



The Shepherd's Voice

June 2025

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PASTOR'S DEVOTION

Dear Members and Friends in Christ Jesus,

“In the last days, God declares, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)

We begin June with the Celebration of Pentecost (Sunday, June 8th) as we and Christians across the world celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, feeding us in the Lord's Supper, and sending us into the world to be bearers of that Divine Word that can cause even the dead to come to new life.

The English word “Pentecost” comes from the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means “fifty.” It comes from the ancient Christian expression “pentekoste hemera”, which means “fiftieth day.”

But Christians did not invent the phrase “fiftieth day.” Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or “fifty days” from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday (*pentekonta hemeras* in the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scripture).

Shavuot was the second great feast in Israel's yearly cycle of holy days. It was originally a harvest festival (Exodus 23:16), but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. This day became especially significant for Christians because, seven weeks after the

resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish celebration of Shavuot/ Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon His first followers, thus empowering them for their mission and gathering them together as a church.

Red is the color traditionally used for “Pentecost” as it represents and honors the Holy Spirit; reminds us of the tongues of fire over the apostles on that first Pentecost”; and “those gifts of tongues” that led to the spread of the Gospel to many lands.

Red on Pentecost Sunday reminds us, we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and are to “be on fire for Jesus” as we are his witnesses today! **I invite you to wear Red on Pentecost!**

In fact, 2 gifts the Spirit brought the church that day of Pentecost were “a sense of unity” and “a sense of purpose or mission”.

That same Holy Spirit is still very much alive today and at work in us. The Spirit has given each one of us talents to be employed and a voice to be raised to speak of God's deeds of power.

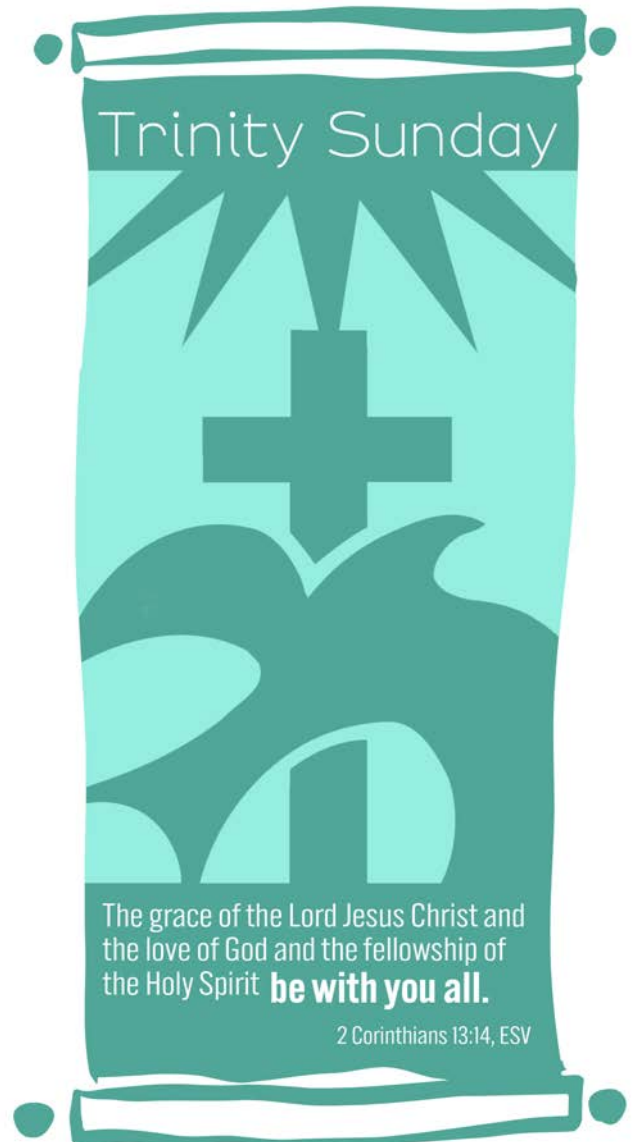
In this “very uncertain world” --the Spirit's presence is our assurance that, despite all our fears and concerns, the church has a future. “God is good and always provides for us”, but “there are times when we need the rush of a mighty wind” to overturn our way of thinking and call us to new ways of action in service to God.

