



# The Shepherd's Voice

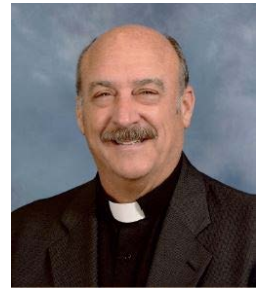
July 2024

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando, FL 34442

---

## PASTOR'S PAGE

---



Grace and peace to you from God our Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

It is bittersweet for me to be writing my last newsletter article for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. To be honest, I struggle every month with what I want to say in my articles. Hopefully, over the years you have learned a bit from them, pondered some of what I've said in them, and felt a call to learn more and share your gifts with the congregation and wider community.

Although I am looking forward to retirement, this change will be a different one for me in leaving the congregation and still being in the community. I know we are all sharing some of the same feelings. Just as you have concern about what the future will bring, Linda and I share those same feelings as we venture into this phase of our lives.

We can all rather empathize with Abraham as the Lord directed him to a new land. Abraham and Sarah felt alone and afraid. Yet, the single thing that gave them strength to follow the Lord's call was their faith in this mysterious God who revealed himself to them. We are children of this same Abraham and Sarah through faith, and hence the same God directs us all in these times.

You are not "losing" your pastor. The word pastor means shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and will guide you and has promised that the Holy Spirit will be with you. Our call is to live by faith, trusting in our Lord each day. None of us can ever be truly faithful if we already know the answer to what lies ahead. Only when we are not in control can we allow our God to be totally in control. Good things come to the faithful.

But now, how can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? That is not just a line to a favorite song, but seriously, how can I say thanks? Words are not adequate for how you have embraced me. From my first visit with the call committee in August 2018 to this writing, I have felt the love of Jesus Christ surrounding me in you. Thank you for going along with my ideas (mostly!), navigating changes due to COVID-19, pitching in, and embodying the arms and feet of Jesus. We have so many good memories to share together.

