

# The Shepherd's Voice

May 2025

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# PASTOR'S DEVOTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Easter Joy and Blessings! On May 11th, we will be celebrating "Good Shepherd Sunday" always occurs on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name derives from the Gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In this reading, Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

As we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday", the following Parable told by Jesus further describes "The Good Shepherd".

Then, Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninetynine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then, he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner, who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. John 15:3-7

The "number 1" can seem insignificant. Imagine 1 sheep out of 100. "One" seems like very little in the grand scheme of things. But then think about the impact of "one positive remark, "one" well achieved goal, "one" precious new life. Do you see the impact of Jesus's words as our Good Shepherd? "One" can make a tremendous difference for good. "One by one", Jesus healed. "One by one", Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship with him

and with the Father. And it was the "One", Jesus Christ, who saved the world. Each and every person is precious in God's eyes and as disciples we are called to recognize "how precious and loved each one of us are" and "the great value of each person" in God's sight.

And so we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who promises us: "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" let us ponder:

- 1. Who in my life touched me with the Good News of Jesus, The Good Shepherd?
- 2. Who in my life needs to experience the touch of Jesus, the Good Shepherd?
- 3. What can I do to be a channel of God's presence to that one individual?

I invite you to pray to God, using these words or words of your own: God of all mercy and compassion, help me see with your eyes, that I may see the one most in need of your presence today --and every day --so that I may lead them to your gracious love, mercy and compassion found in Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In Jesus, name I pray. Amen

Happy Mother's Day to all moms, moms-to-be, grandmas, great-grandmas, godmothers, and all women who serve as mother-like mentors as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 11th which happens to be celebrated on "Good Shepherd Sunday" this year. You are truly a blessing to your family and to our church family. Remember on Saturday, May 10th, at 1:00 pm will be our "Mother's Day Tea and Fashion show". All women are invited to come to "The Tea". Please consider inviting a friend to join you in honor of Mother's Day. Please contact Sharon Maxwell if you have any questions.

Easter Joy and Blessings, Pastor Bob

# **Church Council News**



The Council met on April 1st and approved the following items:

- Approved the use of the library for grief counseling.
- Approved October 26th for Trunk or Treat.
- Approved Vacation Bible School dates are June 9th 13th.
- Approved the Cub Scout car wash on April 19th from 10AM 12PM.
- Approved the Citrus Hills Women's Club's request to use our parking lot for their donation drive. This will be quarterly through 2027.
- Approved the purchase of sound panels for Fellowship Hall not to exceed \$5000.

#### **Executive Council Meeting**

May 1st@ 9:30 AM

**Council Meeting** 

May 8th @ 3:00 PM



When in the sanctuary, turn all electronic devices OFF or put in silence mode.

REMINDER: Sundays are a day of worship for ALL. That includes the clergy and council members. Please do not bother them with church business. Contact them Monday through Saturday.



# President's Message



As summer is fast approaching this will keep the Property Committee busy mowing. They could use some additional volunteers to help complete other projects. You do not have to be an expert for any of these projects, but having extra hands helps get these projects completed. If you can help, please contact Harv Johnson at (352) 270-0635.

In April, we applied for the Florida-Bahamas Synod's 2025 Hunger Mini-Grant. This mini-grant is payable up to \$300 and is to be used for a hunger-related ministry. If successful, our mini-grant will be used to supplement our Little Food Pantry located in the parking lot.

Finally, the Property Committee could use one more zero-turn mower. The Key Training Center's annual Run For the Money fundraiser includes a raffle for a zero-turn mower. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Several members have already purchased tickets and have said that if they win, they will donate the mower to Good Shepherd. If none of our members win the mower, it will still be going to a very worthy cause. You do not need to donate the mower if you win, but if you are interested in participating in this fundraiser, simply click this link https://tinyurl.com/keymower25

