

Please pray for...

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Week of 8/2/26 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 6/28 Nancy Rickey, Mark Stiemke

OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Week 8/2/26 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: 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 their families. Peace in this world as well as those impacted by the wild fires, those who have financial instability, and those dealing with grief.

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MATTHEW 14:22-33



August 9, 2026

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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“Focus on Me.
Not the storm.”
Matthew 14: 22-23

SUNDAY STAR Volunteers

TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Pat Griffith & Marie Beaton **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin

Acolyte: **READER:** Kim Simon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Rosemarie Conklin, Pat Freeman, Beth Brown, Mark Stiemke

TODAY'S 10:45 am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Tom Mount **BULLETINS:**

Reader: Janice Hanus

Offering: Tom Mount, Major Hatchell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Maryrose Risner, Corrye Hatchell, Wendy Krueger, Jan Schroeder

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Barb Graham Late: Barb Hilb

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 2, 2026— 234 Last year 2025— 149

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

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

Bible Reading: Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23

10:45Hymns: OPENING: ELW 596 **SERMON:** ELW 796 v1,2,4 **SENDING:** ELW 763

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 10

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Aug 11

1:00p—Dorcas Circle

1:00p—Finance Committee

Wednesday—Aug 12

9:00a—Food Pantry

Thursday - Aug 13

9:00a—Quilters

5:30p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Aug 14

Office Closed

6:00p—Tender Hearts

Saturday – Aug 15

Office Closed

2 Piano Practice

Sunday - Aug 16

9:00a— Contemporary Service

10:45a—Traditional Service



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

8/9—	John and Yvonne Shaw	57 yrs!
	Bill and Audrey Wesender	62 yrs!
8/15—	Mark and Dana Johnson	45 yrs!

Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD (000s)

Jun	Actual	\$297.2
	Needed	\$313.8
Over/(Under)		(\$ 16.6)

ACTUAL NET YTD:

Jun 26	\$	26.9
Jun 25	\$	1.0
Diff:	\$	25.9



15 year Mortgage



Today's altar flowers are presented by

Pat /som

In memory of

Diane Sterzinger



Today's communion wine is presented by

Pat /som

In memory of her brother-in-law

Ewel Ritchie



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS!

8/10— Lu Anne Gruenke
Dusty Naaktgeboren

8/11— Janet Nuse
Jean Sutton
Ken Witzke

8/12— Pat Griffith
Mike Gruenke

8/13— Bill Wesender

8/14— William Freitag

8/15— Pastor Andrea Barrios
Bill Dawes



BEING
OLD
DOESN'T
SEEM
SO
OLD
NOW THAT
I'M
OLD

There is a box in the Narthex
for donations



Donations Needed



Electrolyte
Powders



Bug Spray



Deodorant



Tarps &
Rain Gear



Every Thursday @ 9! All are
welcome!

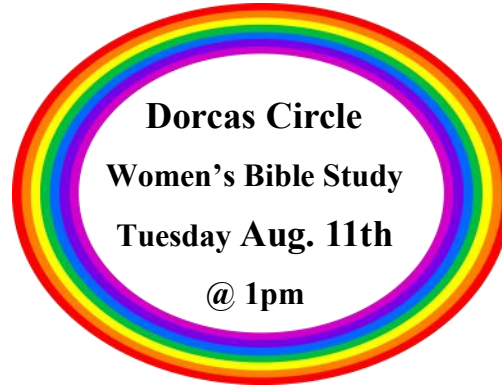


Movie Night for **ALL AGES!!!!!!**

SUNDAY August 16th 6PM

THE SHEEP DETECTIVES

Popcorn and water/soda will be available!



Dorcas Circle

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Aug. 11th

@ 1pm



Cindy Killian and her family would
like to thank all for the wonderful
cards and well wishes during this
time of loss of her dear brother.

ONCE YOU HIT A CERTAIN
AGE, ALL YOU REALLY WANT
IS: GOD, FAMILY, STABILITY,
AND PEACE.



don't
just
heal
until
you
stop
hurting.

heal

until
you
start
playing.



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!



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



Happy Birthday

Janice Hoff

August 14th

If you would like to send a card:

1427 Maile St—North Port, FL 34288



When God comes knocking on your door and you choose not to listen – don't be surprised if He knocks a little harder.

Sometimes He runs after our hearts through illness, loss or anything else that brings us down to rock bottom and forces us to rely on Him.

Because when God knocks on your door once, twice or even three times and you still do not answer, He will find another way.

If a soft wind isn't enough, you may get a storm. This is a measure of His love that we do not always understand.





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!*



Aspire

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

Only in Florida!





JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

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!!