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OUR 96th YEAR

"The friendly little church on the circle in Everglades City, FL"



Millie and Pastor Bob+

SUNDAY LUNCH

Our regular Sunday lunch will resume Sunday, October 2nd. We look forward to fellowship around the table and catching up on everyone as you return.

SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Be sure to read the following and make note of the services provided for the Seniors in Collier County. Call the numbers to see if you qualify. \$\delta\$

Providing support services to Collier County's older adults Homemaking Bathing, Dressing Grocery Shopping Medical Transportation Skilled Nursing Medical Alert System Respite Medical Supplies Nutritional Supplements Nutrition Program 239-252-2233 Emergency Home Energy Flder Helpline Program (EHEAP) 239-252-2273 Medical Specialties & Prescription Collier County Services

239-252-2273

AS I SEE IT . . . • I am in my office at home writing this and Millie just called into me and asked what I was doing? I answered back, "Working on the Newsletter". Silence! Not much was said back. And that's about the way it is with what's going on at ECC right now. Our Food Distribution to the community continues in great demand with the economic situation having its effect! We are still receiving a goodly quantity of food from Harry Chapin Food Bank, Publix, Whole Foods and the Market in Immokalee. Some things need to be purchased by our program, and that's possible through generous grants such as Collier Harvest. It is a blessing for our church to be providing the space, storage, and personnel. And Millie, as she was studying her daily Bible lessons the other day, came upon two verses in chapter 14 of Proverbs she thought appropriate. Chapter 14:31 says, "Whoever is kind to the needy honors God". And Chapter 14:21 says, "Blessed is the one who is kind to the needy". I read those two passages to our faithful volunteers at a Wednesday Distribution after the food had been sorted and ready for distribution to the waiting cars outside our church. They bowed their heads in understanding. We, as a church do care for the needy in our community, not only by placing the food in their cars as they drive up to receive it, but we also have two cars delivering food to the homes of those unable to come to receive it. It was a moving moment for me to give reassurance to our volunteers that what they do each week is not only good for those who receive it, and good for those who prepare it, but that it honors God. To Him be the glory. Amen. . . . • And I am praying for the safe return of all our vacationing parishioners. We are truly missing you as our attendance these past three months has been at an all-time low. I know, a lot of people have stayed home because of COVID-19. Some of our folks have had it! But I do want to see more of our people returning to our weekly Sunday morning worship. It just seems to make the week go better if you begin each week worshipping and praising God in His House. Please make an effort to return as soon as possible and bring a friend with you. "I was glad when they said uno me. 'Let us go to the House of the Lord."" (Psalm 122:1) And this hymn says it all: "For my heart was so thirsty for Thee, and so hungry to feed on Thy word." Come to ECC and have your thirst quenched and your soul fed.

Faithfully, Pastor Bob+

SUPPORT ECC COMMUNITY CHURCH

During the months you are away, some of you may have a church "up North" which needs support. But please remember to help ECC. You can by *mailing your check* to:

P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139

or by clicking the <u>DONATE NOW</u> button on our new website. Just remember, YOU may be on vacation, but this church is not! <u>Please help!</u>

Please text or e-mail Millie at

miwall@centuryllink.net or call her (615)889-8560 with any news, information, sickness, hospitalizations or prayer requests. She has no way of knowing unless you tell her. Her "crystal ball" doesn't always let her know all things!

YOU CAN SEE AND READ PASTOR'S SERMONS ON OUR WEBSITE