Grace and Peace,
Joe

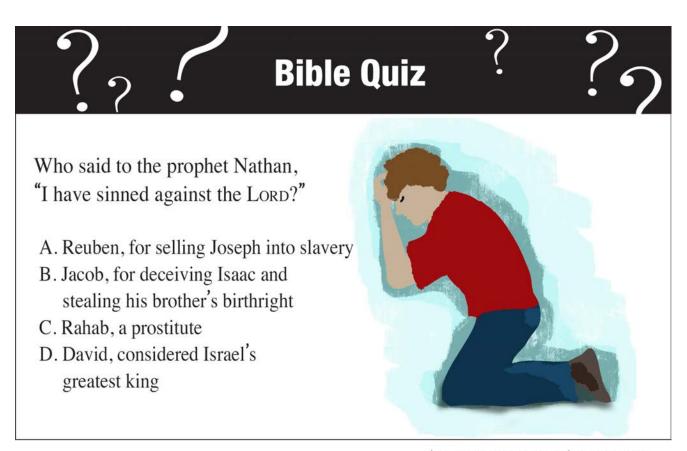








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# "Essential for Growth'

# Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 12th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Lenten soup suppers and plenty of food to accommodate more of our congregation. The soups were delicious and we would like to invite our congregation to participate in worship, Lenten soup, and fun games for next year.

On May 10th, there will be a High Tea and a fashion show with Wisteria Boutique to celebrate Mother's Day beginning at 1:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please contact Sharon Maxwell at <a href="mailto:susette0326@gmail.com">susette0326@gmail.com</a> or 304-237-2573. There are not many seats available. All donations will be given to CASA.

If you would like to help with serving coffee, tea, or with clean up after worship, please sign your name on the volunteer sheet near the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping when you can. It will take about an hour of your time once a month and will be greatly appreciated. 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





## Call Committee



The Call Committee is working diligently on selecting a permanent pastor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We meet regularly to discuss the criteria and guidelines so we may present to you a potential candidate who will fulfill the needs of our congregation, both now and in the future. Before the Synod will present us with any potential candidates, the call committee is tasked with developing a Mission Site Profile. This Mission Site Profile requires us to examine, as a congregation, where we are thriving and where we need some help from a new spiritual leader. The GSLC Call Committee will be reaching out to the congregation throughout the process of developing this profile, as you are all an integral part of finding our new pastor. We all want this to be a long-term relationship, this will take time and should not be rushed. Trust us and The Holy Spirit to find the "right fit" as we continue this journey!

A brief survey is included in the Sunday Bulletin on April 27th and May 4th. Please fill it out and return to the church office or any one of the call committee members. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the church office.

The call committee would like to thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Lenore Deck, Nina Giglio, John Lepore, Mel Pease, John Reichert, and ZoAnn Weimer

# Vacation Bible School

June 9th - 13th

9 AM to 12 PM

VOLUNTEERS are also needed. To sign up for VBS or as a volunteer call the church office or email <a href="mailto:admin@gslchernando.org">admin@gslchernando.org</a> with 'VBS' as the subject.



# Serving Our Savior

#### **Update from March 2025**

Families served: 541

People served: 1,441

Pounds of Food: 28,235

Average pounds per person: 19.6

See updates on Facebook



352-462-0901 SOS Food Pantry PO Box 640774 Beverly Hills, FL 34464 email sos4food@gmail.com





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# CALL Church Photo Directory

#### 2024-2025 GSLC Pictorial Directory

A big thank you to everyone involved in working on the Pictorial Directory, especially Lynn Bechdolt for being the driving force behind the effort; and Tom and Cara Stickler for taking pictures.

If you didn't pick up your directory or you didn't order one and would like a copy, please contact

Nina Giglio nmgiglio@gmail.com



These members donated to Thrivent Choice dollars which were donated to GSLC.

Karen Monsen

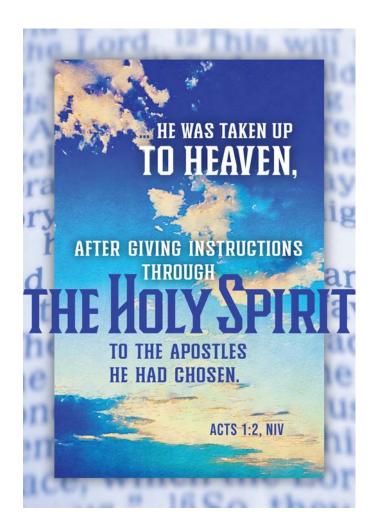
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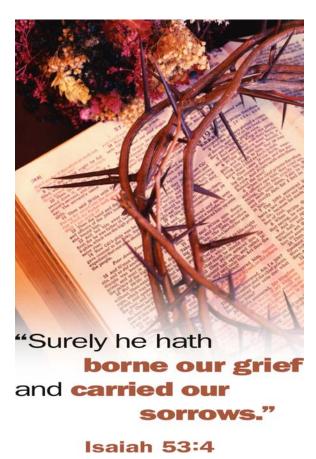


