

## Please pray for...

**Our Church Family:** Week of 2/25/26 Jill DiJirolanio, Charles Reinl, Vic Larson, Pastor Carl Fischer 2/10/26 George Chamberlain, Eileen Meyer, Lorrie Kobliska, Jennifer Fischer 2/1/26 Donna High, Jeanne Whitford, Ken Witzke 1/18/26 Doug Zook, Jackie Possel



**Our friends and relatives:** Week of: 2/23/26 Kenneth Nuse, Jr., Laura Buuck, Bianca Box, family of Gabi Koch 2/16/26 Jacki Odom, Sandie Crossley, Kathleen Hill, Jill Gregory, Eugene Symak, Linda Urbanczyk, Paul & Marilyn Schmid, Heidi Bell & Family, Teresa Pinillos 2/9/26 Steve Krejckant & Family, Joann Klein, Frank Tanzi 2/1/26 Kristy Hintz, Ilse Spedden, Mary Roberts, Alex Pretti, for peace in our country 1/26/26 Kelly Morgan, Natalie Kiepert, Carrie Garrett, the family of Celia Holt (Norma Bennett's sister) Travis Madison, Teresa & Kenny Cornell, John Schwerdtfeger, Joe & Brenda Sproul, all those who are suffering for their beliefs

**Ongoing church family, friends and relatives:** Darlene Foster, Barbara Frische, Joanne Donaldson, Darlene Foster, Mary Lou Burke, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins Kline, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Sharon Faulkner, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argenti, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola

**Please also pray for our** Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Tender Hearts, Ministry of Blue Butterfly Hospice, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders and their families.

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## March 1, 2026

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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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# TIME CHANGE

## SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR



## MARCH 8

@MattDevittWeather

# SUNDAY STAR

## Volunteers

### TODAY'S 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

**GREETERS:** Bill and Kirsten Freitag    **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin

**READER:** Wayne Marshall    **Acolyte:** Tobias Knollenberg

**Communion Assistants:** Pat Freeman, Marianne Click, Jorja Knollenberg, Manday Knollenberg, Tobias Knollenberg, 6. \_\_\_\_\_

### TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

**GREETER:** Lisa Mohr    **BULLETINS:** Phil Mohr

**READER:** Jody Passafume

**OFFERING:** \_\_\_\_\_, Richard Schnur

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Phil Mohr, Lisa Mohr, Marianne Click, Richard Schnur, Diane Boettcher, Carolyn Young

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**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early:** Ruth Ann Wicks **Late:** Sally Simpson

**FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND:** Huckleberry Finn

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

### TODAY'S WORSHIP:

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

**BIBLE READING:** John 13:1-17; Psalm 51:1-12

**10:45 Hymns:** OPENING: ELW 853    **SERMON:** ELW 818    **SENDING:** Go Now in Peace

### 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, Richard Schnur

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Monday—Mar 2

9:00a—Food Pantry

11:00a—Single Women

#### Tuesday—Mar 3

10:00a—Bible Study

#### Wednesday—Mar 4

9:00a—Food Pantry

5:00p—Evening Food Pantry

6:30—Chancel Choir

#### Thursday - Mar 5

9:00a—Quilters

11:00a Joyful Ringers

6:00p—Trinity's Praise

#### Friday—Mar 6

*Office Closed*

#### Saturday - Mar 7

*Office Closed*

10:00a—2 Piano Practice

#### Sunday - Mar 8

9:00a—Celebration Service

9:15—Let's Talk

9:45 Sunday School

10:45a—Traditional Service

### Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD (000s)

JAN Actual \$45.5

Needed \$48.1

Over/(Under) (\$ 2.6)

ACTUAL NET YTD:

JAN 26 (\$ 1.2)

JAN 25 \$ 3.7

Diff: (\$ 4.9)



#### 15 year Mortgage

(Balance)

on 1/1/26 \$24.2

on 1/31/26 \$ 17.8

Reduction \$ 6.4

Today's altar flowers are presented by

Irene Omar & David May

In honor of parents

Roy & Marilyn Oman



Today's communion wine

is presented

To the  
Glory of God



### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Mar 1	Jane Merzuski
Mar 2	Bryan Magiera Madeline Reed
Mar 3	Laura Cote Lee Ann Ferriola Wendy Krueger
Mar 5	Donald Beck
Mar 7	Barbara Magill

**A BIRDIE TOLD ME IT WAS  
YOUR BIRTHDAY.**



**I ATE HIM.  
YOU'RE WELCOME. RD**

### In-person Attendance

Feb 22, 2026— 343 Last year 2025— 354

The Season of Lent



### LENT

**A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE**—Lent is a time for pause, for saying “no” to some of our outside pressures, and for using our energies instead to remember our Lord and the great price He paid for our salvation. It is a time for renewal, recommitment and spiritual growth. Led by Christ’s own words, “*Do this in remembrance of me*” Christians through the centuries have made Lent a time of special remembrance...

**THROUGH OUR PRAYERS:** Set aside time for special prayers, individual and family devotions. Speak to the Lord and let Him speak to you as you enrich your prayer life.

**THROUGH OUR SACRIFICES:** God so loved the world that He sacrificed His only Son to assure our salvation. This year make Lent a time of personal sacrifice.