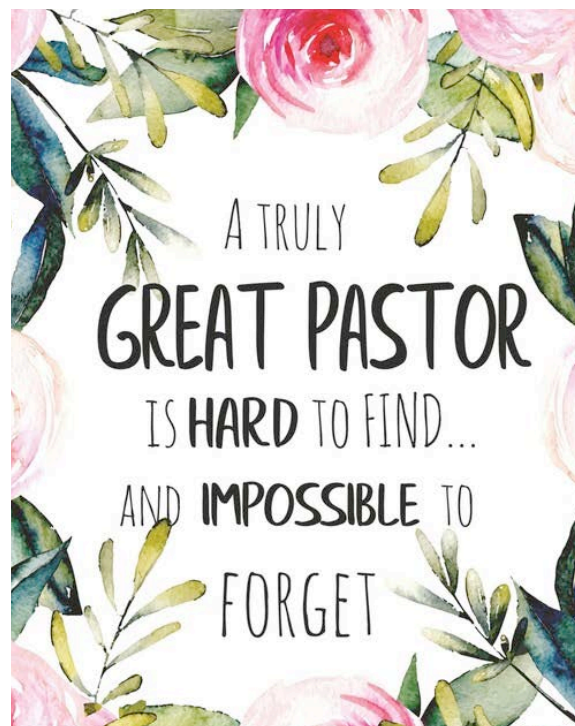
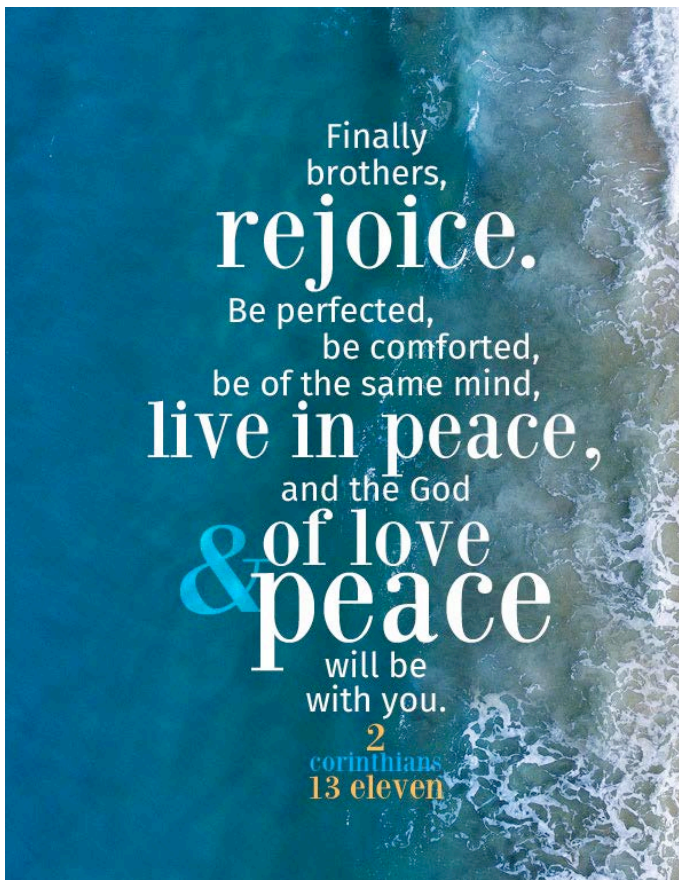
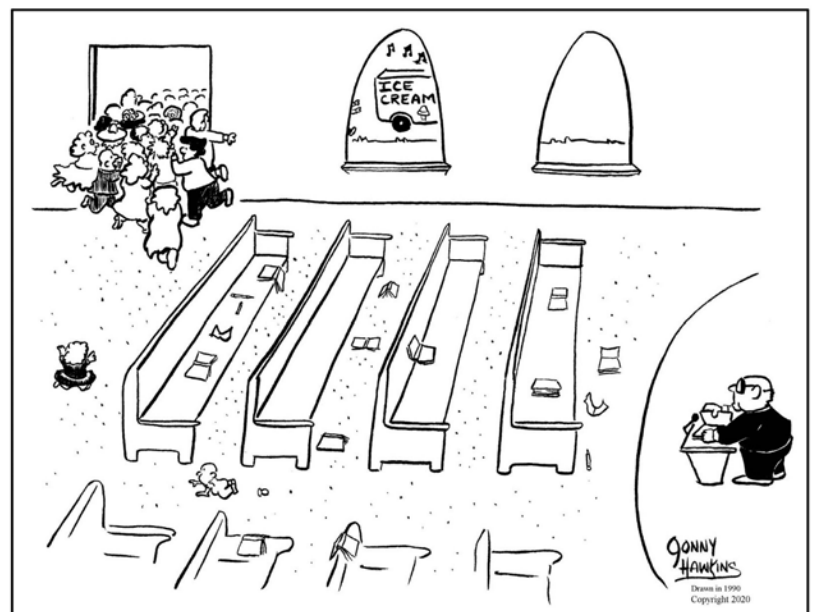
The unfortunate piece about becoming close is that when I leave, I must break connections for the sake of boundaries and allow the congregation to move forward. Of course, if I see you in Winn-Dixie or at an event I can talk to you, but as far as my emailing, calling, and even Facebook, I must disconnect. You have heard, and will probably continue to hear, more on that subject. Please understand this is part of the process of the ELCA when a pastor leaves a congregation.

Ministry is a rather unique vocation when it comes to the family. Not only is this my workplace, but this is our family church. Michael will continue to be a member of the congregation. Linda will leave with me and have a new pew-mate on Sunday mornings. Linda has been an integral part of my ministry. Linda, on her own, (since if you didn't know when I met her she was Secretary of her congregation's council, so you know her involvement in the church was happening long before I came along), has served in musical capacities, as a lay reader, as someone who likes to make treats for Coffee Hour, leads the Adopt-a-Highway program, changes our outdoor church sign, and helps wherever needed. This is not because she is "the pastor's wife", but because she is "Linda" first and she is using the gifts God gave her just like any other layperson would do. Being married to me, she has experienced both my highs and lows. I don't have the words to truly say how much I love her for being by my side and supporting my call to ministry when she thought she married a salesman and was going to live happily ever after in a 2-story house in Pittsburgh with 2 dogs and future children. But, God calls us, called me with a purpose, and leads us to places we can only guess. I never guessed I would be a Pastor. And, I answered that call. And, now, I am answering another call to do something different.

