

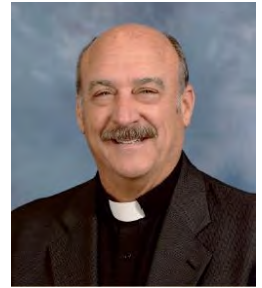


# The Shepherd's Voice

February 2023

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## PASTOR'S PAGE



Jesus setup the church to be a community of believers that by sharing their gifts and abilities they would carry on his mission of sharing the grace of God with all people. According to John, chapter 15, Jesus said:

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”*

I could go into a very detailed “lecture” on the above passage, but I will keep this short and to the point. This month my article is a flat out call for help. We have written it before and we have asked. Now, I am flat out pleading for help. We are emerging from the pandemic and we need help with many programs in the

congregation. We need to restart and/or refresh some programs that got put on hold or were downsized due to the pandemic. There are new positions and programs that are beginning to emerge as well. They all need members of our congregation to make them work.

There is a place for all of us in this congregation to share our gifts and resources in the effort to maintain the mission of the church. During the pandemic it was necessary to make changes and limit what we did and how we did it. A few of us, Rick, Bob, the Council, and Shirley especially, were instrumental in keeping this congregation running and keeping things going for the last couple of years in spite of the pandemic. Now, they continue to go above and beyond the call of duty keeping this congregation going for all of us. And now, they need help. Now that we are working to get back to where we were a couple of years ago, we need your help. This congregation, as a volunteer organization, cannot operate without volunteers. Where can you “bear fruit”?

I know. I have heard it. “I am retired and I am too old”. “I have done that before, I do not want to do that anymore”. The other side is that Bob, Rick, and Shirley are tired. They are pushed to the limits. They cannot do anymore. Everyone can be a part. To be honest with all of you, without more participation, there are going to be things that simply won’t get done because we do not (currently) have enough volunteers in place.

Here, I can list some of the many volunteer needs that we have. This is not a complete list. We need: Head Usher for the 8:30 worship service, Evangelism Committee members, Ushers, Worship Assistants, Greeters, Altar Guild members, Prayer Partners, Eucharistic Ministers, Drivers, Bread Pick-Up helpers, and managers for the Pumpkin Patch to name a few areas.

Can you pray for your staff? They need you. We need you.  
Jesus is calling you.

Pastor Dennis



## Deacon's Corner



Greetings Church family,

In the blink of an eye, we celebrated Advent, the birth of Our Lord Jesus, and now Epiphany. Ash Wednesday is close behind and the church calendar date is February 22nd, where we are reminded of our mortality. We receive ashes as the Pastor/Deacon speaks: "Dust you come and dust you shall return". At this point we are then into the Lenten Season. So, what is Lent? What does it do to us or for us?

Let's start with Ash Wednesday. The ashes remind people of their sinfulness, and of our mortality. "Since ancient times, God's people have used ashes as a sign of humble repentance (e.g. Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13)." When one willingly goes up to a pastor and receives ashes on his/her forehead, they are admitting that they are sinners in desperate need of salvation. They are admitting that they have sinned not only against their neighbors, but against God Himself. The ashes demonstrate that without God, all people are spiritually dead. The ashes remind the wearer of their need to repent and confess to be turned back to God. The ashes demonstrate our pleading that the Lord would purify us. The ashes serve as a tangible and visible sign of our failure to love God as much as He loves us.

God said to Adam, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes also tell us the good news of the Gospel! You see, ashes aren't just smeared on your forehead. The ashes are given in the shape of the cross. In receiving the ashes, we remember that our Lord Jesus took all our sins. He who was sinless became sin. Jesus was crucified on a piece of wood. The Cross. He was crucified for us. He descended to the dead on our behalf. Then Jesus conquered death through His resurrection. He has taken the ashes of our past and created in us new life, allowing us to live forever in the holy presence of God! He has redeemed His children, making us clean and new. Through the cross of Christ, the power of death has been destroyed. Through the cross there is life.

Remember, Lent is not about giving up something. Lent is for us to remember what Jesus gave to us. Every day when we take a breath we must thank and honor The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for everlasting life in Heaven.

