliver his gift of God's message to us all.

Oh, and one more thing that would be most helpful and appreciated. At the end of service, during our handshakes as we depart to spread the message, let us refrain from presenting him with things you would like him to remember or do. Not that these aren't important....they are indeed. Instead, perhaps you could leave a note in the office for him in his mailbox, email him, or call during his working hours. We can appreciate our interim pastor by being sensitive to his need to prepare on Sunday.



The new Congregation Officers for 2025:

President - Joe Adams

Vice President – Gladys Kean

Secretary – Dan Cashman

Treasurer - Appointed

Council Members for 2025:

Sue Buldiger

Karen Monsen

Ann Serafin

John Colson

Sally Hennessey

Sharon Maxwell

Fran Stetson

Tom Stickler

John Giamassi 4

WELCA NEWS



As 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.

Due to predicted power outages and other possible complications from Hurricane Milton, the Board made the decision to cancel our October luncheon at La Pergola. WELCA plans to visit area restaurants every other month. If you haven't received emails from me about these and/or other WELCA activities and you would like to, please give me your email address (you can email me at sthennessey1@charter.net) and I'll add you to my list.

Our November Bible Discussion with Dessert will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 1:00 pm. Lynn Bechdolt will lead the discussion and Nancy Gomes will provide refreshments

We are still thinking of starting a book club and will discuss this at the November meeting. Please bring your ideas and book suggestions!



Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader



didn't go to Grandma's."



Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteer

Sign ups in Narthex

Sign up for Take-out Dinners

In Narthex



Fellowship



Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

There are sign-up sheets near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help with serving coffee and clean-up after worship. Please consider helping when you can. It will only take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly

appreciated. Speaking of coffee, we are asking our congregation to occasionally help with bringing a dessert. It does not need to be homemade. Anything from a bakery whether it is gluten free, sugar free, or a regular dessert will help with making our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair John Giammasi, Co-chair





THANK YOU to all who have returned pledge cards for 2025. If you have not yet returned your card, you can place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office (write Attention: Sue Fowler or Attention: Financial Secretary on the outer envelope for confidentiality). Pledging helps us

embrace the spiritual discipline of giving. It is also helpful to our financial folks to know what to expect in terms of income when they prepare the budget that you will vote on in January. If you don't normally pledge, please consider trying it.

THANK YOU, too, to all of our committees for the temple talks about the missions and needs of their committees. We gained a few volunteers for some committees, which is wonderful! Thank you, Pastor Bob, for highlighting the Stewardship campaign in general and the specific committees each week in the announcements.

Let's all seek to live abundantly, sharing abundantly from God's endlessly abundant generosity.



WELCOME to new committee members Karen Monsen and Sharon Maxwell. We look forward to working together.

Future plans include new member sponsors, deciding on materials to be included in visitor packets, and looking at ways to track members who have been absent from services for some time.

We want to thank Ron O'Keefe, who led this committee when Intern Bob Bonomo went to Joy in Ocala. Ron recently had to step down as chair due to medical issues, and Sally Hennessey was going to take over so as not to lose the progress we'd made. However, Sally and Tom Stickler decided to more or less trade committees, believing that that is where our interests and abilities lie (there was no coveting of each others' committees involved). Tom Stickler will therefore be Chair of Outreach and Sally Hennessey will lead Stewardship.

Outreach meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month, and Stewardship meets immediately following Outreach.





Angel Tree

ANGEL TREE-Once again we are supporting the Citrus County
Family Resource Center with our Angel Tree Ministry beginning
Sunday, November 3, 2024. This ministry helps underprivileged children have a
Merry Christmas. The angel's names will be on a Christmas Tree placed on a
table in the Narthex of the church. When you pick your angel, we will record the
name of the angel(s) and give you a wish list of items that the child would like
for Christmas. You may purchase any number of the gifts listed, depending on
your budget. Do not wrap the presents. Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon
are always welcome. When returning your gifts to Good Shepherd, please
attach each to the bag: the angel tag and the sheet of paper for that angel from
the Family Resource Center. Return all gifts and donations of wrapping paper
and ribbon to the large Christmas box in the Narthex. Someone will check in the
angel and deliver the gifts to the Resource Center.

Please contact Pat Ouwerkerk (352) 419-7527

If you would like to order a magnetic name tag please contact Donald Marchetti at (401) 568-8017 or 11thhoursigns@gmail.com Cost is \$5.00.

Social Ministry





John & Sandy Spencer



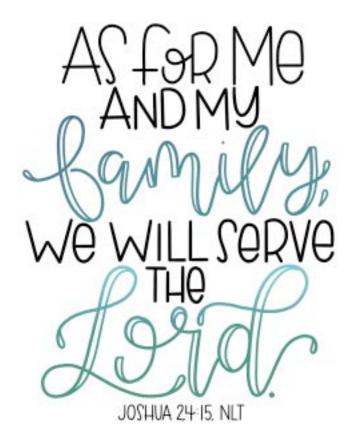
Building and Property

People, these are parking stops! Stop running them over.











Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- PSALM 103:2 NIV

Serving Our Savior

Update from September 2024

Families served: 411

People served: 1,155

Pounds of Food: 21,950

Average pounds per person: 19











SOS Food Pantry PO Box 640774 Beverly Hills, FL 34464 email sos4food@gmail.com

Reverse Advent Calendar- Good Shepherd's Reverse Advent Calendar which supports our SOS Food Pantry will start the 1st of December. We will collect donations of canned goods for each day of December until Christmas day. A flyer with a list of the canned goods needed will be on the table in the Narthex. You can put your donations in the box at the back of the Fellowship Hall. On Christmas day we will donate the contents to the SOS Food Pantry. PLEASE **DO NOT** bring any packages prior to December 1st

Memorials and Special Gifts



To the Memorial Fund by Pasqua Weissert in memory of Karl Weissert.

Craft 'n Share



We will meet on Wednesday, December 11th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

We sorted and donated excess items in the Craft closet to another church's rummage sale, Hernando United Methodist Church. They are having a rummage near Thanksgiving.

In October, we started a project for our shut-ins for Christmas gifts. We have many men's ties and patterns for eyeglass cases, angels, etc. Home crafters have been busy making Christmas ornaments for shut-ins. Another is making pillowcase dresses which we will ship soon to the Michigan facility that forwards them to Africa or where needed. We have assembled pillowcase dress kits and have a pattern if you want to sew at home.

Also, thank you to our home crafters. We gave out several prayer shawls to bereaved families. We have two large bins of Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes for members or friends who are ill or in a rehab facility. If you know someone who needs one, they are in the south closet next to the Quilter and Craft and Share closet (the far north closet by the rear windows in Fellowship Hall.) Please sign them out on the clipboard: who they are going to and who delivered them.

Looking forward to seeing you on the FOURTH Wednesday, which is our regular day of the month to meet.

Thanks, Maggie Bregger

Quilters



Quilters will meet on the 6th and the 20th of November. Quilters will not meet in December.

We will distribute our local quilts for Christmas to local shelters. 10AM bring your lunch.

NO Experience needed!

I'd rather

Worship and Music

November 5th @ 1PM - Meeting





Ushers

I was so underwhelmed by all of the people that didn't respond to my request for ushers in the October Newsletter. Harv



December Services are still available to usher for Advent, Holidays, and Sundays.

Health Ministry



Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Donna Pease, John Colson, and Leith Masters. We will provide blood pressure screenings on the last Sunday of the month after worship.



Thank you

appreciated.

Pastor Bob

Thank you for all your Christian Love, beautiful cards, encouraging notes, delicious baked goods and generous gifts given to me in celebration of Clergy Appreciation Sunday. All is very much

With Gratitude and God's Blessings,



?? Bible Quiz ???

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?

- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul and Silas



Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)

Special Dates

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 3 Daylight Saving Time All Saints' Sunday
- 5 ELECTION DAY Office Closed
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 24 Bible Day
 Christ the King
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 24 30 Bible Week













On "All Saints Sunday", November 3 we remember all people who have lived and died in the Christian faith, especially those beloved members of our Church family who died this past year. We also remember those folk who died this year or in years past as requested by the members of our congregation. Great is their reward in heaven, where they are forever in God's care. Let us "give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever".

First Thursday @ Noon Lunch @ Angelotti's

November 2024



Wednesdays @ 9 AM

A Time for Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Worlday	Tuesday	Wednesday	mursuay	1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	Don't forget to FALL BACK! Set your clocks back on hour sunday macring. But enjoy un entre hour of sleep!
3 10A Worship Sunday School	4 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting	5 11A - WELCA Board Meeting (Cattle Dog) 1P - Worship & Music Meeting 6:30P - Bells	6 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	7 7:30A - SOS 9:30A Executive Council 1P Outreach 2P Stewardship	8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	9
10 10A Worship Sunday School	11 1:30P - Fellowship TANACTOLIFOREDING Veterans Day	12 6:30P - Bells	13 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	7:30A - SOS 3:00 P Council Meeting	15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	DEADLINE: Rewsletter Articles
17 Worship Sunday School	18	19 1P - WELCA Circle Bible Discussion 6:30P - Bells	20 7:30A-SOS 10A - Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	7:30A - SOS 10A-11:30A Citrus Hills POA Meeting	22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	23
24 10A Worship Sunday School CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	25	26 6:30P - Bells	27 7:30A-SOS 10A - Craft n Share 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	28 TAMES GOVING	29 8:00A – Workday on	30

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Bill & Wendy Knarr

11/12/05

Todd & Cindy Gaertner

11/24/84



2 - Helen Maidhof

3 - Pat Bentley

- Denise Bianchi-Costa

6 - Gladys Kean

9 - Dennis Moore

10 - Judy Teague

14 - Gary Bush

16 - Michele Schortemeyer

20 - Sue Okimoto

22 - Jeanette Jimenez Walter Johnson

23 - Dianne Kohm Pat Mainster Vera Swade Stacey Wilson 24 - Bob Deck Marty McMahon