As I wrap this up, a quote from the Apostle Paul, *“Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”* (II Corinthians 13:11)

Remember that the God of Peace goes with us whenever and wherever we go. As you go forward as a congregation and as individuals, remember the words I have used with you every week, **“Go In Peace, Serve the Lord, and Have Fun Doing It!”**

Pastor Dennis



# Church Council News



The Council met on June 13th and approved the following items:

- Approved the purchase of a lock box for the various keys.
- Approved the purchase of new signage for the parking lot and in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.
- Approved the Common Bond Gospel Quartet concert scheduled for July 14th.

In other news: The Fellowship Committee would like us to remind everyone that we need to make sure we leave the Fellowship Hall as clean as we found it. Often times messes have been left after coffee hour and during the week. The Fellowship Committee has been doing a great job of providing great snacks and coffee after worship service. Let us all do our part to help them by tidying up after ourselves. Thank you!



Executive Council Meeting meeting is on Tuesday due to the Holiday

## **Executive Council Meeting**

July 2nd @ 9:30 AM

## **Council Meeting**

July 11th @ 3:00 PM





## Council President's Message

As you all know, this is the last month we will have Pastor Koch at Good Shepherd as he has decided to retire. While I know we will all hate to see him go, he has deserved this retirement and I wish him and Linda nothing but the best in this next chapter of their lives. They have both been such an inspirational couple since coming to Good Shepherd. We will definitely miss all of their contributions to our congregation and beyond.

As I mentioned last month at one of our worship services, we have hired an Interim Pastor. Pastor Bob Yankovitz will start on August 1st. The terms of his contract calls for him to work Sunday plus two days maximum each week. It will be preferred for him to work Sunday plus one day. I look forward to the congregation meeting Pastor Bob.

While we are heading into this transition, I want to try and put some of your concerns I have heard at ease. When Stephanie and I were looking for a new church, we attended Good Shepherd. We loved the friendliness of the congregation and fell in love with Pastor Ken Blyth and his wife Amy. Pastor Blyth is a great teacher just like Pastor Koch. We became members because of those things. Then after a few years, Pastor Blyth accepted a Call at another church in Sarasota. Many of us were devastated. Then we had an Interim Pastor for nearly two years.

Then Pastor Koch accepted the Call to become Good Shepherd's Pastor. Many of you started attending services after Pastor Koch came to GSLC. Many of you have been through several Call processes at GSLC. I share Stephanie's and my story to let you know we will all get through this together. We will get through this because God is in control and will lead us all into this new journey together. I am so glad God led Pastor Koch, Linda, and Michael to us. Recently, when Pastor Koch took a short vacation many of you heard Pastor Ohsiek's sermon. He preached on many of the miracles he has witnessed in his lifetime serving the Lord. Well as one Council member stated, we have experienced many miracles right here at Good Shepherd. There were numerous miracles we witnessed with Michael. Pastor Dennis and Linda, we are blessed to have Michael remain a member here at Good Shepherd. Your family has truly been an inspiration to us all. I will finish by telling you both to Go in Peace, Serve the Lord, and Have Fun Doing It!

Grace and Peace,

Joe

JULY 2024

## Florida Bahamas Synod Assembly 2024, Orlando, Florida. Part 1.

May 31, June 1 and 2 was the **37th Annual FBS Assembly**. In attendance from GSLC were Pastor Dennis Koch, Deacon Bob Bonomo, Deacon Rick Mainster, Mike Busler, Angela Busler and Anne Storan. The Theme for this year's program was "**Who comes up in your Dreams?**"

At [www.fbsynod.org](http://www.fbsynod.org) you can obtain the agenda, ministry moments and results of other actions taken. One of the most memorable was the acknowledgement of the **Lutheran Church in St. Augustine that is 165 years old**.