Blessings and Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

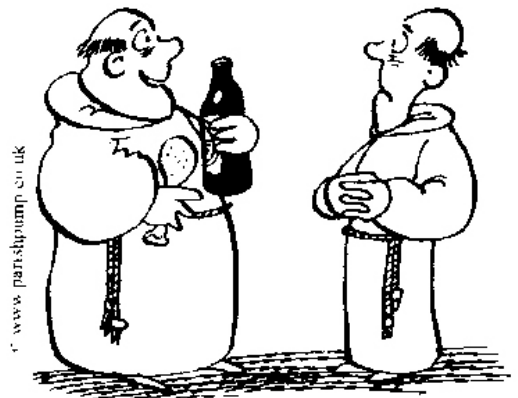
*We love  
because  
he first  
loved us.*  
1 John 4:19

**Lent**  
RETURN TO THE LORD,  
*your God,*  
FOR HE IS  
*gracious and*  
**MERCIFUL.**  
JOEL 2:13

Even now,  
says the LORD,  
**return to me**  
with your  
*whole heart.*  
Joel 2:12



Dan's World



*...actually, I've decided to give up abstinence for Lent...*



# Church Council News

The first meeting of 2023 with the new members Ron O'Keefe, Vera Swade, and Carole Wagner met January 12, 2023. The remaining cement stops in the parking lot will be finished by our Building and Property committee the middle of February. They are happy to have John Colson join their group.

Our new council was installed on January 22, 2023. Our semi-annual meeting will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> with one service at 10:00 and meeting after. Please plan on attending as the business of the church is the business of all members.

Kathy Metz has arranged for John Clardy to speak on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00. He is an attorney specializing in elder law issues.

Ann Neville  
Council Secretary



February 19th at 10:00

**Executive Council Meeting**  
February 2nd @ 9:30 AM

**Council Meeting**  
February 9th @ 3:00





## Lent is Coming!

Be sure and mark your calendars. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent.

This year's theme will be "Amazing Grace". Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. In our Ash Wednesday service, which will include the Imposition of Ashes, we will focus on the amazing grace of God King David experienced when he confessed his sins and was forgiven. We experience that same amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

On Ash Wednesday, we will meet at 3:00 pm. The other Wednesdays in Lent, we will have our traditional Soup Supper at 5:00 pm followed by worship in our sanctuary at 6:00 pm. There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex for making soup and another signup sheet letting us know who/how many will be joining us for supper.



**Lenten**  
Soup Suppers

### **DURING LENT**

Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM

Followed by 6:00 PM Service



*Stewardship is living  
out our commitment  
to Christ.*

## Applying Bible Principles

Deuteronomy 3 records an interesting event in the life of God's man, Moses. Because Moses had sinned in numbering the people when God had specifically directed him not to, he was not permitted to enter the Promised Land.

With that fact already known to Moses, God told him,

*Go up to the top of Pisgah and look west and north and south and east. Look at the land with your own eyes, since you are not going to cross this Jordan.*

*But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see.*

So Moses was given a most difficult assignment. He was to commission his successor, Joshua, the one who would lead the people into the Promised Land. And if that were not difficult enough, God told him to "encourage and strengthen" Joshua. Chapter 31 records that Moses did as God had directed and became a tremendous encourager to Joshua.

The need for encouragement was not limited to Joshua. All of us need encouragement. All of us need to be strengthened by other Christians.

*"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).*

According to these verses, God gave us eternal encouragement. By definition, if it is "eternal," this encouragement will last forever. At first glance, this encouragement would appear to be sufficient. If God gives encouragement, and if this encouragement never ends, what more could we want?

In several passages in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul ... writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ... indicates that we are to encourage other Christians. Just as Paul sent Timothy on several occasions to encourage believers at Ephesus, Colossi and Thessalonica, so, too, the Lord sends us as ambassadors to encourage other Christians.

Wow ... that sounds great, doesn't it? But how do we do that? How do we fulfill our God-given role as encouragers? Probably the best way is to ask God to give us opportunities to encourage others and then to earnestly look for those opportunities to materialize.

