

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 9/29/24—The Gramza Family, Norma Bennet, Dick Vercruysse, Kathy Wildermuth, 9/22/24—The Popovich and Possel Family, 9/8/24—Don Beck, Jennifer Fischer, Patricia Morgan, 9/1/24— Mo White, Carol Civitella, Hal Jandola, Bob Griffin and Family, Susan Leroux, Marlys Anderson

Our friends and relatives: Week of 9/29/24— Donna Conard Reinl, Family of Matt Wildermuth, David Kennedy, Bryen Bruning, Marilyn Johnson, Carl Pettitt, Janet Anderson, Ginger Savage, Walt and Edith Helling, all those who have perished due to Hurricane Helene and those who have been devastated by the storm, 9/22/24—Robert Gray, Paul Chambers and family, Luke Boettcher, Mary Pat Freund, Sean Murry, Teresa Cornell, Angie Picatagi, Warren Plowden, 9/15/24 Joe Chacon; 9/8/24 Hailey Popovich, Jerry Anderson, Dennis Fischer, Yvonne Cambray, Mary Roberts, Stephanie Kerzelis, Ruth Warrick, Ashley King and Family, Brian Murray, Tyler Murry, Steve and Ericka Giroux, Dorothy

Woodcock, Jasmine Torres, Gabby Goncalves 8/25 —Linda Fiesel, Jennifer Ridenhour, Blaine Nix, Audrey & Lewis Brazell

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Lori Allen, Tom Coe, Peggy Torgerson, Keira De Oliveira, Mary Ann Kraft, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Pat Berthiaume, Joan Forreidor, Fred & Ruth Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Chester Sulinski, Carolyn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Dietmar Bennett, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Frances Fenwick

In Hospice care: Becky Burrows

Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Valerie's House, Ministry of Tender Hearts, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 Booklet—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a notebook for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the notebook. Please return the notebook at the end of worship.

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 at the back of the sanctuary.

SUNDAY STAR

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

9:00am: GREETER: Pat Griffith **BULLETINS:** Rosemary Conklin

Reader: Hannah Barrios

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Hannah Barrios, Dick Duhn, Jo Duhn, Kathy Jacobsen

1045: GREETER: Nancy Rickey **BULLETINS:** Tom Rickey

READER: Sandi Witzke **OFFERING:** Tom Mount, Richard Schnur

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Eleanor Sulinski, Diane Boettcher, Marianne Click, Richard Schnur

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Ruthann Wicks Late: Sally Simpson

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 and 10:45 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

HYMNS @ 10:45am:

Opening: ELW 807 **Sermon:** ELW 697 **Sending:** ELW 543

Bible Readings: Exodus 32: 1-14; Luke 22:14-20

Next Week: Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 23:34

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, Mike Felt, Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke

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Monday - Oct. 7

9:00a—Food Pantry
11a—Single Women's Fellowship

Tuesday—Oct. 8

10:00a—Bible Study
1:00p—Dorcas Circle

Wednesday - Oct. 9

9:00a—Food Pantry
6:30 p—Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday - Oct. 10

9:00a—Quilters
6:30p—Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday—Oct. 11

Office Closed

Saturday -Oct. 12

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Sunday - Oct. 13

9:00a - Celebration Worship
10:45a - Traditional Worship
9:15a —Let's Talk
9:45a—Sunday School

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to spending plan. Each week is added to give a cumulative total. (000s)

AUG Actual \$382.1
 Needed \$401.7
 (Under) (\$ 19.6)

ACTUAL NET YTD:
AUG 24 \$4.2

15 year Mortgage

as of 1/1/24 \$293.4
as of 8/31/24 \$224.8

YTD reduction \$68.6



Today's altar flowers are presented by

Diane Boettcher

In loving memory my husband Paul

Linda Syversten and Marianne Galler

In memory of our cousin Dorothy Geisel



The communion wine is presented

To the Glory of God in honor of
Jorja, James, Nathan and Tobias
Knoellenberg's first communion.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