Being touched by *“the Rush of A Mighty Wind of God’s Spirit”*, we at Good Shepherd continue to discern how God is already at work in our mission and ministry. We are also prayerfully discerning where God’s Spirit is leading us as we are continuing to *equip and encourage our leaders and laity of all ages and generations in lifelong spiritual renewal and intentional outreach to our community.*” This Summer will be offering Vacation Bible School (June 9-June 13) inviting our Congregation’s children as well as the children in our community; We will be utilizing a “Hunger Mini Grant” offered by our Synod to further address hunger in our community; and plan to apply for a “Vision to Action Grant” to further fulfill the “Great Commission” to reach out into our Community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Happy Father's Day to All Father's and Fatherly Mentors:
As we celebrate Father's Day on June 15th, let us be grateful for
and say "Thank You" to:

- ***Our fathers and our fatherly mentors who love us and support us through life.***
- ***God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy and will always be present with us in steadfast love.***

With the Peace, Joy and Hope of the Holy Spirit,
Pastor Bob





Church Council News

The Council met on May 7th and approved the following items:

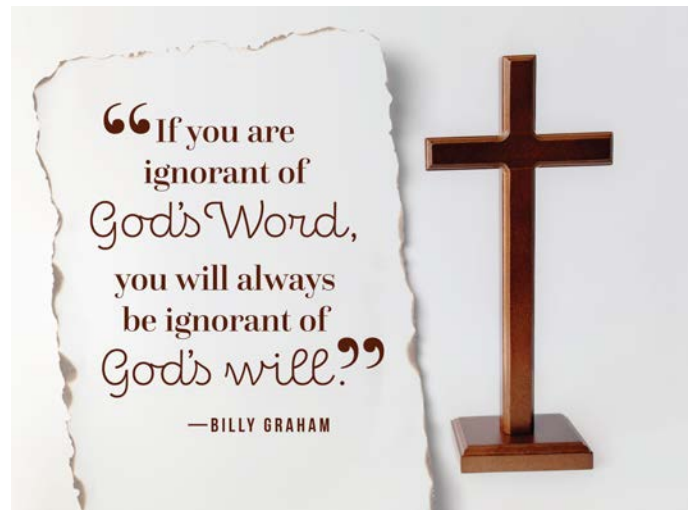
- Approved spending up to \$500 from Enduring Gifts to purchase containers and shelving for Craft and Share.
- Approved sending the church youth to summer camp at Luther Springs. \$500 will come from Enduring Gifts and some funds from Christian Education.
- Approved spending up to \$500 from Enduring Gifts to help supplement the Mother's Day Tea.
- Approved donating \$100 each to the following organizations under Mission support from Enduring Gifts: Citrus United Basket, Family Resource Center, CASA, Day Star, God's Work Our Hands, S.O.S.
- Approved the Council, Committee Chairs, and Call Committee members retreat for June 25th from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Approved a \$500 donation in memory of Michael Koch to the Inverness Rotary for the inclusive playground project under construction. This playground, when complete, will allow children of all abilities to utilize it.

Executive Council Meeting

June 5th @ 9:30 AM

Council Meeting

June 12th @ 3:00 PM



When in the sanctuary, turn all electronic devices **OFF** or **put in silence mode**. Maybe try not to Facebook while in the Sanctuary.

Jesus is not on Facebook.

President's Message



On June 25th, the Council, Committee Chairs, and Call Committee members will hold an off-site retreat from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This retreat will include some worship, prayers, and reflection. This is a part of the Call process and will aid the Call Committee in their roles. Please pray for those who are attending this retreat.