In his book, *Another Chance*, Dean Merrill tells about a man who was ousted from his profession. He took work as a hod carrier simply to put bread on his family's table. He was suddenly plunged into a drastically different world. Instead of going to an office each day, he was hauling loads of concrete block to the fifth level of a construction site. Instead of a

nice suit, white shirt and tie, his attire had changed to jeans, boots and a T-shirt. Gone was the piped-in music in the corridors; now he had to endure blaring boom boxes. The language was coarse. Worse still, as the new man on the project, he was the butt of all the jokes and subjected to endless taunts, put-downs and devastating rudeness.

Near the end of the third week, he felt he couldn't take any more. "I'll work until lunch time," he told himself, "and that's it. I'm going home." Shortly before noon, the foreman came around with paychecks. As he handed this man his envelope, he made his first civil comment to him in three weeks. "Hey, there's a woman working in the front office who knows you. Says she takes care of your kids sometimes." "Who?" The foreman named the woman who sometimes helped in the nursery of the church where the man and his family worshipped. The foreman then went on passing out checks.

When the hod carrier opened his envelope, along with his check, he found a handwritten note from this woman who happened to be the payroll clerk. It read, "When one part of the body of Christ suffers, we all suffer with it. Just wanted you to know that I'm praying for you these days."

He stared at the note, astonished at God's timing. He hadn't even known the woman worked for this company. Here, at his lowest hour, by God's grace, she had given him the encouragement to press on.

That's such a little thing, isn't it? Yet, it's the little things in life that usually make a big difference in the lives of people. If you want to do an interesting word study someday, look up in the Bible all of the places and ways in which the word "encourage" is used. You'll discover how very vital it is for us to encourage one another!

William Arthur Ward summed it up this way:

*Flatter me, and I may not believe you.*

*Criticize me, and I may not like you.*

*Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.*

*Encourage me, and I will not forget you.*

Do you want to be remembered as one who made a difference in the kingdom of God? Be an encourager. In doing so, you may make a greater difference than you might ever realize.

To whom could you be an encouragement this week? Will you ask God to give you opportunities to encourage someone for the Lord's sake this week? And will you earnestly look for those opportunities to materialize?

*Shelly Fortin, Stewardship*

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**A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex.**

**Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.**


**One of the most important things we can do as God's children is to encourage our Christian brothers and sisters.**

*"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).*

**Bible Quiz**

In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



Answer: A (See Acts 9, Mark 5, Luke 7, John 11.)

# EVANGELISM



Good Shepherd Evangelism Chair is in the process of revisiting “Evangelism within the Lutheran Church.” By His Grace, we have been blessed with telling the world of our good and gracious God that we meet in Jesus Christ and the love that Christ has for all people. The first few meetings will be for those interested in joining (more of a Q and A), with no commitment at that time. The time slot will be between worship services and after the 11 AM Worship Service. There will be more information to follow through weekly Sunday Bulletins and Sunday announcements before Worship about dates to meet.

Heavenly Father hear our prayer,  
Deacon Robert

**So do not be ashamed**  
of the testimony  
about our Lord ....

**Rather, join with me**  
in suffering  
for the gospel,  
by the power of God.

2 Timothy 1:8, NIV

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Shiela was later disappointed to learn the new 'Fishers of Men' group on the church bulletin board was about 'EVANGELISM' and not a Christian Dating Service.

# Fellowship



Thank you to all who heard our pleas lately for food items for the coffee hours. Our buffet table has been full of many special treats. I hope we can keep it up. I could tell we had a lot of happy campers enjoying the fellowship time. Sadly, I must report we are still having a problem getting volunteers for the second coffee hour. If it continues this way, we may have to re-think about going to one coffee hour.

## FREINDLY REMINDERS:

If you bring in coffee-hour treats on your own plates or decorative tins, please put your name on them and remember to take them home. There are a few items in the kitchen on the back counter by the stove looking for their home.

Lastly, if you place a food item in the refrigerator, please **put your name and date**. If it is for a special function, also include that information.

The next Fellowship Committee meeting will be Monday, February 6th at 1:30 PM in the classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Betty Sanger*



## Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry  
PO Box 640774  
Beverly Hills, FL 34464  
email [sos4food@gmail.com](mailto:sos4food@gmail.com)



## Social Ministry

VOLUNTEERS are still needed for bread  
pick-up and delivery.



