

Please pray for...

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Week of 8/16/26 Major Hatchell 8/9 Harriette DiStefano, Helen Kline 8/2 Ellie Vercruysse, Doug Zook, Carmy and Ken Witzke, Barbara Ingegneri 7/26 Cindy Killian and family, Greg Ezell and family, Shawn Hernandez and family, Carol Barkow

OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Week 8/9/26 Annette Floyd, Mark Manganelli, Ginger Savage, Joe & Brenda Sproul, Emma Siems, 8/2 James Caulder, Sue Schock, Diana Morse, Lilliam Cobb, Michael Carmody, Teresa Pinillos, Morgan Pachter, Alex Olson 7/26 Zack Lewis, John Schwerdtfeger, JoAnn Baldwin, Mary Roberts 7/19 Griffin Lamb 7/12 Bianca Box, Ashley Pendleton, Billy Nippers, Alphonsine Wagner, Laura Murry,



ONGOING CHURCH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Kathy Barnes, Carol Hunter, Annette Morden, John Scarborough, Carrie Garrett, Jennifer Fischer, Laura Buuck, Sandy Hilgert, Paul Martin, Joanne Donaldson, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Yevgeniy Ivoylov, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR: Our homebound members, our community ministries, all who serve in the military and those who made the ultimate sacrifice, our first responders, elected leaders and all their families. Peace in this world as well as those impacted by all the wild fires this summer, those who have financial instability, and those dealing with grief.

“Who Do You Say
That I Am?”
Matthew 16:13-20

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.

Large Print Service Slide Binders—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a binder for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the binder, then return it at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – To connect to the sound system, please download the AUDIOFETCH app, (see barcode) and connect to the **audiofetchexpress** wifi on your cellphone. Refer all questions to Phil Deel.



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SUNDAY STAR Volunteers

TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: BULLETINS: Rosemarie Conklin

Acolyte: Paisley Sylvester **READER:** Karl Gaston

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Pat Freeman, Rosemarie Conklin, Beth Brown, Marianne Click

TODAY'S 10:45 am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Janet Nuse **BULLETINS:**

Reader: Mary Deel

Offering: Steve Wuckert

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Deel, Marianne Click, Jennifer Fischer, Wendy Krueger

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Jim & Charlotte Loving Late: Maryrose Risner

SOUND BOOTH: 9:00 & 10:45 Landon Tobolski

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Patricia Morgan

BIRTHDAY MINISTRY FOR AUGUST: Riley Sylvester

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT WEEK ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

In-person Attendance

August 16, 2026— 195 Last year 2025— 157

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold black** print.

Bible Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

10:45Hymns: OPENING: ELW 647 **SERMON:** ELW 652 v1-4 **SENDING:** ELW 545

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

PRESIDENT —Theda Bunker—**VICE-PRESIDENT**—Phil Deel—**SECRETARY**—Jeanne Gaston
TREASURER—Shawn Hernandez

AT LARGE: Beau Beaudine, Doug Buuck, Mandy Knollenberg, Lisa Mohr, Jan Schroeder

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Aug 24

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Aug 25

10:00a—Bible Study

Wednesday—Aug 26

9:00a—Food Pantry

Thursday - Aug 27

9:00a—Quilters

6:00p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Aug 28

Office Closed

Saturday – Aug 29

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2 Piano Practice

Sunday - Aug 30

9:00a— Contemporary Service

10:45a—Traditional Service

After 2nd Service—Healing Service

Our Financial Stewardship

Through July 2026, our donations are \$13.9K over our spending. Through July 2025, our donations were \$10.3K less than our spending. That is a \$24.2K improvement from last year.



Thank you for your stewardship!

15 year Mortgage

PAID IN FULL



Marriage is not about a beautiful wedding, fancy homes, cute kids, nice cars and white picket fences. Marriage is hospital stays, working long hours, fighting through struggles, paying bills, keeping the faith and staying together through it all.

Today's altar flowers are presented by

Beverly Bohach

In Memory of husband

Paul Bohach

and parents

Marion & Henry Sanker



Today's communion wine is presented by

Diane Boettcher

In memory of her son

Paul



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS!

8/14— Janice Hoff

8/23— Jerry Wiedewitsch

8/25— Brian Holck

Richard Meiss

Landon Tobolski

8/?? Harry Wachter

8/26— Jim Loving

Rhonda Martin

8/27— Marilyn Hale

8/28— Rochelle Ayers

James Sylvester

8/29— Robert Klitzke

8/30— Candie Anderson

Christopher Briggs

8/31— Donald Jacobs



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

8/26— Tom & Janice Birdsall 59 yrs!

Marv & Joanell Dyrstad 61 yrs!

Anthony & Carol Ann Morgani 53 yrs!

8/30— Tom & Margo Kiepert 57 yrs!

TOTAL—230 yrs!



Donations Needed

Our volunteers work hard to provide practical care and share the love of Christ, but we can't do it without your support.

This August, we're especially in need of:

- ◆ BUG SPRAY
- ◆ BATH TOWELS
- ◆ MEN'S CLOTHING, including boxer briefs (size small)
- ◆ WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR (size small)

These simple items provide comfort, protection, and dignity to our neighbors experiencing homelessness during the hottest months of the year.

Thank you for helping us make a difference

WAIT FOR ME AT THE FINISH LINE

You didn't leave me behind.

You just walked a little ahead of me.

And when missing you becomes unbearable,

I imagine you looking back...

smiling... waiting for me
at the finish line.

So I keep walking.

Even with a broken heart.

Even when I'm exhausted

from pretending I'm okay.

Because my love for you didn't end.

It became the reason I keep going.

And when my journey is finally over...

I know you'll be there.

Waiting. And this time,

I'll finally get to hold you again.

We will be collecting school supplies for the next few weeks for Lutheran World Relief and our local children. Please bring any



school supply donations to church and place them on the shelves near the restrooms. *Thank you!*



Food pantry is asking for drivers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (at 6:15 am) to help pick up food at SPROUTS. You need to be able to lift 50lbs. They also need a back up driver on Tuesdays to go to Harry Chapin (8:30-12), same lifting weight.

Please call Mark Stiemke if interested (823-301-0035).



For AUGUST, we need JELLY, CANNED FRUIT & CEREAL. We also need styrofoam egg cartons (no cardboard). Thank you!



With the summer heat, it is a perfect time to be "puzzling" and staying cool! In Room E (off of the garden area) there is a set of bookshelves with JIGSAW puzzles on it. Take one, exchange one, leave one. Room E is open every Sunday morning and during office hours. **Have fun!!**



**Sunday
8/30/26**

**Immediately
after the last
service**

Healing Service



Tuesdays @ 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

We will be continuing our study of the

BOOK OF LUKE

Come join and bring your coffee!



Every Thursday @ 9! All are welcome!



One Night—3 hours JUST FOR WOMEN

An evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music

Sunday September 20, 2026

Sign up Sheet is in the Narthex along with flyers

Tickets are \$35 (you can put it into a yellow church envelope and write ASPIRE on it)

The show will be at Renewal Church in Sarasota. We will carpool

Payment is due no later than September 6th



Ladies Luncheon Sign up per month sheet is on the bulletin board with the Flower and Communion Wine sign



The kids at Port Charlotte High School would like something **salty** or something **sweet**. Cheese/peanut butter crackers, cookies, protein bars candy bars would be most appreciated (all snack sizes). The kids will love whatever they can get for a snack. *Thank you!*