HTLC Prayer Chain ~ please pray for…

Our Church Family: Week of 4/24/22—Rochelle Ayers and family; Dwayne Lindgren; 4/17—Kathy Jacobsen, Elsa Furitsch, Al Korpi, Lew Ayers, Charleen Woodfield; 4/10—Jim & CarolAnne Dube and family, Barbara Magill, Forrest Burke 4/03—Dolly Johnson and her family, Janet Gramza, Bob Griffith, Dave Hanson,

Our friends and relatives: Week of 4/24/22—Tom, Alfred Bruning; 4/17—Peg Niland, Catherine Sheehan, Vicki King; 4/10—Family of Gloria Grummons, Barbara Wagner, Susan Szakalos, Trudy Michaels 4/3/22—

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Elsa Furitsch, Gary Krueger, Tom Dunseith, Jim Peterson, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Helen Witzke, Rick Miller, Amy Meyer, Marie Zylinski, Fred Kuss, Travis Cook, Audrey Stamps, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins-Kline, Ron Kline, Scott Evrard,

Our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School
Ministry of Valerie's House, All who serve in the military and their families
All law enforcement officers and first responders

Please also pray for all the people of Ukraine..

We are blessed to be the home of **VALERIE'S HOUSE PORT CHARLOTTE**. The mission of Valerie's House is to help children and families work through the loss of a loved one together and go on to live fulfilling lives. Their vision is that ***NO CHILD WILL GRIEVE ALONE***.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH DINNER AND GREETING THE FAMILIES THE LAST TIME WE MET:

Jerry & Jane Decius, Lorraine Vida, Joy Fetch, Anne Lotito Hal Jandola, and Gail & Chuck Busch THANK YOU ALL!!

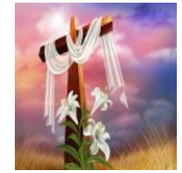
Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD:. This is what is donated compared to what we need this month. Each week is added to give a cumulative total.

Mar	Actual	$150,249
	Needed	$160,502
	Over/(Under)	**($ 10,253)**

15 year Mortgage—as of 1/1/22 $471,701
as of 3/31/22 $437,354

YTD reduction $ 34,347



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SUNDAY STAR

April 24, 2022
HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

"Welcome All, Grow Faithfully, Serve God and our Neighbor"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Church Staff

Co-Pastors
Pastor Andrea Barrios
Pastor Ken Barrios

Visitation Pastor
Pastor Carl Fischer

Celebration Worship Leader
Miles Mancini

Organist/Handbell Director
Cecil Buchinger

Chancel Choir Directors
Sonja and Albert Rozier

Choir Accompanist
Jean Sutton

Office Administrator
Carole Bugglin

Finance Secretary
Debbie Nigliaccio

Custodian
Steve Mock

Missionary
Rev. Eric Twine, Uganda

Synod Parish Deacons
Marianne Click
Gail Hintz
Steve Wuckert

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.

Special Needs? - If you have any special needs, our ushers are available to assist you. The are stationed at the doors going in/out of the narthex.

Hearing Assistance – We have a limited supply of hearing devices available for use. If you feel you need one, please see the sound booth attendant.

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 *(gluten Free wafers are available for the asking)* and eat. 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.

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

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS....

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

9:00am: GREETER: Barbara Turri **BULLETINS:** Lorraine Vida
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jim/Jane Anderson, Shawn Rourke
10:45am: GREETER: Dale Meyer **BULLETINS:** Rita Meyer
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dick/Jo Duhn

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR MAY ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP

HYMNS*

All of today's hymns are on the screens and are rewritten to Beatles' tunes.

Bible Readings

Today: Psalm 145:13-21; John 20:19-30
Next Week: Acts 9:1-19a; Matthew 6:24

In-person Attendance

April 17, 2022—688
Last year 2021—251

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, *"Anyone here know how to pray?"*
A pastor stepped forward. *"Captain, I know how to pray."*
"Good," said the captain, *"you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short."*

Let's Talk

Let's Talk is an adult discussion group that meets between services in Classroom E off the courtyard. This week's topic is "What does the Lord require of you?" Come and join the group Sunday at 10:10. All opinions and all points of view are welcomed. .

Monday - April 25
10:00a - Pastors' Meeting
9:00a - Food Pantry
1:00p - Staff Meeting

Tuesday - April 26
10:00a - Bible Study
12:00p - Celebration of Life Lew Ayers
6:00p - Valerie's House

Wednesday - April 27
9:00a - Food Pantry
6:30p - Chancel Choir

Thursday - April 28
9:00a - LWR Quilters
11:30 - Ladies' Lunch
5:30-7:00p - Praise Team

Friday - April 29
Office Closed

Saturday - April 30
Nothing Scheduled

Sunday - May 1
9:00a - Traditional Worship
10:20a - Let's Talk
10:45a - Celebration Worship
11:20a - Sunday School

The Tuesday morning Bible Study meets on Tuesdays@10am in the Fellowship Hall. This study is open to all who seek to learn more about God's word and how to apply it to our lives. We are studying the book of **Mark.**. Please join us. Bring your Bible and something to take notes with.

The altar flowers are presented by Charlie & Darlene Foster in honor of their 25th anniversary..

****IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR DATE FOR FLOWER OR WINE DEDICATIONS, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT AND A DEDICATION SLIP TO THE OFFICE.****

The communion wine is presented to the Glory of God.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

April 24—Jamie Kessler
April 26—Rose Schneider, John Gorton
April 28—Harrison Landsberg
April 29—Woody Marshall, Judy Platz
April 30 Cindy Killian

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

April 24—Joe & Gail Roberts	40
April 25—Charlie & Darlene Foster	25
April 28—Rolf & Kathy Simonson	38
Mark & Kathy Verrico	15

Altar Guild

We are in serious need of assistance with Altar Guild. Illnesses and various other factors have caused Altar Guild to be missing some regular helpers. Can you help? If you are willing to help, (it's quite easy and doesn't take much time), please contact Beth Brown or the church office.

UKRAINE

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region.

In addition to your prayers, funds are need to support LDRs efforts. Mark your envelop "Ukraine" and make your check out to Holy Trinity. We will regularly send all collected funds directly to LDR. Please note that LDR uses every dollar (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. ****UPDATE: We have so far collected more than $5,000 in donations — thank you for your generosity!**

The Ladies' Luncheon for April will take place April 28 at 11:30. Lunch is at the Pier Restaurant in Fishermen's Village. Please sign up in the narthex and join your friends for some good food and fellowship. This month's hostess is Connie Wuckert. **Please bring cash to pay Connie for your lunch** as they will accept only one payment. **LAST CHANCE to sign up!**

Back Pack Kidz Collection

CAN YOU HELP US HELP THE KIDS? The mission of the Back Pack Kidz Charlotte County organization is to feed hungry children on weekends when they don't have the free lunches at school. Please consider picking up a few extra single-serve items, but please, no nuts or peanut butter items due to allergies. You may drop them off on the shelves (marked Back Pack Kidz) in the Narthex next to the Food Pantry shelves. We also accept monetary donations – please put it in a yellow envelope and mark it "Back Pack Kidz".

Holy Humor Sunday

On this FUN Sunday we rejoice with God that He had the last laugh over the devil on Easter Sunday when God raised His Son from the dead! There will be no more sadness, no more pain, only JOY as we celebrate the ultimate victory of the NEW LIFE we have in Christ Jesus our Lord! It's a day to have fun and laugh! God is so good!!!!

During her sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95.

"Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, *"how could you possibly live for 95 years and have no enemies?"*

"That's easy," the senior citizen replied, *"I just outlived them!"*

APRIL DISCIPLESHIP TREE

This month help us express our love to our homebound members with SPRING BASKETS of love and cheer.

Last Christmas we spread a little cheer to our homebound members by delivering some CHRISTMAS CHEER—a small gift, a plate of homemade cookies, and a small flower arrangement.

This month we plan to fill cheer baskets with goodies to bring a little "SONshine" into their lives and to remind them they are not alone! We are asking for donations of items for these baskets...**candies, puzzle books, devotionals, small jigsaw puzzles, knick-knacks, cards, "pretty" postage stamps...ANYTHING that might brighten their day.** Have fun with it! Place your donations under the tree in the narthex and we will assemble these baskets of cheer at the end of the month! THANK YOU for remembering in love and prayer all our church family!

Holy Trinity Downs

Church Picnic with Derby races for youth & senior riders

Sunday, **May 15th** 4:00pm Fellowship Hall

From The Charcoal Grill

Hamburgers Chicken Breast
Cheese Burgers Pulled Pork Hot Dogs
Sundae Bar for dessert!

Please sign up today at the Ministry Center.

When you sign up, please state the number of adults & children, and what side dish you will bring.

Suggested Items: Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Taco Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips or whatever your picnic speciality is.

Post Times: 1st Youth Race 4:15pm – 2nd Youth Race after Dinner – Senior Race with dessert.

All seniors are welcome to race with walkers, canes or wheel chairs. *Please remember to bring cash (dollar bills) to wager on your favorite horse!*

This day is about having fun for all ages and eating well with your church family.

Council Highlights from April 2022 Meeting

Council discussed at length changing the times of the services. Details to follow soon.

Agreed to tithe 10% of the profits from the Yard Sale to Agape Flights ($868) and Faith Preparatory School ($868), and additional $100 to the Quilters and hold in reserve the balance for painting, repairs and replacing blinds in the Fellowship Center.

Agreed to allow up to 100 hours at $25 per hour to work on a special project until completion for Debbie Nigliaccio to rectify the accounting, to begin immediately and report back next month.

Agreed to award James Rose and Harrison Landsberg (2022 high school graduates) a monetary scholarship from the Scholarship Fund.

REPORTS FROM THE CORNERSTONE

· **Finance** had two action items (Audit Report; Special Project to rectify accounting)., and one item was tabled (Lois Purcell's estate had donated $34,878.67 to the church. Council will tithe 10% of this. Council will consider this prayerfully and be prepared to act at the next meeting).
· **Property** – Heidi Beaudine has agreed to Chair the property committee.
Mutual Ministry – Reported that the AV technical person has left the position. A volunteer day was discussed to 'Clean God's House" along with changing the times for services.
Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

In Appreciation

Each month, the Church Council recognizes and thanks those among us who have offered themselves to the work of the church in special ways. This month, the Council extends appreciation to these folks:

◊ Marianne Click and Barb Moore and all their helpers for their tireless work organizing the Yard Sale ;
◊ Sonja & Al Rozier, Jean Sutton, the Choir, and Tom & Carol Civitella for their excellent performance of the Cantata;
◊ Audrey Brazell who has gone above and beyond for the Altar Guild for many years;
◊ Fellowship Committee and all their helpers for the wonderful job done on the March Gala;
◊ Bill Rose for the painting of the outside trim that was affected by the new roof, and all the cleaning during Holy Week; and
◊ the crew who stripped and waxed the Fellowship Center floors, including John Washburn, Steve Wuckert, Terry Stamper, Phil Deel, and Vicky & Wayne Marshall.