Please contact Gerri  
Fallanca @  
352-637-2663, if you  
sign up, for updated  
pick up and delivery  
changes.



**Saturday Night Pick-Up  
&  
Food Share Monday Delivery**

Cashmans

### BOGO Shopping Angels

During the months of February and March, you will have a unique opportunity to donate to the needy in our community. When you see a Buy One Get One (BOGO) offer, please purchase a nonperishable item that will be collected in a bin at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church during the months of February through March. All items will be donated to SOS. This is a quick and easy way for our church to support the needy in our community.

If you have questions, please contact Vera K. Swade at 352-476-9072.



## 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.*

A combined Circle meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Shelly Fortin led the discussion using the January/February Gather magazine Bible Study “The Ten Commandments, Session One. Refreshments were provided by Cindy Gaertner.

**Our next Circle Meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Lynn Bechdolt will lead the Bible Study “The Ten Commandments, Session Two” using the January/February Gather magazine. Refreshments will be provided by Dianne Johnson.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Rick spoke with members of Good Shepherd about his calling and his experiences at the seminary. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events, and **register by signing up on the sheets in the clipboard rack in the Narthex.**

**Volunteer Appreciation “You Matter” Lunch** (to recognize all the volunteers in our church)  
Saturday, February 18 12:00 noon

**Saint Patrick’s Day Party to benefit SOS** (bring a non-perishable food item & wear green!)  
Friday, March 17 2:00 PM

**The Pinelands Spring Gathering will take place on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew’s** in Ocala. More information is coming! Please save the date and plan to attend this wonderful gathering of ELCA women from ELCA churches in central Florida. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, we will be holding a planning meeting on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew’s in Ocala. Please contact Shelly Fortin for details.

*The WELCA Saturday Event Calendar on the GSLC website will be updated with events for 2023. Be sure to mark your calendars for those that interest you.*

**Our next WELCA Board meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at 9:30 AM at Good Shepherd.**

Shelly Fortin,  
President GSLC WELCA





## In the Mail Bag

I wish to express my deepest thanks to Sandy Jackson. She has served as a counter for many year-end has decided it is time to retire. Also retiring is Doris Hero, Del & Gloria Peterson, and Don Schroeder. My deepest thanks to you all.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Louise D. Osborn*



To all my Good Shepherd Family,

I want to thank each of you for all the thoughtful cards, cash, checks, gift cards, cookies, cakes, special treats, and keepsakes that I received during the Christmas holiday. I appreciate so much your generosity and the love you extend to me all year.

May God richly bless each of you today and always.  
Shirley



Angel Tree Thank You's

I would like to thank the Congregation for their support of this year's Angel Tree. We were able to give 50 needy children a great Christmas through the Citrus County Resource Center. My thanks also goes out to Lynn Bechdolt, Vera Swade, Jack and Maggie Bregger, Pat Ouwerkertk and Silvia Hartsfield for their help signing up the children's sponsors.

God Bless all of you.  
Amy Gilbert



My heart is full! I thank you all for the beautiful cards, gifts, gift cards, and monetary gifts.  
T-to my Good Shepherd Family  
H-humbling to receive  
A-all of you are so caring,  
N-nice,  
K-kind.  
Y-you are amazing!  
O-oh what a wonderful family!  
U-us! Together as a church!



Love and Blessings, Renate

*Music*  
*is the voice of the soul*



## QUILTING GROUP



On November 16th, we had 6 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 5 quilts.

On December 7th, we had 5 quilters and 2 sewers and we finished 4 quilts.

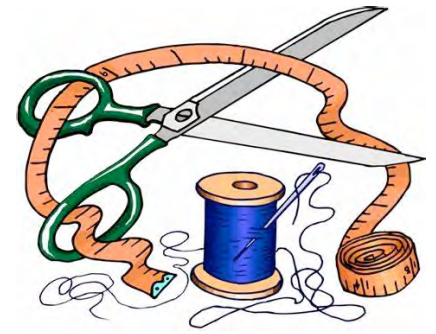
On December 21st, we had 4 quilters and our sewer was ill and we finished 4 quilts after we cut batting to full size and bagged them.