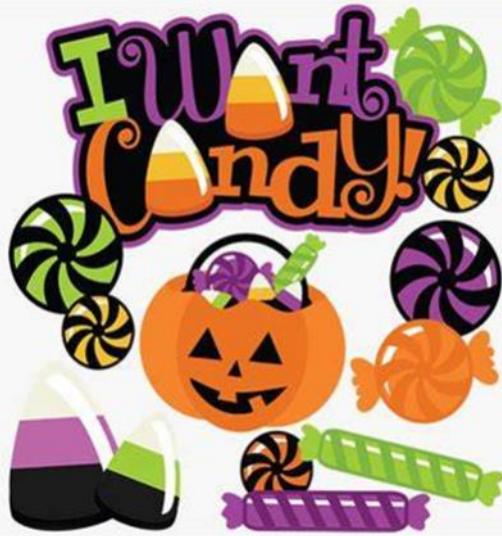
Oct. 6 — Ellen Carrell
 Sue Marshall
Oct. 8 — Helen Davis
 Merleen Hilley
Oct. 9 — Marie Bingaman
Oct. 12 — Joe Anderson
 Lynn Koepke



Oct. 7 — Randy and Mickie Galb 35 yrs!
Oct. 11 — Pete and Susan Alexander 66 yrs!

In-person Attendance

September 29, 2024— 199
Last year 2023— 236



We are collecting bags of Halloween candy to make goodie bags for our kids, the kids at Valerie's House and for those who attend TenderHearts.

A collection bin will be in the narthex.

THANK YOU!

BOO!



Bingo is back!

Sunday, October 20th

at

6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share.

There will be a 50/50 raffle

(1 for \$5; 3 for \$10)

Proceeds to be donated to C.A.R.E.



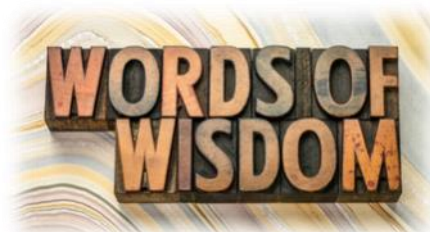
October 23, 2024 at 12:30

The Grill at 1951

Approximately \$25 per person.

Signup in the Narthex.

Contact person is Jo Duhn 941-681-5844



“Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been.”

David Bowie



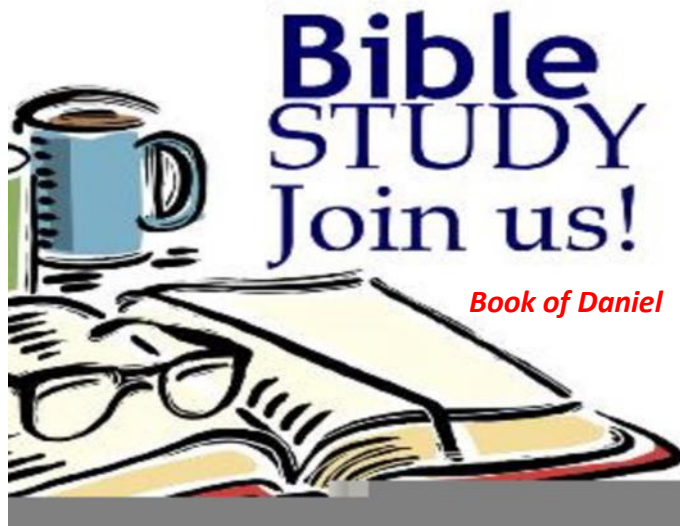
Women in Stitches

*Women in Stitches is having their annual Tying of the Quilts on Thursday, October 17th from 9:30 to 12!. Please come help out, if you can, to prepare the quilts that will be sent for Lutheran World Relief. Before you say, “But I don’t sew,” let us tell you that all you need to do is **TIE KNOTS**, a skill most of us learned in kindergarten!

And there will be people there to show you exactly what to do. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. A light continental breakfast from Abbes Donuts will be provided.

For more information call Pat Freeman 941-505-2561.





10am every Tuesday!



Blessings to

**Jorja, James, Nathan,
and Tobias Knollenberg**

on their

FIRST COMMUNION

today!



