

Please pray for...

**Our Church Family:** Week of 2/24/25 Gabby Cangiano, The family of Carol Civitella 2/16/2025 Helen Kline, family of Marilyn Carlson , family of Elaine Dougan 2/9/2025 Elle Vercruysse, Bill Rose

**Our friends and relatives:** Week of 3/2/2025 Janice Choiniere, Julie Tuttle, Kaitlyn Brock, Tyler Murry, Kathleen Stem, Sharon Thompson, Teresa Cornell, Brian Murray, Joe Chacon, Katherine & Frank Ritt and Jericho 2/23/2025 Bruno La Gala, Taylor Wagner, Courtney Adams, Lyndsey Harris 2/16/2025 Damien Perez, Krueger family, Ally Bagozza, Gil Chase, for the unemployed, abused, addicted, those suffering from food insufficiency and poverty in our world; pray for our farmers 2/9/2025 Cindy Overton, Kevin Bauer, John Schwerotfeger, victims of the DC and PA plane crashes, Officer Jay of Murfreeboro, TN PD and son Jericho

**Ongoing church family, friends and relatives:** Carol Dohrmann , Dennis Race, Danielle Mortimore, Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Peggy Torgerson, Mary Ann Kraft, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Fred Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Carolyn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Dietmar and Norma Bennett, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Frances Fenwick, Judy Stratton

**In Hospice care:** Becky Burrows, Judy Stratton, Sharon Platz

**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.**

Q1: In the parable of the good Samaritan, who was the first man to pass by the wounded man?

- a: A Levite
- b: A tax collector
- c: A priest
- d: A lawyer

Q2: Where was the traveler coming from in the story the good Samaritan?

- a: Sodom
- b: Jericho
- c: Jerusalem
- d: Syria

Q3: How much did the Good Samaritan give the innkeeper?

- a: He gave nothing
- b: Five denarii
- c: One denarii
- d: Two denarii

QUIZ!



Q1—priest  
Q2—Jerusalem  
Q3— 2 denarii



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March 9, 2025

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. **You can also connect to our sound system through Bluetooth using DN-300BR**

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Gail Hintz  
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# SUNDAY STAR

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

**GREETERS:** Randy and Mickie Gabl    **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin    **Reader:** Wayne Marshall

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jennifer Fischer, Lenore Conenello, Vicki Marshall,  
Wayne Marshall, Marianne Click, Rita Meyer

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

**GREETER:** Lisa Mohr    **BULLETINS:** Phil Mohr    **READER:** Corrye Hatchell

**OFFERING:** Major Hatchell, \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Corrye Hatchell, Rob White, Jennifer Fischer,  
Tom Rickey, Nancy Rickey, \_\_\_\_\_

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**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** Early: Ruthann Wicks Late: Maryrose Risner

**SUNDAY FLOWER DELIVERY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 7 10:45 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold, black print**.

## HYMNS @ 10:45am:

**Opening:** ELW 579    **Sermon:** ELW 512    **Sending:** ELW 146

**Bible Readings:** Psalm 15; Luke 10:25-42

## 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, Jan Schroeder, Lisa Mohr, Mandy Knollenberg

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Monday—Mar. 10

9:00a—Food Pantry

2:00p—Nancyann Eckert Service

### Tuesday—Mar. 11

10:00a—Bible Study

1:00p—Finance Committee

1:00p—Dorcas Circle

### Wednesday—Mar. 12

9:00a—Food Pantry

6:00p—THE CHOSEN

6:30p—Chancel Choir

### Thursday - Mar. 13

9:00a—Quilters

11:00a—Bell Ringers

6:30p—Trinity's Praise

### Friday—Mar. 14

Office Closed

### Saturday - Mar. 15

Office Closed

### Sunday - Mar. 16

9:00a—Celebration Worship

9:15a —Let's Talk

9:45a—Sunday School

10:45a—Traditional Worship

## THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

3/12— Jim & Lenore Conenello 47yrs!

3/13— Charles & Donna Reinl 60yrs!

3/14— Dave & Pat Isom 57yrs!

## Our Financial Stewardship

**Donations YTD:** Actual  
donations vs. (000s)

FEB Actual \$92.2

Needed \$103.6

Over/(Under)(\$ 11.4)

**ACTUAL NET YTD: FEB25 (\$2.0)**

## 15 year Mortgage

as of 1/1/25 \$213.3

as of 2/28/25 \$201.5

**YTD reduction \$11.8**



Today's altar flowers presented by  
Susan Leroux In honor of the birth-  
day of

**Diane Boettcher**

Today's altar flowers presented by  
John & Carol Felker Scarborough  
In memory of her mother



**Susan Felker**



Today's communion wine is presented by  
John & Carol Felker Scarborough In  
memory of her Dad,

**Harry Felker**

## *Eternity Candle*

The Eternity Candle, for the season of Lent, is given by  
Doug Buuck, In loving memory of his parents,