If you would like to order a magnetic name tag please contact Donald Marchetti at (401) 568-8017 or <a href="mailto:11thhoursigns@gmail.com">11thhoursigns@gmail.com</a> Cost is \$5.00.



Cathy Heaps, LHMC, will be offering "Grief Recovery" groups here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There will be two options for groups. One group will be meeting on Wednesdays from 1PM-3PM and will start on May 1st. The second group will meet on Thursdays from 10AM-12PM starting on May 7th. We will need 6 people in each group in order to have these meetings. The cost of the group is: the purchase of the book, "The Grief Recovery Handbook – 20th Anniversary Expanded Edition" and your willingness to participate. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex or call Cathy at 941-586-5376.





# Worship and Music

May 6th @ 1PM - Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM - Bells

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM - Choir



# **Eucharistic Ministry**

Volunteers are always needed to assist at Services held at assisted living facilities. Compass Rose is the first and third Mondays. Superior Memory Care is the second Monday. The Reserve is the fourth Monday. All services start at 10 AM and volunteers are needed before service to assist those needing help. Contact Rick Mainster.

# Memorials and Special Gifts

Hygiene Kits in Memory of **Diane Pawelko** by Sue Buldiger and Ann Serafin

# 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.

We will always take donations for Hygiene Kits.



# Craft 'n Share











Hello everyone,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, sisters, aunts, friends, adoptive mothers, and the mothers we adopt into our lives. Thank you for all you do!

Craft and share meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 10AM - 2PM and we break for lunch which is BYO.

We're still working on clothing protectors and will make a little something for our loved ones and friends who can't make it to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Hope to see you!

Nancy Justiniano





# **Special Dates**

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 11 Mother's Day
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 26 Memorial Day
- 29 Ascension Day











# **Publix Bread Pick-up:**

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# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe First Thursday @ Noon Lunch @ Angelotti's			NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 1	1 7:30A - SOS 9:30A Executive Council 1P Outreach 2P Stewardship	2 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	3
4 10A - Worship Sunday School	5 1:30P Social Ministry	6 9 A - Weight Watchers 11A - WELCA 1P - Worship & Music 5:30P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	7 7:30A - SOS 10:00A- Quilters 11:00A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	8 7:30A - SOS 3:00 P Council Meeting	9 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	10 1PM - Fashion Show and Tea Party
11 10A - Worship Sunday School	<b>12 1:30P</b> - Fellowship	<ul> <li>13</li> <li>9 A - Weight Watchers</li> <li>6:00P - Scouts</li> <li>6:30P - Bells</li> </ul>	14 7:30A- SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	15 7:30A - SOS	16 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	ARMED FORCES DAY
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25 10A - Worship Sunday School	OFFICE CLOSED	27 9 A - Weight Watchers 6:00P - Scouts 6:30P - Bells	28 7:30A-SOS 10A - Craft 'n Share 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir	7:30A - SOS  Ascension  of the  Lord	30 8:00A – Workday on Grounds	<b>31</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Jeremy & Ester Page-Wood 05/02/70