I am reporting on the Theme and the Sermons and addresses. At the opening Eucharistic Service, the sermon was given by **Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla**, from Puerto Rico, the keynote speaker of the Assembly. More information about his amazing life is available on-line; to me, most noteworthy, he was ordained as a Bishop at the age of 30. He is the youngest Bishop ever in the ELCA. And that was forty-six years ago. Rev. Rafael began by talking about modern times, modern inventions that are shrinking the world, he termed it "smaller technology", and, in turn, this draws us closer, creating a "tribal community", a "settler-colonial mindset", we are so close that we are threatened and deal with this threat by domination of other "tribes". We are bodies of identity, not thought, because the "tribe" does the thinking for us. All this is the source of divisiveness. Jesus, walking with his Apostles along the water and seeing a boat, he invites them to join him on the boat and "go to the other side"; first, they are overcome by a storm, they survive that, only to reach the other side and find a person "possessed by a legion of spirits." Jesus converses with him and frees him from his "slavery". The crossing of the Sea is symbolic of the tribalism, the division, and "the other side" was unclean, representing "we are in" and "the other side" is out. This story asks, "Who is my neighbor? How do we expand our geographies? Love is an overused word. The Beatles sang "All You Need is Love", Tina Turner sang "What's Love but a Secondhand Emotion?" Love resolves all boundaries; it is stubborn, unwavering, commitment. Thirty years ago, we, the ELCA, established a Mission question: How do I engage the others in Global Dismissiveness? Three ways: 1. Seeking an understanding of "the other". 2. Based on the understanding, build relationship of trust. 3. Leads to peaceful coexistence. This is only possible by a commitment to Jesus; only then can we have an unwavering state of love. Claiming and living in that love has its challenges and confronting risks. A monk in Denmark, prior to his execution by Nazis wrote, "What is our task today? Faith, Hope and Charity? No! It is Recklessness! A Holy Rage! Rage when Justice lays prostrate on the ground! Rage when children are starving! Rage at lies of death! Rage at destruction of Peace! Rage against conformity! In the Church, we symbolize our Faith with a lion, or a lamb, or fish, or a dove. Never do we symbolize the Church with a chameleon!

The Opening Eucharist was co-led by our **Bishop Suarez and The Bishop for the south area of Florida from the Episcopal Church**. As Bishop Suarez said, "This is a big deal, you guys. History is being made! We are overcoming barriers and crossing divisions!"

During the service, Bishop Suarez, installed two assistants to the Bishop of the FBS. One is a Pastor of the Lutheran Church who will cover the Northern part of the Synod. The second, a bilingual Pastor ordained in the Presbyterian Church will cover the Southern part of the Synod.

**After the Service**, the Assembly began as our Bishop Pedro Suarez led us in prayer. He then welcomed us "home" reminding each of us, "The Synod Assembly is the most powerful organization in the Synod."

Bishop Suarez discussed **Full Communion Ministry**. This is the concept of two Churches joining together to worship. **Episcopal Bishop Douglas Sharp**, co-celebrant of the Eucharistic Service was introduced, he is our Ecumenical Partner in Full Communion. Bishop Sharp covers 12 counties. Bishop Sharp stated, "Your Bishop has the responsibility of all 67 counties in Florida plus another Country. So, you win!" Bishop Sharp went on to say he is responsible for nurturing relations between the two dominations. Bishop Sharp talked to us about how solutions are not in new structures, or new committees. He said, "We need to begin with healing the body of Christ". He talked about his commitment to the Oneness of Church. He talked about restoring all people to unity and Oneness in Christ. "People on the outside do not care about "the brand", but about what we do and

how we act. We have an image problem. A survey in America showed 84% believe Jesus is significant in religion. 32% said Christians are arrogant. 30% said Christians are judgmental, 50% said Christians are hypocritical. They like Jesus, but they are not sure about us. Our survey of ourselves showed we consider ourselves as generous, passionate, forgiving and loving. Time to act is now. "Our Oneness is essential to our witness."

**Bishop Suarez's Report for 2024:** The theme for this year's Assembly: **Who comes up in your dreams?**

**Acts 16.** Written by Luke who was a medical doctor. He accompanied Paul who dreamed of a man pleading to come to Macedonia to help. They traveled a great distance by ship, carriage and foot. Once in Macedonia on the Sabbath, they found a group of people who were worshipping. They met Lidia, who was a worshiper of God, and a wealthy dealer in purple cloth. And she invited them into her home. Bishop Suarez said, "What if it was a woman who appeared in Paul's dream". Paul was looking for a place of worship, Lidia listened and opened her heart and was hospitable. Sharing, listening, talking, inviting people to events. Mathew 28 says, "Go therefore to all nations, **all ethnia**, those who are different from us.