On January 4th, we had 6 quilters and 1 sewer and we finished 4 quilts. We were happy to have Maggie back to sew. We welcomed Kate Britt-Busler to our group and she helped tie and sew too.

We met January 18th and will meet on February 1st and 15th. We can always have more ladies to come and help us. Bring your lunch and beverage. We work from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and we hope to see you.

Quilting Group

## Craft 'n Share



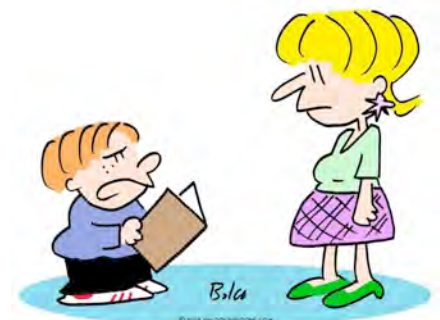
We will meet next on Wednesday, February 22nd from 10 AM to 2:00 PM. Bring your lunch and a beverage. We meet every month on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

In January, we worked on several crafts, including using men's ties. We make eye glass carriers/ or a pen carrier, small purses, etc. We are pleased to hear Eucharistic Ministers are visiting shut ins again which will allow us to make items larger that can be delivered by them. This month we will also start a new project for the Citrus County Baby Shower using fleece material. So if you have a stash to pass on, let us know. We also will continue making clothes pin nativity sets which are used in the welcome package for first time visitors to Good Shepherd.

Our home sewers continue to make pillowcase dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa project. We mailed off a box full of previously made ones. We also have made up several kits to make these dresses and have directions for those. Plus, precut elastic and bias to assemble more kits.

We gave out several prayer shawls in the last few months to members who have lost a loved one or were hospitalized. We have directions for knit or crocheting lap robes. If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, lap robe, or need directions to make one, then call Maggie for any questions.

Maggie Bregger 352-860-2215



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say *anything* about running with scissors!"



## Building / Property



We would like to welcome John Colson to the Building/Property Team.

We are asking for some members to help with moving or painting the balance of the parking lot stops.

The time and dates to be announced.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Dennis Wayne Koch  
Linda C Koch

## Altar Guild



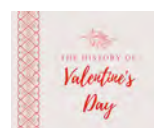
There is still a very big need for help in setting up and cleaning up communion!!

This does NOT require a large amount of time. It takes about 1/2 hour to set up and/cleanup. If you attend first service we only ask that you set up on Saturday and refill between services. If you attend second service you are to clean up, wash what needs to be washed.

Ideally this would be for a month at a time.

ANY member of the church is welcome and all SHOULD be involved. If you are an active member of the church BE an active member. This isn't a hard job and we are willing to train.

Ann Neville and Alma Day



## Worship & Music

February 7th @ 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting



## Health Ministry



Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she may be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, and Donna Pease. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings in between services and are there until 11:00 AM so that everyone from both services have an opportunity to have their blood pressure checked.

See you February 26th



**ASK THE ELDER LAW ATTORNEY**, with Mr. John Clardy, for a question and answer time on February 3rd from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the lobby so we may plan. Also, we will have index cards for questions that you may fill out in advance or email your questions to [kmetz@embarqmail.com](mailto:kmetz@embarqmail.com). Contact Kathy Metz 352-634-0985

# SAVE THE DATE for JONAH: The Musical

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 11**  
**3:00pm**

(Approximate 116-minute run time with 15-minute intermission)



*“Jonah is a prophet – and a man on the run. From whom? From God! After a series of wild adventures involving a seaport called Joppa, a huge boat and a terrible storm, Jonah finds himself in the belly of a giant fish. But this isn’t the end. It’s here that God teaches Jonah how to receive grace and extend mercy, even to his archenemy: Nineveh. Watch this Bible story as it springs to life on screen in jaw-dropping scale by an exceptional cast, spectacular special effects, and live animals. Filmed in front of a live audience on stage at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA.”*