**Vanna and Fred Buuck** and the selfless work of **Seaton**.



## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 7— **Barbara Magill**

Mar. 9— **Tom Kiepert**

**Terry Stamper**

Mar. 12— **Jackson Mackenzie**

**Sharon Messinese**

Mar. 13— **Rita Meyer**

Mar. 14— **Diane Boettcher**

**Charles Dubbaneh**

Mar. 15— **Carolyn Young**



## In-person Attendance

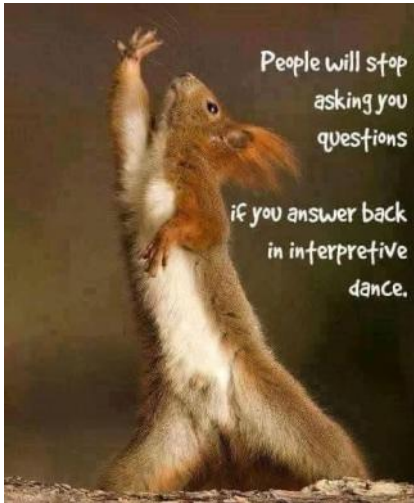
March 2— 343  
Last year 2024— 364





Sometimes we forget how blessed we are. My hot water works, I have groceries to eat, I can still afford eggs, I have clean sheets on my bed, I have family and friends that love me, and I woke up today in my right mind. If that's not blessed, I don't know what is.

Something to think about...



**Empathy:**

“Let me hold  
The door for you.  
I may have  
Never walked  
In your shoes,  
But I can see  
Your soles are worn,  
Your strength is torn  
Under the weight of a story  
I have never lived before.  
Let me hold the door for you.  
After all you have walked  
through,  
It is the least I can do”

*Morgan Harper Nichols*



**I've put my scale in the corner of the bathroom and that's where the little liar can stay until she apologizes.**



**309 Concert**

*Free Will Offer-*

Featuring  
**Musicians of HTLC** And Guests  
**The Two Piano Group**

March 9, 2025 - 3:09 pm



**Lenten mid week**

Our Lent journey this year will focus on **SEASON 2** of the series

**“THE CHOSEN”**

Wednesday, Mid-Week Program:

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 at 6pm - Fellowship Hall.

Each week, we will watch an episode of **“The Chosen”**  
(Season 2) followed by a discussion time.



**Nancyann Eckert**

March 10 at 2pm



**Celebration**  
— OF LIFE —  
MEMORIAL SERVICE



**BLOOD PRESSURE**  
checks in the  
Narthex  
between Services  
today.



Join Mr. Game Show (from Venice, FL) for a

**Night of Music Bingo!**

Sunday, March 16th—6:30 pm—Cost: \$5.00/person

PLEASE BRING LIGHT SNACKS OR DESSERT TO SHARE.



Dorcas Circle

March. 11th

1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

# Murder Mystery Dinner

On Maui

March 28th

## The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,

And having perhaps the better claim,

Because it was grassy and wanted wear;

Though as for that the passing there

Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh

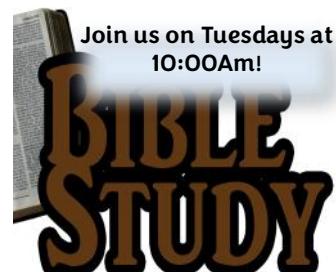
Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost



- ◆ Men's Breakfast—1st & 3rd Thursdays of month
- ◆ Blood Pressure Check—1st Sunday of month
- ◆ Single Women—1st Monday of the month @ 11
- ◆ Dorcas Circle—2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1
- ◆ Quilters—Every Thursday morning @ 9
- ◆ Let's Talk—Every Sunday @ 9:15
- ◆ Bible Study—Every Tuesday morning @ 10
- ◆ "The Chosen" Season 2—Wednesdays @6 during Lent

## Open House for the Back Pack Kidz

Join us and learn more about the Back Pack Kidz program

Date: March 18  
Time: 10:00

Location 1150 Education Ave Punta Gorda (across from the Punta Gorda Middle School)

Refreshments will be served

For more information contact Theda Bunker and

Connie Wuckert

March 24, 2025

11:30am

Ladies Luncheon

Riverwood Golf Course Grill

Sign Up Sheets in the Narthex

March 18 from 1-3pm

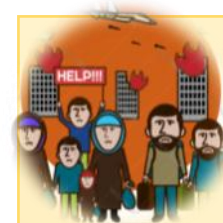
Crafting Easter Hymn Plaques for our Homebound and for ourselves.

All are welcome!

No Cost, just sign up!



## A Call for Help - Supporting Refugee Families



Dear Church Family,

My name is Jorja Knollenberg, and I had the blessing of being Confirmed at Holy Trinity this past October. As part of my Confirmation journey, I have been looking for the right opportunity to serve others. Recently, a need was brought to my attention, and I feel called to help.

Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) is currently supporting 11 refugee families who have come to the U.S. legally after years of paperwork and waiting. LSF has been assisting them with housing and utilities until they can become self-sufficient. However, due to a sudden loss of funding, these families are now at risk of losing their homes.

Our church has already stepped in to help three families for the next three months, but seven more families still need support. Some of them include children facing serious health challenges like eye cancer and cerebral palsy.

On **Sunday, March 9th**, I will have a table set up between services with sweet treats and a donation basket. If you feel moved to give, any amount will make a difference. If you're unable to give financially, I ask that you keep these families and the work of LSF in your prayers.

Thank you for considering this need. I am grateful for our church community and the kindness you continually show to those in need.

In Christ's love, *Jorja Knollenberg*