The **Community Church of Babcock Ranch** was introduced, and action was taken to welcome new congregation in ELCA. April 14 the membership of CCBC voted unanimously to become a congregation in the ELCA. As the highest level to make decisions for the ELCA, the FBS Assembly added the new church to the roster of ELCA.

**Key Address by Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla.** Rev. Padilla (who I will refer to as RMP after this) delivered his address "Who is showing up in your dreams? Mission Engagement in a Time of Intense Uncertainty and Transitions". He quoted Julia Duin's (Washington Post Editorial) "Quitting Church: Why the Faithful are Fleeing and What to Do about It". Church attendance dropped from 31% in 2002 to 18% in 2005. "Un-churched" growing about one million each year. 14% of the population has no religious preference. 78 million Protestants belong to the camp of "no show-up". We are growing older, and the younger are not filling the positions. Noteworthy: migration into the US has helped the Roman Catholic Church fill in their decline.

**RMP's definitions and a Statement:** God's Mission: to restore community. Church: an open and inclusive community of followers of Jesus serving a world in need. "Mission-ology" defines ecclesiology. Relationship of Three Gods in One, **RMP calls "One Extreme Relationality"**. The Story of Genesis of Adam, Eve, Cain and Able and the story of Original Sin, is a sin against our origin. We were created to be One Extreme Relationality and the story of Genesis displays break up of that close relationship.

**End of Part 1. Part 2 of the FBS Assembly 2024 will appear in the August issue of the GSLC Newsletter.**

I would like to thank the members of GSLC for designating Mike and me as your voting representatives. An excellent source of information of our Synod is "The FBS E-Spirit – The latest Lutheran news", a weekly email source of information; contact [info@fbsynod.org](mailto:info@fbsynod.org) to be added to the email.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Busler



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



# Building/Property

When requesting the services from **Property for repairs or special set ups**, please note that there is a Property clipboard in the rack in the Narthex outside of Shirley's office. **Please write your request on the sheet and turn it in to Shirley or put it in the Property mailbox in the Library.** Verbal requests get forgotten.

A reminder Property is there to do installations and repairs on the property and buildings, **we are not custodians.**

**Property is in need of substitutes** when one or more of our full time staff is missing due to medical or vacation. If you would like to be a substitute for cutting grass and can drive a tractor or zero turn lawn machine, please submit your name and phone number on a Property Form and turn it in to Property.

We meet at 8 AM every Friday to cut grass in the summer. It's about two hours of cutting.

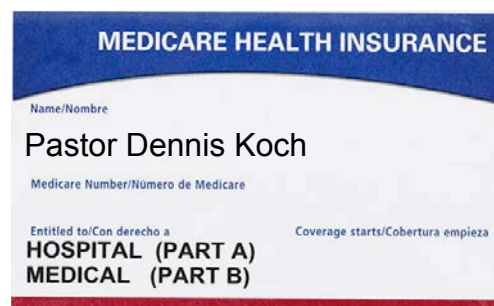
Substitutes can be male or female. We will be short one person for the months of **July and August**, you can sign up for a week or more.

Harv Johnson



Celebrate Pastor Koch's Last Sermon 🙏 and Birthday 🎂 on July 28th

In Fellowship Hall after worship.





# Serving Our Savior **Yes, we will be distributing on July 4th.**

## Update from May 2024

Families served: 675

People served: 1,833

Pounds of Food: 46,545

Average pounds per person: 25.39

SOS now has an updated Facebook page and will take credit card donations.

Click for donations:

**DONATE NOW!**



**SCAN TO DONATE**



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



Can goods always needed

## Thrivent Choice

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

Anne R. Storan

## Memorials and Special Gifts

To the General Fund by Joyanne Fathauer in memory of **June Dreger Parsons.**



## Craft 'n Share

Resumes in September!