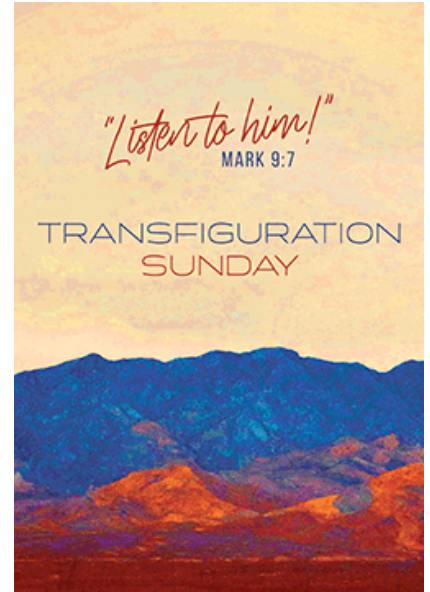
Click link for preview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtHl0y0cWZM>

Good Shepherd is hosting a film viewing event right in our Fellowship Hall and EVERYONE IS INVITED. This Broadway caliber Sight and Sound live theatre production is not to be missed. No admission fee is necessary. Please bring a food donation to support the S.O.S. Food Pantry. So, what are you waiting for? Advance sign-up sheet is in the Narthex so we can prepare the seating in the hall. Popcorn and refreshments will be available. See you at the MOVIES ☺

Questions? Call Wendy Wolber @ (516) 510-3801  
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# Special Dates

- 2nd - Groundhog Day
- 5th - Boy Scout Sunday
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 19th - Transfiguration Sunday
- 20th - Presidents' Day
- 22nd - Ash Wednesday
- Black History Month



Happy Valentine's Day



Let's Pray!



CITRUS COUNTY  
MOSQUITO CONTROL



Saturday  
March 4th

More info

**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**
















10:00AM - 3:00PM

- Equipment on display
- Take a tour of our facility
- Meet our sentinel chickens
- & so much more!

**Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM**

Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>9:45A</b> Bible Study</p> <p>Every Sunday</p>			<p><b>1</b> 8:00A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters</p> <p><b>1:00P -</b> Newcomer's Club</p> <p><b>6:30 P -</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:30A - SOS <b>9:30 A</b> Executive Council Zoom <b>12 P</b> Lunch Angelotti's</p> 	<p><b>3</b> 8:00A – <i>Workday on Grounds</i></p> <p><b>10A - 12P</b> Elder Law Attorney</p>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>5</b> 8:30 &amp; 11 A Worship</p>   <p><b>Committee Reports Due</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 10:00A – Bible Study</p> <p><b>1:30P</b> Fellowship Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00A Worship &amp; Music</p> <p><b>6:30P-</b> Bells <b>6:30P-</b> Scouts</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00A-SOS</p> <p><b>1:00P -</b> <a href="#">WELCA Bible Study and zoom</a></p> <p><b>6:30 P -</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:30A- SOS</p>  <p><b>3:00P</b> Church Council Zoom</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:00A – <i>Workday on Grounds</i></p> 	<p><b>11</b> 3:00 - 5:30P</p> 
<p><b>12</b> 8:30 &amp; 11 A Worship</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:00A – Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:30P- Bells</p> <p><b>6:30P-</b> Scouts</p> 	<p><b>15</b> 8:00A-SOS</p>  <p><b>10:00A -</b> Quilters</p> <p><b>6:30P -</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:30 A- SOS</p>  <p><b>9:00A</b> Pastoral Care Committee</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:00A – <i>Workday on Grounds</i></p> 	<p><b>18</b> 12:00 Volunteer Appreciation <b>“You Matter”</b> Lunch</p> 
<p><b>19</b> 10 A -Worship <i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting</i></p>  <p><b>Transfiguration Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:00A – Bible Study <b>1:30P -</b> Social Ministry <b>Presidents' Day</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30P- Bells</p> <p><b>6:30P-</b> Scouts</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:00A-SOS <b>10:00A-</b> Craft n Share</p> <p><b>3:00P - Ash Wednesday</b> <b>6:30P -</b> Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:30 A- SOS</p> 	<p><b>24</b> 8:00A – <i>Workday on Grounds</i></p> 	<b>25</b>
<p><b>26</b> 8:30 &amp; 11 A Worship</p> 	<p><b>27</b> 10:00A – Bible Study</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 P- Bells</p> <p><b>6:30 P-</b> Scouts</p>	<p><a href="#">Link to Pastoral Prayer Calendar</a></p>			