**THROUGH OUR GIVING:** Translate your sacrifice into special daily giving—giving that will help your church fulfill it’s role as Christ’s representative to His kingdom. *You can do this through the Lenten coin folders* that are available in the Narthex. If you would like, **you can designate this special offering to a specific area of ministry**—such as Love Fund, Youth and Family, Jesus Loves You Ministry, Backpack Kidz, Tender Hearts, HTLC Food Pantry, Lutheran Services Florida etc.....Please return your coin folder on Easter Sunday.

God Bless your Lenten Journey!

Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) has been informed that they will be getting **24 refugee families** throughout the year and are asking for our help in collecting bath and bedding items for these families.

We are looking to collect the following items:



*Please drop off your items on the shelves near the restrooms!*

**THANK YOU FOR BLESSING THESE FAMILIES!**

- Shower liners
- Shower curtains
- Shower hooks

- Bath mats
- Bath towels & washcloths,
- FULL size bed sheets,
- TWIN size bed sheets

**Blankets/comforters/ quilts.**

*Blankets/comforters/quilts can be gently used and in good condition*



**March 8th @ 10:10**  
**Reports are Available in narthex**

Annual  
**CONGREGATIONAL**  
 Meeting

Thursday, 3/5/26 @ 9:00 @ IHOP

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fabulous music!*

**3/15 @ 3:15**



Single Women's Ministry

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 11:00 for a soup gala!  
**Sign Up Sheet in Narthex**

**Cheddar's**  
 SCRATCH & KITCHEN

March Ladies Luncheon will be at Cheddar. Sign Up sheets are in the Narthex. Host is Corrye Hatchell (252-532-4627)

**Blood Pressure Check Today between services. Please stop by!**

Thursdays @9am **Quilters**

# Mortgage Burning!



**Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 10:00am** we will be holding a mortgage burning ceremony and worship.

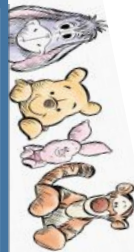
We hope **YOU** can come!

It is a grateful and exciting time in the life of our church. After worship we will invite all to the Fellowship Hall for a BBQ lunch catered by **DUBZ BBQ!**

Please **sign up** in the Narthex for the luncheon so we know how many to prepare.

## Wisdom of Pooh

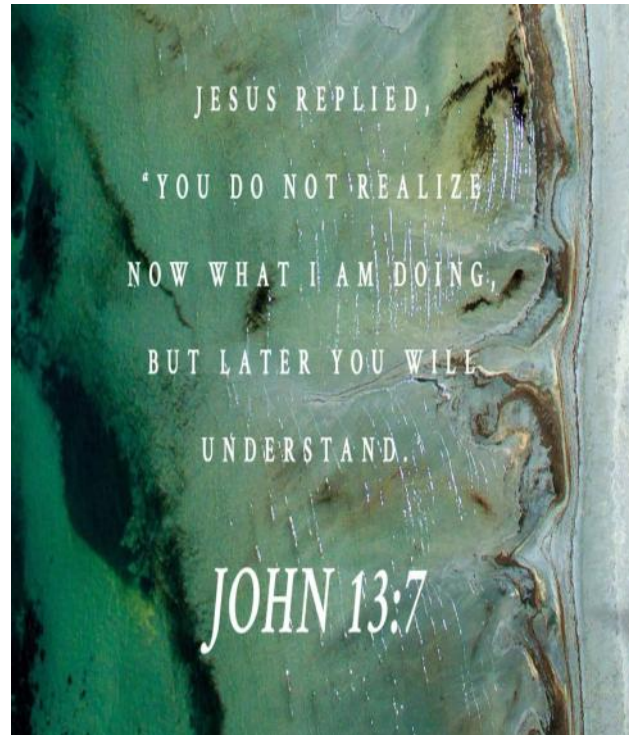
- Weeds are flowers, too, once you get to know them.
- “How do you spell ‘love’? Asked Piglet. “You don’t spell it...you feel it.” replied Pooh.
- Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a large amount of GRATITUDE.



## Why 40 Days?

The number 40 appears throughout Scripture as a period of testing, trial, and transformation. Consider these examples:

- ◆ Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness before beginning His public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11)
- ◆ Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai receiving the Law (Exodus 24:18)
- ◆ Elijah traveled 40 days to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- ◆ The Israelites wandered 40 years in the desert (Numbers 14:33)
- ◆ Noah endured 40 days of rain during the flood (Genesis 7:12)



Our church is blessed to be able to partner with **BackPack Kidz** to help supply snacks to the youth at Port Charlotte High, the home of the Pirates. Drop off snacks for them at the **BackPack Kidz** shelves in the narthex. Thank you !

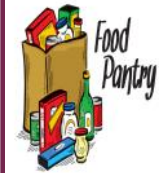


**Join us on Sundays at 9:15 in room E off the courtyard. All are welcome!**



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”.

**For MARCH food pantry is collecting CAKE BOX MIX and COOKIE BOX MIX AND JELLY! Thank you!**



## 2026 Walk for THEM

This past Saturday, our HTLC group walked to raise money for the **JESUS LOVES YOU** Ministry.

The walk helped raise \$38,000!!! Thank you to all who participated!