# 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.*

WELCA will be collecting school supplies during July for the Citrus County Education Foundation Supplies for Success teacher store. Copies of the supplies list will be available beginning July 1. Here is a sneak preview of the list:

Wide rule loose leaf paper  
 Black and white composition notebooks  
 Pocket folders  
 #2 pencils  
 Pencil sharpeners  
 9x11 inch spiral notebooks, 70 pages  
 Pencil boxes  
 Pink erasers  
 Colored markers, washable  
 Crayola crayons  
 Dry erase markers  
 Scissors, child size  
 Post-it notes  
 Glue sticks  
 Ballpoint pens  
 Colored pencils  
 3-ring binders  
 Baby wipes  
 Bath towels for Pre-K  
 Ziploc quart or gallon bags  
 Kleenex  
 Highlighters  
 Backpacks, all sizes but please no rolling backpacks



There will be a box at the back of the Fellowship Hall on July 1 for supply donations. Supplies will be collected from **July 1 – July 29**.

Questions should be directed to Cindy Gaertner. Thank you for donating to Citrus County schools.

Sally Hennessey, Unit Leader



# Worship and Music

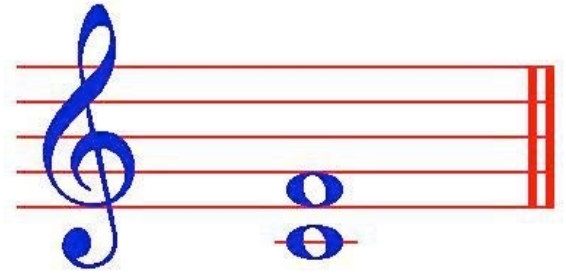
**July 2nd @ 1:00 PM - Monthly Meeting**

**Choir** resumes August 7th

**Bells** resumes August 27th

Have a great summer!

*Wishing you a perfect fourth!*



# Health Ministry



*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 after worship. **See you July 30th.**



JOIN US FOR A CONCERT FEATURING

# COMMON BOND

**Sunday, July 14 @ 6 pm**



The concert will take place at:

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
439 E Norvell Bryant Highway  
Hernando, Florida**

A freewill offering will be collected.

For more information contact us at:  
(352) 746-7161

**Bible Quiz**

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves

Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)



# Fellowship

Our next month's Fellowship Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

Our Fellowship committee would like to thank Kathy Nicholas for her generous donation of decorated birthday cakes for our First Sunday of The Month birthday and anniversary celebrations.

Join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and conversations with our church members. We are always looking for new items to share, especially gluten free and sugar free. Baked goods are always welcomed.

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. For more information, please contact me, Elaine, at 352-527-8706 or [egiammasi@gmail.com](mailto:egiammasi@gmail.com). Thank you for considering.

Elaine Giammasi, Chair  
John Giammasi, Co-chair



# Special Dates



**i am...**

**LOVED** [ROMANS 5:8]

**worthy** [1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]

**cherished** [EPHESIANS 5:29]

**forgiven** [1 JOHN 2:12]

**chosen** [COLOSSIANS 3:12]



# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>1:30P</b> Social Ministry Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>9:30A</b> Executive Council <b>1P</b> - Worship & Music Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>7:30A</b> - SOS <b>10:00A</b> - Quilters <b>11:00A</b> - Bible Study <b>1:00P</b> - Newcomer's Club	<b>4</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>  <b>Happy 4th of July</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> <b>8:00A</b> – Workday on Grounds 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10A</b> Worship Sunday School	<b>8</b> <b>1:30P</b> Fellowship Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>  <b>11:00A</b> - Bible Study	<b>11</b> <b>7:30A</b> - SOS  <b>1P</b> Evangelism <b>2P</b> -Stewardship <b>3:00 P</b> Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>8:00A</b> – Workday on Grounds 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>10A</b> Worship Sunday School <b>6P</b> - Common Bond	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>  <b>10:00A</b> - Quilters  <b>11:00A</b> - Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>7:30A</b> - SOS  <b>10A-11:30A</b> Citrus Hills POA Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>8:00A</b> – Workday on Grounds 	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b> <b>10A</b> Worship Sunday School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>  <b>11:00A</b> - Bible Study	<b>25</b> <b>7:30A</b> - SOS  	<b>26</b> <b>8:00A</b> – Workday on Grounds 	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10A</b> Worship Sunday School <b>FAREWELL</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>7:30A-SOS</b>	<b>Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM</b> Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe  <b>First Thursday @ Noon</b> Lunch @ Angelotti's		