As you know, last month, Jack and Maggie Bregger moved to Colorado. They were members of Good Shepherd for 30 years and will be missed by all of us. Their move has left a void on the Social Ministry committee. There are only a few members and we need more volunteers to serve on this

Grace and Peace,

Joe

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Bible Quiz

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In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven

Answer: C (See Luke 16:19-31.)



Odds and Ends

The ancient practice of **gleaning** involves picking up any useable produce that is left over after farmers have harvested, in order to limit food waste and help feed hungry people. In Leviticus 23:22, God commands

God's people not to reap to the very edges of their fields or gather the gleanings, but to leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among them. This is what Ruth, the ancestor of Jesus, was doing in Boaz's fields, and we all know the rest of that story. Today, literally tons of food is wasted by individuals, stores and restaurants around the globe. What would our world look like if this food – day-old bread, leftover buffet meals or KFC chicken or prepared items from Publix – could be shared with people who need it? How can we explore food rescue to ensure that this happens as much as possible?

In 2024, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church gave approximately \$12,400 for **synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA**. (This is part of our annual Mission Spending Plan, aka budget.) These ministries include ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, on both the domestic and international levels. In Ohio, for example, two ELCA congregations were supported in their collaboration with local partners to serve meals and provide vital resources to seniors, people living in addiction rehabilitation residences and families in rural Appalachian communities. In Tanzania, women joined community microfinance groups and were able to open small businesses, empowering them to generate their own income and support their families. In the middle east, schools run by the Evangelical Lutheran church in Jordan and the Holy Land were able to remain open and continue offering education and care to students.





Good Shepherd Lutheran Church celebrated Mother's Day this year by inviting our lady members and their guests to an afternoon tea and fashion show. We enjoyed delicious tea, finger sandwiches, and marvelous desserts provided by our Fellowship Committee. This was a wonderful opportunity for our members to invite guests from outside our congregation. Several men of the congregation were enlisted to escort our guests to their tables and assist in serving food and tea during the event. The fashion show was conducted by the Wisteria Boutique, a charming women's boutique in Beverly Hills, and the models were members of our congregation.

Most importantly, we collected \$1050.00 in donations for the benefit of **CASA** (Citrus Abuse Shelter Association), a nonprofit organization in Citrus County, dedicated to supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence. Their mission is to provide shelter, safety, intervention, and education while working toward social change.



Call Committee

Thanks to all who responded to the recent survey. The call committee has reviewed the responses and we felt it was important to share what was generally conveyed.

GSLC members want a pastor who is highly motivated, able to read, interpret, and explain the Bible to us in understandable language. Additionally, the new pastor would be attentive to our homebound, shut-ins, and all people in need, while continuing to expand our current outreach in the community. The congregation is looking to be revitalized, with additional attention to foster membership growth, including young families, youth, and children.

The Call Committee knows that finding our new pastor weighs heavily on everyone's minds and hearts. Please understand we are working diligently in the best interest of the congregation. Thank you again for your responses to the recent survey. The information provided is helping our efforts, on your behalf, to develop a detailed Mission Site Profile outlining the needs and wants of GSLC.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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

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 admin@gslchernando.org with 'VBS' as the subject.





Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at 1:30 PM. We are asking our committee members to attend if their schedule allows.

On May 10th, there was a High Tea and a fashion show with Wisteria Boutique to celebrate Mother's Day. It was a successful event with donations going to CASA. There is already a talk about another Mother's Day High Tea for next year.

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 make our coffee hour special for our members. Thank you in advance.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed in the Fellowship kitchen to serve coffee after worship service!

Elaine Giammasi, Chair
John Giammasi, Co-chair



Thank you

We thank all our church family. We are so appreciative for all the well wishes from you all as we leave for the next chapter in our lives. Good Shepherd has been such a big part of our lives in Florida. We have safely arrived in Loveland, Colorado. Our address is 2276 Gamble Oak Drive, Loveland, CO 80538 Let's keep in touch! God Bless you all.