Dorcas Circle

**meets the 2nd Tuesday of
each month.**

Next meeting is

**October 8th at 1pm in the
Fellowship Hall.**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Stop by the table in the narthex, TODAY for a free blood pressures screening taken by trained nurses from our congregation.

PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOR

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I".

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

Source: St. Thomas More's 'Prayer for Good Humor' retrieved from the Catholicism community.

Be Aware!

Five Financial Scams targeting older adults

- 1. Government impersonation scams** scammers call unsuspecting older adults and pretend to be from the IRS, Social Security, etc.
- 2. Sweepstakes and lottery scams** Scammers call to tell them they have won the lottery or prize but want you to send them money up front to receive the prize.
- 3. Robocalls and phone scams** Some scammers may say your warranty is expiring on your phone, car, etc. One common one is "Can you hear me?". When you say 'yes' the scammer may use the voice signature to charge items to you.
- 4. Computer tech support scams** scammers prey on older adults who may lack knowledge about computers and cyber security. Remember, that whether it's a phone call or website, legitimate tech support wont ever proactively seek you out to fix the issue..
- 5. The grandparent scam** this devious scam preys on our love for our grand-kids. Scammer call a would-be grandparent and say something like "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?". When you guess the name, the scammer tries to get your trust. They might say they are a police officer arresting their grandchild and to send money.

Source: National Council on Aging

Welcome to our New Members

Holy Trinity is a place to grow in your relationship with God, a place of fellowship with His people, a place to share your gifts and talents, and a place to turn in time of need. Today we are blessed to welcome the following people onto our membership. Please take time to welcome them and introduce yourself to them! **We ARE the family of God.**



Vicky Claypool is a retired nurse from Ohio. She loved the hustle and bustle of working in the ER, ICU and other areas of nursing. Towards the end of her career, she taught nursing at Chamberlain University as well as Ohio State. In Ohio she attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Vicky loves to quilt. She misses her husband who passed this April, but she relishes her two sons, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Angee Costa is new to Port Charlotte by way of Texas, but originally from Philadelphia. She owns a publishing company and works as an author, editor and book publisher. Angee has four children and two grandchildren and a host of 'adopted' offspring. She is a singer and gardener (in her spare time, though she has killed more than survived). Angee loves music, books and travel.



Marion Geary-Smejkal moved from New Jersey in 2009 with her husband, Rudy, to Florida. She is retired from BOC Healthcare. Marion lost her husband, Rudy, in 2015. She likes to meet new people and make new friends. Marion also likes to make jewelry and stain glass. Some of her favorite things are the beach, traveling walking and bike riding.



Sandra 'Sandy' Hilgert recently moved to Florida to be with her sister, Pat Freeman. She is a retired elementary teacher who taught many different grades, but mostly 4th grade. Sandy enjoys reading, sewing and water aerobics.



Mark and Marti Koch (pronounced 'Cook') moved from Minnesota in 1986. Mark was the Warehouse Supervisor for Charlotte County Schools and Marti taught Music in several area schools. She retired from North Port High School as Choral Director. They have served in several area churches over the years and enjoyed traveling with music ministries sponsored by the Lutheran Church and Yours for Christ. They love spending time with the children and grandchildren.



Mary Horner moved from Washington State to Florida and now lives with her daughter since the death of her husband. She is in our choir and enjoys the Single Ladies get togethers. Mary also loves to read, travel and bike riding.



Ron and Ronette were both born and raised in the Chicago area. They moved to South Carolina before hitting the warm sunshine of Florida. Crafting and gardening are their hobbies.

Rebecca 'Becky' Roberts was born in a small Idaho town on the Snake River. She met her husband, Larry, at Utah State University where she earned her teaching degree. Following Vietnam, they

settled in San Jose, CA and raised three sons in American Fork, Utah. After the boys grew, Becky returned to teaching 1st grade for 16 years and loved it! Her children now live all over the county in places like Kailua, Hawaii, Layton, Utah and Castle Rock CO. Becky has eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She is so grateful for her undeserved blessings and glad to be here, despite the hurricanes!