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jim & Mimi Waara

07/11

Walter & Nancy Johnson

07/19/53

Michael & Angela Busler

07/30/04



2 - Cathy Stetson

10 - Robert Moll  
Shelly Fortin

21- Tina Cespedes  
Margaret Ohsiek

3 - Gladys Steele

11 - Jack Gomes

24 - Jo Ann Clutz

5 - Ed Granger

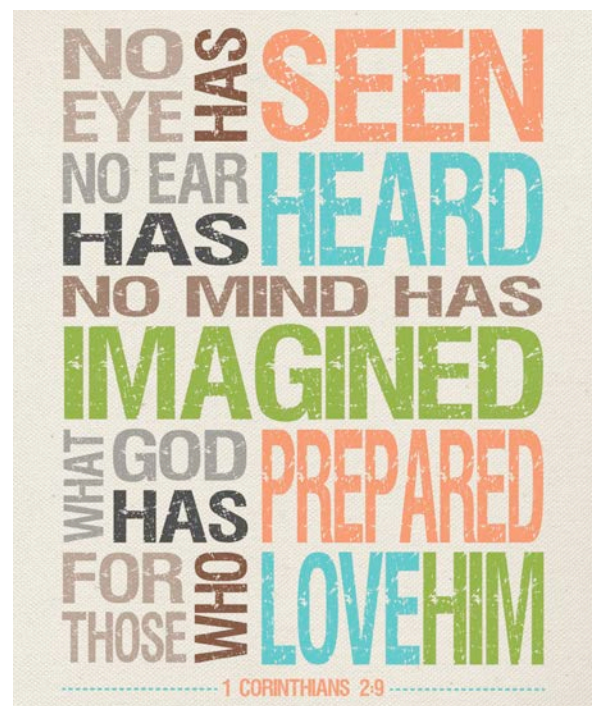
12 - Cassandra Swartz

**28 - Pastor Dennis Koch**

9 - Rose Drennen

20 - Stacy Bahner  
Kimberly Swartz

30 - Don Schroeder





**Let us remember:**

Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Lauer, Barbara	Mongardi, Eloise
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Jimenez, Jeanette	Lawrence, Ivalee	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Cashman, Dan	Johnson, Carol Lee	Lepore, Linda	Pawelko, Diane
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis,Linda,& Michael	Masters, Leith	Peterson, Gloria
Costa, Denise	Krenauer, Linda	Meltesen Family	Wagner, Carole

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

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lowe, Faye	Moll, Bob
Philipp, Dick	Whitcomb, Ray			

**All who serve our country in the military:**

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
Day, Kenneth	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	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



**Relatives and Friends:**

Arbuckle, Amy & Matthew	Campano, Thomas	Fratto, Joseph	Johnson, Jim
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Kraft, Carter
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Gifford, Judy	Lahera, Andy
Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	Goetter, Thomas	Lavaja, Jim
Bluver, Linda & son	DeVenuto, Lisa	Goforth, Jeffrey	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Blyth, Ruby	Dortin, Rachel	Goodloe, Ernestine	Lobenthal, Jean
Brace, Quin	Drake, Matthew	Graves, Janice &Declan	Loftin, Tracy
Brugger, Tristan	Farmer, Tom	Hertel, Karl	Longworth, Kathy
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Fidwell, Eloise	Hunt, Jim	Lublemon family
Cahoone, Bill	Fowler family	Iudiciani, Georgia	Lundsford, Victoria

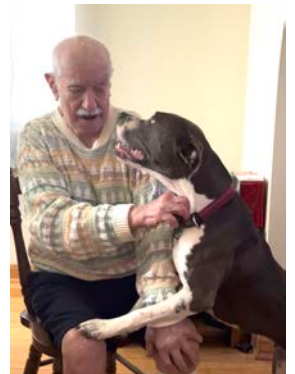
Magnotta family	Parruche, Linda Ama	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Wells, Emmarie
Magrum, Corbin	Pope, Jeff	Sillen, Rita	Wierzel, Rosalee
Maidhof, Dexter, Gary, Jeremiah	Pufahl, Jean	Small, Brenda & Steven	Williams, Dorothy
McHugh, Mark	Queen, Max	Smrdel, Terri	Wilson, Karen
Meidl, Nancy	Rajotte, Keith	Stewart,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

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

## Newsletter Editor

**ALL** submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to [gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com).