John & Linda Lepore 05/08/87

Rick & Ann Serafin 05/14/82

Pat & Susie Bentley 05/20/06

David & Gail Sotrines 05/23/98

Otis & Sharon Maxwell 05/02/70



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8 - Catherine Richardson

9 - Ivalee Lawerence

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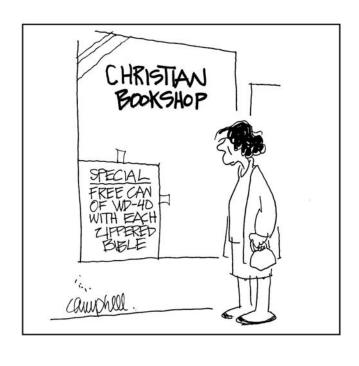
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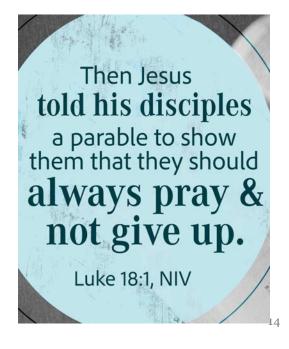
s 26 - Gerri Fallanca

28 - Mary Krol

30 - Karen Benefiel

31 - Todd Gaertner







#### Let us remember:

Benefiel, Karen Costa, Denise Krenauer, Linda Masters. Leith Brit-Busler, Elizabeth Hassinger, Doug & Donna Landfried, Bob Meltesen Family Jimenez, Jeanette Lauer, Barbara Cashman, Dan Mongardi, Eloise Clark, Dawn Kauth, Gerry Lepore, Linda Page-Wood, Jeremy

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

Earl, Jim Frost, Joann Hartsfield, Sylvia Lowe, Faye Moll, Bob

Peterson, Gloria Philipp, Dick Pufahl, Jean Whitcomb, Ray

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

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



#### **Relatives and Friends:**

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

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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 <a href="mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com">gslchernando@gmail.com</a> for any updates.

## Newsletter Editor

If you want something in the upcoming newsletter **YOU** have to contact the editor by email <a href="mailto:gslchernando@gmail.com">gslchernando@gmail.com</a>. Do not ask council members to relay the message.

June Deadline is May 17th





#### SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

#### **USHERS**

Please be there at 9:15 AM

May 4th & 11th

Gary Bush Harv Johnson Dennis Moore

May 18th & 25th

Dan & Linda Cashman Stephanie Adams

#### **MEDIA CENTER**

Fran Stetson John Gifford Joe Adams Dan Cashman

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#### **LECTORS**

**May 4th** Vera Swade

**May 11th** Margot Berger

**May 18th**John Giammasi

May 25th Linda Landfried

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John Colson





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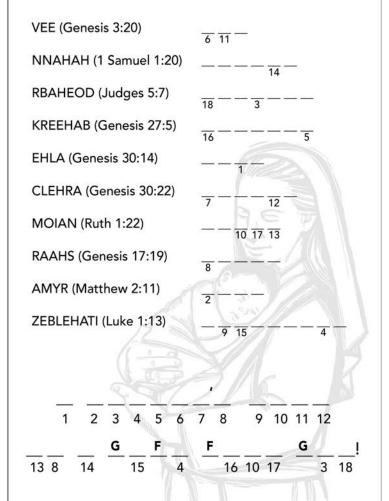
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# Kid's Corner

# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.



Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth; A mother's love is a gift from God!





Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

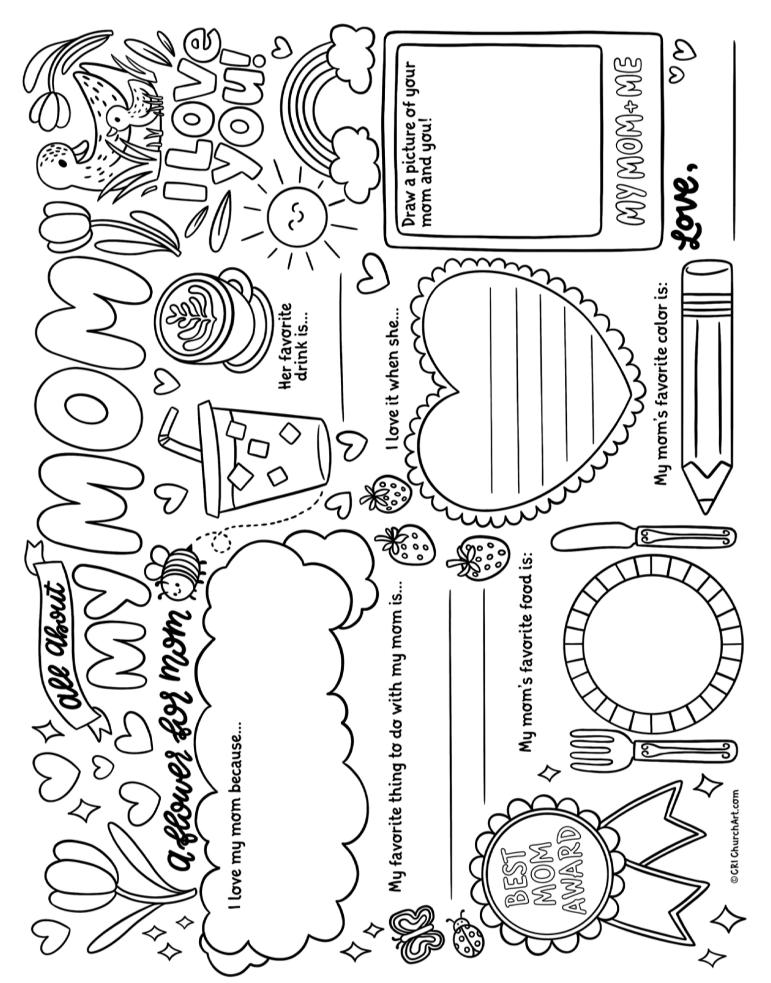
#### What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help

#### What you do:

- 1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
- Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
- On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
- 4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
- 5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
- Trim off crusts with a serrated knife.
   Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles.
   Serve and enjoy!





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#### THE GOSPEL IN 45 DAYS WEEK 1 **Introduction and Early Ministry** O Day 1: Matthew 1-2 O Day 2: Luke 1-2 O Day 3: Matthew 3; Mark 1 WEEK 4 O Day 4: John 1 Date:\_ Further Teachings and Challenges O Day 5: Matthew 4; Luke 3 Date: O Day 22: Matthew 13; John 7 Date: O Day 6: John 2-3 Date:\_\_\_ O Day 23: Matthew 14; Mark 7 O Day 7: Matthew 5 Date: O Day 24: Luke 9; John 8 Date: O Day 25: Matthew 15; Mark 8 Date:\_ WEEK 2 O Day 26: John 9-10 Jesus' Early Ministry Continues O Day 27: Luke 10-11 Date: O Day 8: Matthew 6 Date:\_ O Day 28: Matthew 16; Mark 9 Date:\_\_\_\_\_ O Day 9: Matthew 7 O Day 10: John 4 Date: WEEK 5 O Day 11: Mark 2; Luke 4 Date: **Toward the Passion** O Day 12: John 5 O Day 29: Matthew 17; Luke 12 Date:\_\_\_\_ O Day 13: Matthew 8; Mark 3 Date: O Day 30: Matthew 18; John 11 Date: O Day 14: Luke 5 Date:\_\_\_\_ O Day 31: Luke 13-14 Date: O Day 32: Matthew 19; Mark 10 Date:\_\_\_\_ WEEK 3 O Day 33: Luke 15 **Teachings and Miracles** Date:\_\_\_\_ O Day 34: John 12; Matthew 20 O Day 15: Matthew 9; Mark 4 Date: O Day 35: Mark 11; Luke 16 O Day 16: Luke 6 Date:\_\_\_\_ Date: O Day 17: Matthew 10 Date: WEEK 6 O Day 18: Mark 5; Luke 7 Date: **Path to the Cross** O Day 19: Matthew 11; John 6 O Day 36: Luke 17-18; John 13 Date: O Day 20: Matthew 12; Mark 6 Date: O Day 37: Matthew 21; Mark 12 Date: O Day 21: Luke 8 O Day 38: Luke 19; John 14 Date: O Day 39: Matthew 22; Mark 13 Date: O Day 40: Luke 20; John 15-16 Date:\_\_\_\_ O Day 41: Matthew 23; Mark 14 Date:\_\_\_\_ O Day 42: Luke 21-22; John 17 Date:\_\_\_\_ WFFK 7 The Passion and Resurrection O Day 43: Matthew 24-25; John 18 O Day 44: Matthew 26; Mark 15; John 19 Date: O Day 45: Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 23-24; John 20-21