Maggie and Jack Bregger

*Thank
you!*

JUNE 2025

Serving Our Savior

Update from May 2025

Families served: 544

People served: 1,421

Pounds of Food: 29,165

Average pounds per person: 20.5

See updates on Facebook



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

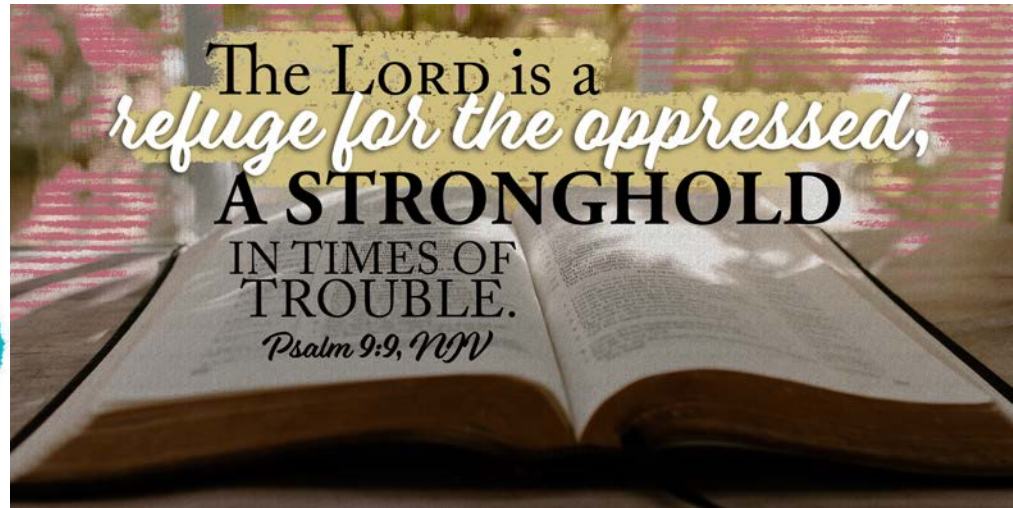


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Sunday

June 8th

WEAR RED FOR

Pentecost

Worship and Music

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June 3rd @ 1PM - Meeting

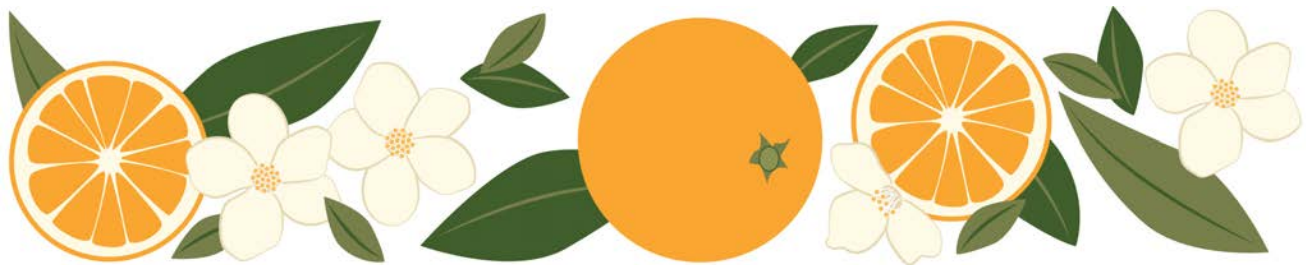
Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM - Bells ends 6/10

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM - Choir ends 6/11



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.



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 on the last Sunday of the month after worship.

We will always take donations for Hygiene Kits.



