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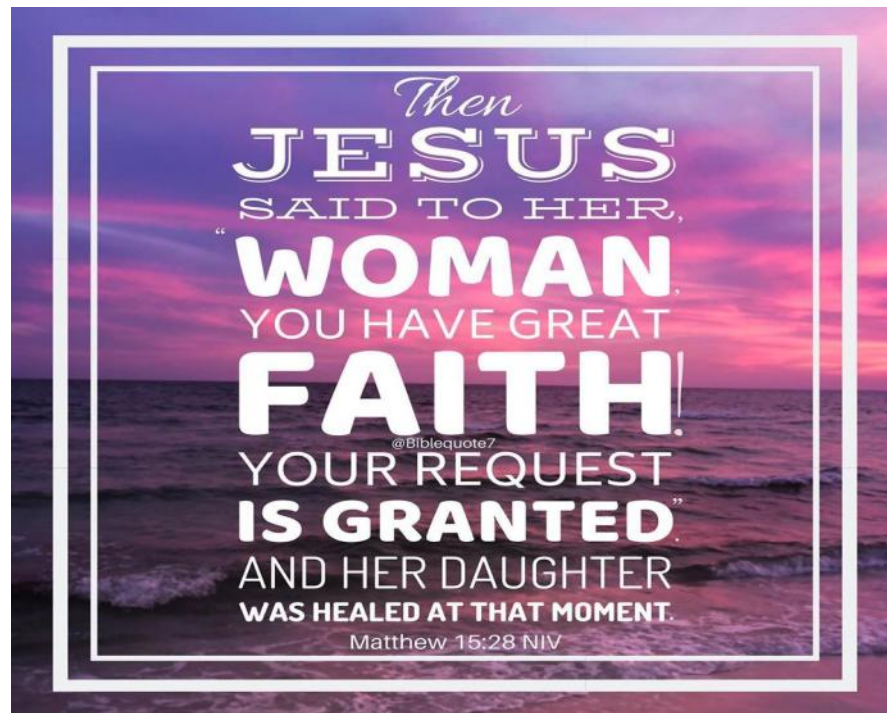
OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Week of 8/9/26 Harriette DiStefano, Helen Kline 8/2 Ellie Vercruysse, Doug Zook, Carmy and Ken Witzke, Barbara Ingegneri 7/26 Cindy Killian and family, Greg Ezell and family, Shawn Hernandez and family, Carol Barkow

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, Ed Claps, Ashley Pendleton, Billy Nippers, Alphonsine Wagner, Laura Murry,



ONGOING CHURCH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: 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.



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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: **READER:** Hannah Barrios

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Hannah Barrios, Pat Freeman, Pam Hrivnak, Jack Hrivnak

TODAY'S 10:45 am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Tom Mount **BULLETINS:**

Reader: Corrye Hatchell

Offering: Tom Mount, Major Hatchell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Boettcher, Hannah Barrios, Sally Simpson, Lisa Mohr

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Marion Geary-Smejkal Late: Sally Simpson

SOUND BOOTH: 9:00 & 10:45 Christopher Briggs

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Omer Troyer

BIRTHDAY MINISTRY FOR AUGUST: Riley Sylvester

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

In-person Attendance

August 9, 2026— 205 Last year 2025— 174

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

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

Bible Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

10:45Hymns: OPENING: ELW 886 **SERMON:** ELW 754 **SENDING:** ELW 543

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 17

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Aug 18

10:00a—Bible Study **RESUMES**

5:00p—Blue Butterfly Ministry

Wednesday—Aug 19

9:00a—Food Pantry

2:00p—Council Meeting

Thursday - Aug 20

9:00a—Quilters

9:00a—Men's Breakfast

6:00p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Aug 21

Office Closed

Saturday – Aug 22

Office Closed

2 Piano Practice

Sunday - Aug 23

9:00a— Contemporary Service

10:45a—Traditional Service

6:00p—Movie: The Sheep Detectives

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!

PAID IN FULL

15 year Mortgage



You know you are getting old when the candles on your birthday cake start to cost more than the cake itself.

Today's altar flowers are presented by

Rosemarie Conklin

In memory of the birthday of her mother

Mildred



Today's communion wine is presented by

Rosemarie Conklin

In honor of the birthday of her daughter

Pamela



Today's altar flowers are presented by

Hannah and Pastor Ken

In honor of the birthday of

Pastor Andrea



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

8/18— **Lonnie & Dianna McCauley** 42 yrs!
8/22— **Jayne Dietsch & Marvin Kowalewski** 13 yrs!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS!

8/16— **Ed Geil, Jr.**
8/18— **Ann Luther**
JR Whitford
Paul Wild
8/19— **Jane Anderson**
8/20— **Tom Callan**
Frank Ossman III



There is a box in the Narthex for donations



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

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!



People have said, "Don't cry" to other people for years and years, and all it has ever meant is, "I'm too uncomfortable when you show your feelings. Don't cry." I'd rather have them say, "Go ahead and cry. I'm here to be with you."

Source: The World According to Mr. Rogers, p. 58.



Movie Night for ALL AGES!!!!!!

TONIGHT!!!! August 16th 6PM

THE SHEEP DETECTIVES

Popcorn and water/soda will be available!



Pastor Ken's Bible Study

RESUMES

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

@ 10:00am

Fellowship Hall

We will be continuing our study of the

BOOK OF LUKE



Jennifer and Carl Fischer would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and well wishes during this time. You have no idea how much these were appreciated!



Sunday, 8/30/26

Immediately after the last service

Healing Service



Every time I am just hanging on by a thread, I imagine that the thread is coming from the hem of His robe.

And my grip becomes more about peace than desperation.

More about staying connected to the Good Shepherd than begging Him to answer me.

More about holding on to His plan for my life than clinging to what I thought my life was supposed to look like.

More about Him – and less about me.



August 20Th@ 9 am @ IHOP



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

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

Payment is due no later than September 6th

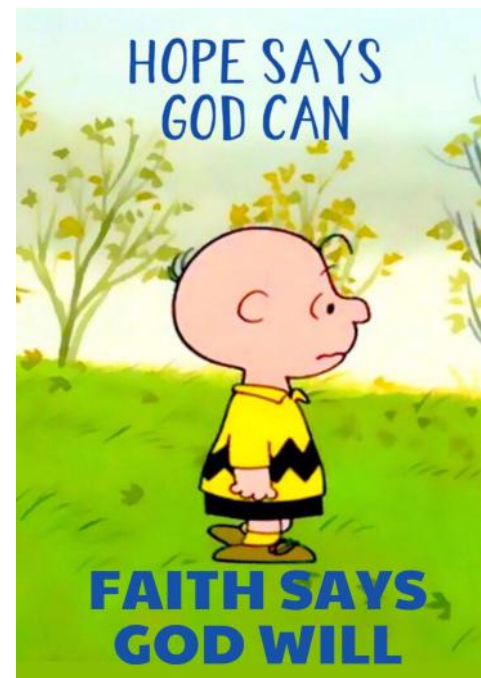


Teddy Bears have been restocked in the pews! Please feel free to take a bear to someone who may need a little extra love and prayers.

There is no cost for the bears, however you are always welcome to leave a donation in a yellow pew envelope and mark it “Teddy Bear Ministry”.



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!*



There are so many in our church family that enjoy jigsaw puzzles that we

thought it would be fun to do a jigsaw puzzle exchange. 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!!**