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Dan & Linda Cashman	02/10/68
John & Melissa Gifford	02/11/06
Randy & Carole Wagner	02/14/78
Frank & Elfrieda Romanelli	02/16/63
Jerry & Susan Dawson	02/19/77
Chris & Stacy Bahner	02/28/04
Mel & Donna Pease	02/28/76



"Do you, Jason, take Karyn to have and to hold,  
to E-mail and fax, to page and beep,  
until death do you part?"

3 - Kevin Towne

7 - June Dreger-Parsons

24 - Jane Isenstead  
Susan Fowler

4 - Lois Knight

13 - Pat Yoho

26 - KC Carrier

5 - Barbara Lackner

20 - Dan Cashman  
Shirley McField

28 - Norma Engle

23 - Rick Mainster

29 - No Birthday until 2024





Let us remember:

Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Meltesen Family
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Jimenez, Jeanette	Miles, Ilse
Burfeindt, Janet	Johnson, Carol Lee	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis, Linda, & Michael	Pawelko, Diane
Costa, Denise	Lauer, Barbara	Thomas, Maria
Dionne, Pam	Lawrence, Ivalee	Whitcomb, Ray
Drennen, Rose & Family	Lepore, Linda	Wildman, Joe
Hartsfield, Sylvia	Masters, Leith	Wolff, Jack

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

Moll, Bob	Philipp, Dick	Whitcomb, Maxine
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**All who serve our country in the military:**

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



**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Burgess, Louise	Farmer, Tom	Hertel, Karl
Balastieri, Casey	Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fidwell, Eloise	Johnson, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Campano, Thomas	Fowler family	Iudiciani, Georgia
Beck, Bryan	Cato, Cecelia	Fratto, Joseph	Kraft, Carter
Beeftink, Paul	Cipollone, Elaine	Garling, John	Krol, Shirley
Bell, Ian	Clarke, Charlotte	Gifford, Judy	Lavaja, Jim
Bluver, Linda & son	Clarke, Father Peter	Goetter, Thomas	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Blyth, Ruby	Crooks, Candi	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lobenthal, Jean
Brockschmidt,	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Loftin, Tracy
Brugger, Tristan	Drake, Matthew	Graves, Janice &	Longworth, Kathy

Lublemon family	Pope, Jeff	Stuart, Neil & Family	Wolf, Nick
Lundsford, Victoria	Powell, Bill	Thatcher, Jean	Wright, Matthew
Magnotta family	Queen, Max	Thompson, Lori	Wizard, Joe & Dana
Magrum, Corbin	Rajotte, Keith	Traywick, Edward	
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Ralph, Bruce	Tuegel, Chuck	
McHugh, Mark	Rambaldini, Jim	Vespa, Hazel	
Meidl, Nancy	Robertson, Glen	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Mena, Steve	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Wells, Emmarie	
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O'Berry, Darlene	Sillen, Rita	Williams, Dorothy	
O'Keefe, Chris	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wierzel, Rosalee	
Pach, Barbara	Smrdel, Louis	Wood, Rowen	
Page-Wood, Jake	Stewart, Sam	Woods, Donna Jean	

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

Contact [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com) for any updates.

## Newsletter Editor

Please use the link on the calendar page IF you forget your days to pray on the prayer calendar. The link is on the website and there is a posted calendar in Fellowship Hall. Please **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE** for this information. Contact the webmaster via email if you need. Thank you.