Memorials and Special Gifts

To the Bereavement Luncheon
by 5 Anonymous donors

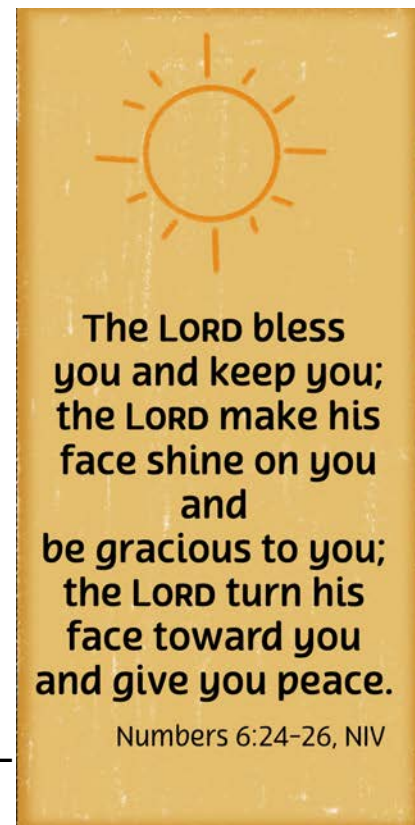
Micheal George Koch

09.08.91 to 04.21.25



Gary Hall
Robyn Kistemake
Larry & Colleen Saur
Gerri Fallanca
Gladys Kean
Judy Teague
Susie Steinour & Patrick Beattey
Aagot Green
Elfrieda Romanelli
Nancy Gomes
Ken & Kay Christ
Allan & Betty Wilson
Kay and Larry Helman
Martin & Angela Zimmann
Elaine & John Giammasi
Barbara & David Jirkovsky
Dennis & Pamela Moore
Frances & Scott Burdick
Lois & Richard Lenhart
Angela & Mike Busler
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Barb Lauer
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Nina Giglio
Sonja & Michael Kingsley
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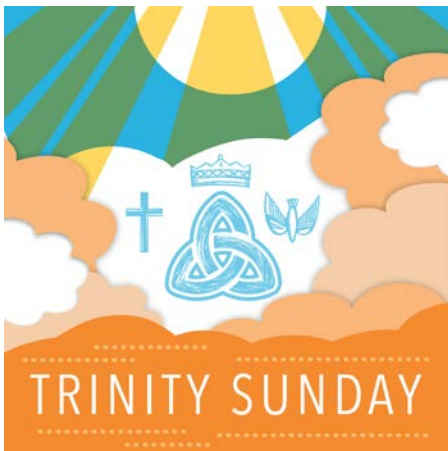


We cannot thank the congregation enough for the overwhelming outpour of love and support when our son Michael died on April 21, 2025. So many of you attended the service, sent cards, provided meals, and loved on us just like you did Michael over the last five years. To all who helped prepare for the service, participate in the service, and to all those involved with the luncheon from set-up to serving to clean-up, our deepest thanks to you.

Pastor Dennis and Linda Koch

Special Dates

- 8 - Pentecost Sunday
- 14 - Flag Day
- 16 - Trinity Sunday
- 15 - Father's Day
- 19 - Juneteenth
- 20 - Summer begins



Publix Bread Pick-up :

Sign up in the Narthex

Deliveries to:









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June 2025

Let's
Pray!

Wednesdays @ 9 AM

A Time for Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10A Worship	2	3 9A - Weight Watchers 11A - Call Committee 1P - Worship & Music Meeting	4 7:30A - SOS 9A-1P - Citrus County Quilters 11A - Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir	5 7:30A - SOS 9:00 A Executive Council 1P - Outreach	6 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	7
8 10A Worship  Equal Exchange Coffee & Tea	9 1:30P - Fellowship 	10 9A - Weight Watchers 6:30P - Bells 	11 7:30A - SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 6:30P - Choir 	12 7:30A - SOS 3:00 P Council Meeting 	13 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	14 
15 10A - Worship TRINITY SUNDAY 	16	17 9A - Weight Watchers WELCA	18 7:30A - SOS 11:00A - Bible Study 11A - 3P- Citrus County Quilters	19 7:30A - SOS  	20 8:00A – Workday on Grounds Hello SUMMER 	21  
22 Worship	23	24 9A - Weight Watchers	25 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Bible Study	26 7:30A - SOS  10A Christian Education	27 8:00A – Workday on Grounds 	28
29 10A Worship 	30	Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe First Thursday @ Noon Lunch @ Angelotti's				