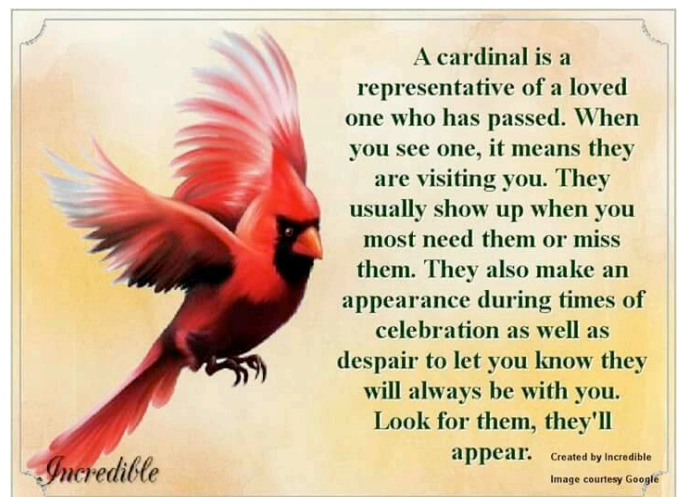
Thanks to all for the condolences and cards after the passing of my father, Louis Smrdel.



Stephanie



**August Deadline is July 20th**





**SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY**

Susan Fowler

**USHERS**

**July 7th & 14th**

Sue Buldiger

Harv Johnson

Ann Serafin

**July 21st & 28th**

Harv Johnson

John Kivat

Vera Swade

**MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson

John Gifford

Joe Adams

Dan Cashman



Donate QR code

Click for Link

**LECTORS**

**July 7th**

Marty Zacharyzk

**July 14th**

Linda Koch

**July 21st**

John Giammasi

**July 28th**

Vera Swade

**DEACON in Training**

John Colson



God's work. Our hands.

**CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Dennis W. Koch Pastor**

Office: 352-746-7161 \* Fax: 352-746-5013

Phone: 386-872-1031

E-mail: [gslcpastor@outlook.com](mailto:gslcpastor@outlook.com)

**Intern**

**Rick Mainster**

Cell: 352-207-8140

Email: [twoboats@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:twoboats@tampabay.rr.com)

**Administrative Assistant**

**Shirley McField**

Phone: 352-746-7161

Email: [gschurch@live.com](mailto:gschurch@live.com)

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Building / Property**

Harv Johnson 352-270-3391

**Christian Education**

Sue Fowler 352-464-0571

**Enduring Gifts**

Dan Cashman. 352- 400-6024

**Evangelism**

Ron O'Keefe 401-474-0416

**Fellowship**

John & Elaine Giammasi 352-527-8706

**Finance**

Gail Sotrines 352-860-1765

**Mutual Ministry**

Sharon Maxwell 352-249-7032

**Pastoral Care**

Intern Rick Mainster 352-207-8140

**Social Ministry**

Vera Swade 352-637-5308

**Stewardship**

Tom Stickler 610-659-5553

**Technology**

Fran Stetson 352-419-7227

**Worship & Music**

Renate Williams 352-228-7809

**COUNCIL LIAISONS**

**Building /Property**

John Colson 352-634-5470

**Christian Education - YOUTH**

Carole Wagner 352-270-8485

**Enduring Gifts**

Ron O'Keefe 401-474-0416

**Evangelism**

Ron O'Keefe 401-474-0416

**Fellowship**

Gladys Kean 352-514-6998

**Finance**

Kathy Swartz 352-746-5374

**Mutual Ministry**

Sharon Maxwell 352-249-7032

**Pastoral Care**

Bill Mehnert 352-513-4624

**Social Ministry**

Vera Swade 352-476-9072

**Stewardship**

Tom Stickler 610-659-5553

**Technology**

Fran Stetson 352-419-7227

**Worship & Music**

Sally Hennessy 440-796-9055



**WEBSITE**

[gshernando.org](http://gshernando.org)

Webmaster: Stephanie Adams

NEWSLETTER

[gslchernando@gmail.com](mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com)