Stephanie

March Newsletter deadline is **February 18th.**





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**FLOWER DISTRIBUTION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:45 Adult Class** - Deacon Rick Mainster

**Children's Class** - Susan Fowler

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Louise Osborn

Carole Wagner

Diane Kohm

**GREETERS**

**WANTED**

**USHERS**

**8:30**

Cara and Tom Stickler

**11:00**

Carole and Randy Wagner

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman

**LECTORS**

**February 5th**

**8:30** - Shelly Fortin

**11:00** - Ginny Gopadze

**February 12th**

**8:30** - Shelly Fortin

**11:00** - Brenda Landfried

**February 19th**

**8:30** - Bob Fowler

**11:00** - Leith Masters

**February 26th**

**8:30** - Pat Mainster

**11:00** - Sharon Maxwell

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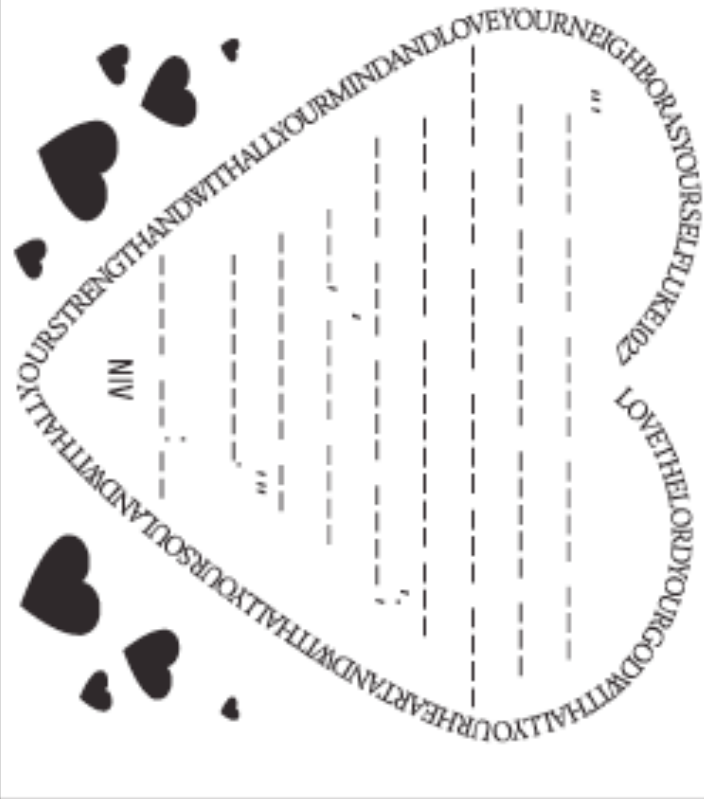


# Kids Corner



## Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



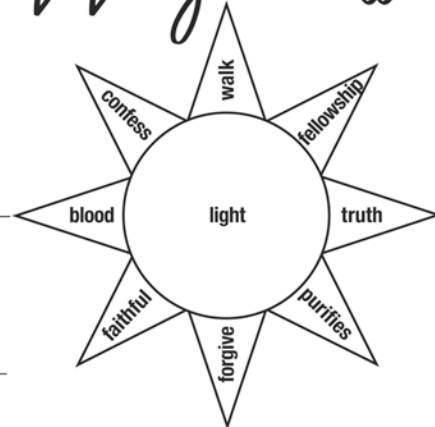
Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV

## PUZZLE



### The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?



**Directions:**  
Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.

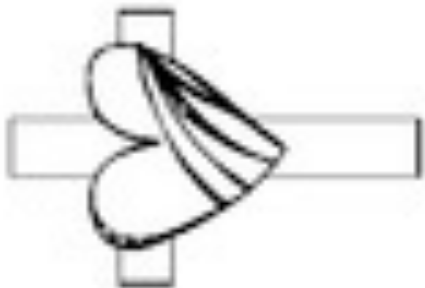
But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, as he is in the \_\_\_\_\_,  
 we have \_\_\_\_\_ with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_  
 of Jesus, his Son, \_\_\_\_\_ us from all sin. If we claim to be  
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ is not in us.  
 If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is \_\_\_\_\_ and just and will  
 \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV**

Answer: walk, light, light, fellowship, blood, purifies, truth, confess, confess, faithful, forgive



Learn more about fish



For God so  
loved the  
world that  
he gave his  
only  
begotten  
son.

*John 3:16*



We know  
that in all  
things God  
works for  
the good  
of those  
who love  
him.

*Romans 8:28*



Keep  
yourselves  
in God's  
love.

*Jude 1:21*



Love  
the  
Lord  
your  
God  
with all  
your  
heart.

*Deuteronomy  
6:5*