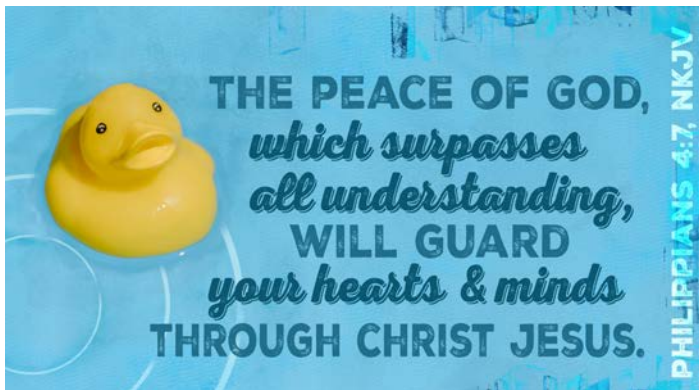
ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



Linda & Tom Krenauer	06/01/73
Bob & Lenore Deck	06/06/70
Gary & Judy Knecht	06/14/69
Bob & Cheryl Cox	06/17/89
Jim & Cherie Earl	06/17/61
John & Judy Fischer	06/19/65
Tom & Wendy Wolber	06/23/79
Rick & Lois Lenhart	06/24/67
Dave & Peg Bocker	06/28/80
Don & Nancy Jo Schroeder	06/30/82



3 - Eloise Mongardi	14 - Aagot Green	23 - Joseph Lepore
7 - Mike Busler Jim Earl	15 - Jesse Lepore	24 - Sauny Williams
8 - Lisa Nelson	17 - Janet Haight Karl Weissert	25 - Joe Wildman
9 - Jeremy Page-Wood	19 - Mel Pease	27 - Donna Pease
11 - Cherie Earl		





Let us remember:

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

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
Balastieri, Casey	Cato, Cecelia	Garling, John	Hunt, Jim
Barber, Steve & Kitty	Cipollone, Elaine	Gifford, Judy	Iudiciani, Georgia
Beeftink, Paul	Crooks, Candi	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
Burkhardt, Faith & Dina	Farmer, Tom	Graves, Janice & Declan	Lewellen, Emily Anne
Cahoone, Bill	Fidwell, Eloise	Hart, Jim	Lobenthal, Jean

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

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

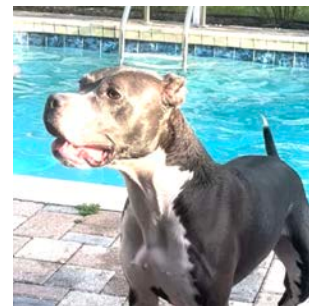
Newsletter Editor

If you want something in the upcoming newsletter YOU have to contact the editor by email webmaster@gslchernando.org. Do not ask council members to relay message. Please do not send to personal email addresses.

July Deadline is June 21st



"And swim!"



SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY

Susan Fowler

USHERS

Please be there at 9:15 AM

June 1st, 8th, & 15th

Sue Buldiger

Lois Lenhart

Ann Serafin

June 22nd & 29th

Robert Delstromp

Harv Johnson

John Kivat

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Joe Adams

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LECTORS

June 1st

Pat Mainster

June 8th

Ann Serafin

June 15th

Shelly Fortin

June 22nd

Marty Zacharcyzk

June 29th

Sue Okimoto

DEACON in Training

John Colson





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Kid's Corner

Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions,
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

"... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4, NIV



June 9th - 13th
9:00 to Noon

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