25 - Dave Boerger

27 - Stephanie Adams

28 - Marge Symons

30 - Ray Whitcomb

- Louis Costa









Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen

Brit-Busler, Elizabeth

Cashman, Dan Clark, Dawn

Costa, Denise

Hassinger, Doug & Donna

Jimenez, Jeanette

Johnson, Carol Lee

Kauth, Gerry

Koch, Michael

Krenauer, Linda

Lauer, Barbara

Lawrence, Ivalee

Lepore, Linda

Masters, Leith

Meltesen Family

Mongardi, Eloise

Page-Wood, Jeremy

Pawelko, Diane

Peterson, Gloria

Wagner, Carole

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

Chacon, Carol

Frost, Joann

Hartsfield, Sylvia

Lowe, Faye

Moll, Bob

Philipp, Dick

Pufahl, Jean

Whitcomb, Ray

All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake

Jackson, Brad

Johnston-Garcia, Christian

Ceballos, Jason Corsino, Mykael

Day, Kenneth

Harrington, Bryan

Heinz, Karinne

Hickman, Richard

Hicks. Nathan Holman, Evan

Luchay, Alan

McCann, Jim

Miller, Tyler Much, Jason

Piott, Trenton

Posa, Codymicheal

Radloff, Steven

Radosevitch, Eric Springer, Dennis Stroble, Jeramy Swain, Jr., Terry

Thomas, Peter Chris Thompson, David

Timpe, Chris



Relatives and Friends:

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew

Balastieri, Casey Barber, Steve & Kitty

Beeftink, Paul

Bluver, Linda & son

Blyth, Ruby Brace, Quin

Brugger, Tristan

Burkhardt, Faith & Dina

Cahoone, Bill

Campano, Thomas

Cato, Cecelia

Cipollone, Elaine Crooks, Candi

DeVenuto, Lisa

Dortin, Rachel Drake. Matthew

Farmer, Tom Fidwell, Eloise

Fowler family

Fratto, Joseph

Garling, John Gifford, Judy

Goetter, Lisbeth

Goetter, Thomas Goforth, Jeffrey

Goodloe, Ernestine

Graves, Janice & Declan Hertel, Karl

Hunt, Jim

Iudiciani, Georgia

Johnson, Jim Kraft, Carter

Koch, Dennis & Linda

Lahera, Andy Lavaja, Jim

Lewellen, Emily Anne

Lobenthal, Jean Loftin, Tracy

Longworth, Kathy $_{17}$

Lublemon family	Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Welch, George
Lundsford, Victoria	Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Magnotta family	Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Wierzel, Rosalee
Magrum, Corbin	Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Pope, Rick	Smrdel, Terri	Wilson, Karen
McHugh, Mark	Queen, Max	Stewart, Sam	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Meidl, Nancy	Rajotte, Keith	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolff, Jack
Mena, Steve	Ralph, Bruce	Thatcher, Jean	Wood, Harper
Nickerson, Mike & Beth	Rambaldini, Jim	Thompson, Lori	Woods, Donna Jean
Nine, Tim	Riccio, Gino	Traywick, Edward	Woolf, Nick
O'Berry, Darlene	Robertson, Jeanine	Tuegel, Chuck	Wright, Matthew
O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Vulkelich, Alejandra	

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. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

"I am thankful for getting adopted!"



ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to

<u>gslchernando@gmail.com</u>.

Stephanie



December Deadline is November 16th



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

November 3rd & 10th

Cara and Tom Stickler Dennis Moore

November 17th & 24th

Sue Buldiger Harv Johnson Ann Serafin

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson John Gifford Joe Adams Dan Cashman



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LECTORS

November 3rd

Ann Serafin

November 10th

Tom Kranauer

November 17th

Margot Berger

November 24th

John Giammasi

DEACON in Training

John Colson



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Kid's Corner



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	BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.					
	Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV					
Psalm 145:8 Job 36:5 Psalm 90:2 2 Peter 3:9 1 Thessalonians 5:24 Isaiah 40:25	SGAICURO HGIYMT LTAVREENISG INETTPA FUFHIATL OYHL					
	Help me, Lord myod; saveeccordingo					
your	your un_ailing l_ve.					
	Psalm 109:26, NIV					



Answers: gracious, mighty, everlasting, patient, faithful, holy; Help me, Lord my God; save me according to your unfailing love. Psalm 109:26, NIV

What sort of music did the pilgrims listen to? Plymouth Rock.

Why did the scarecrow win an award on Thanksgiving? Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a ghost? A poultrygeist!

What did the turkey say after its Thanksgiving dinner? "Boy, I am stuffed!"

What did the turkey say to the computer on Thanksgiving? "Google, Google, Google!"



I am GRATEFUL FOR:

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O BLESSED O NOVEMBER O GRATEFUL O TURKEY OTHANKFUL OTHANKSGIVING OFAMILY

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DESIGN YOUR OWN FLOWERS TO FINISH THE GARDEN

