



**August, 2025**

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

I recently saw a video on YouTube titled “You only have two things to worry about” it is a Christian comedy routine by Mike Goodwin. He basically says that in life there are only two things to worry about; Are you healthy or are you sick. If you’re healthy... you don’t have anything to worry about, if you are sick... you only have two things to worry about; if you going to get better... you don’t have anything to worry about, if you’re not going to get better you only have two things to worry about... if you are going to live... you don’t have anything to worry about, if you are going to die... you only have two things to worry about, if you are going to heaven... you don’t have anything to worry about, if you are going to hell... you only have two things to worry about... and the punchline, original or extra crispy.

This really struck me as a simple description of our life in Christ. God has promised to be with us to the very end of the age. Just in the Psalms alone there are so many passages that say what this comedian said. Ps 4:8 says “In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.” Ps 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid.”

Because God is our peace, our salvation, our stronghold we have nothing to fear in this world. Ps 31:5 says “Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. Even when we have problems, we know that God is with us. Ps 73:26 says “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” Even when everything around us fails or even our own bodies fail us, God gives us strength.

Then of course there is the entire Ps 23.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

There is a reason this Psalm is used at most funeral services. It reminds the living that God is taking care of them in this world even in the valley of the shadow of death, our darkest times, we do not need to be afraid, because he is with us. It also reminds us that those who have died are with God.

One thing that is common in all of these Psalms is the name of the LORD(Yahweh). We know our God and He knows us, he has even given us His name. But since Christ has come we know Him by an even more intimate name; Father.

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I think Luther says this best in his definition to the Introduction of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who are in heaven. *What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

And again, in his definition to the First Article of the Apostles creed. The last two sections say; He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

God is our Father who has adopted us in our Baptism and as any good Father does, he watches over us. So we can say along with the comedian, We don't have anything to worry about. Peace be with you always. Amen.

Pastor Poock



As Jean Roehrs prepares to move, I have volunteered to help with our "*orantes miles*" (Latin) or Prayer Warriors chain.

If you have any requests - please direct them to the Church office or email me. Thank you.

*" Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He was finished, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples, And He said to them, When you pray, say Father, hallowed by Your Name, Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." And I tell you, ask and it will be given to you..." Luke 11:1-4,9*

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## FELLOWSHIP



Our fifth Sunday meal this month will be a Breakfast Brunch following the ONLY Sunday Divine Service at 10:30 am. on August 31st.

Fellowship invites you to sign up to join us for a yummy breakfast brunch and if you can help, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

We are asking for volunteers to bring in a hot egg or strata dish to serve 10 to 12 people, sausage or bacon, fruit, bagels, muffins or sweet breakfast breads to serve 8 to 12 people.

Of course we are always looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Sign up sheet is on the blue table in the Narthex. This helps us know how much food to prepare.



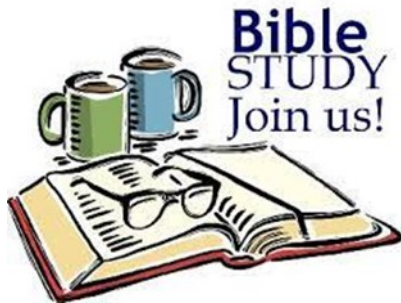
**Our Food Barrel** in the Narthex, is for your generous gifts of non-perishables and paper products for those less fortunate. Please consider bringing at least one item each week to help give nourishment and cleanliness, and bring a smile to someone in need.

**THE NEED IS EXCEEDINGLY GREAT!**



*Opportunities for you to grow and become involved...*

## **Bible Classes & Sunday School**



Our **Sunday Bible Class** meets at **9:15 am** in the Great Hall led by Pastor Pooch. He continues to present in depth explanations of various books of the Bible and/or weekly readings. *Come and have a cup of coffee with the group and join in the discussions.*

The offerings received at this time go to benefit pastoral students at the Concordia Seminary.

**Wednesday Bible Study** at 3:30 pm, prior to the Divine 5:00 pm Service. Pastor welcomes your ideas for study. Just let Pastor know.

Currently we are studying I, II, III Johns.

**Adult Catechism** is at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays following the Divine Service

**Lifelight Bible Study** is held the third Friday of every month by Roy Heflin.

**NEED A FRIEND? BE A FRIEND!**

*I was in prison and you came to me (Matt. 25:36b). And when did we see you sick or in prison (Matt. 25: 39) Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me (Matt. 25:40)*

Have the events of the past few months made you feel like you are in a prison? Have you felt lonely, just wanting to hear a friendly voice and know someone cares? If you would like to receive a friendly phone call a few times a week, to just say "Hi, I care about you" "How are you doing?" Then give your name and phone number to Ann Colton at : 941-685-5903.



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

### JULY 8, 2025

**Present:** President Glen Collier, VP Greg Wessner, Treasurer Barbara Wikel; Financial Secretary Larry Colton, Recording Secretary Jean Roehrs, Trustee Dave Benson, Altar Guild Eloise Schwarz, and Pastor Pooch. **Absent:** Elder Tony Bowen.

The President called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was established.

Opening devotions: a gospel devotional concerning how we tend to hold on to old wounds. Our old Adam wants to hold on to them. We must put off our sinful nature.

**Recording Secretary:** The minutes of May 13, 2025, were approved as printed. There was no June meeting. A question was raised as to whether groups and/or individuals were being reimbursed when purchasing sandwiches for Advent and Lenten dinners. If a request for reimbursement is submitted, it will be honored.

**Financial Secretary:** Loose plate offerings are up slightly.

**Treasurer:** Reports filed. A small back up account will be maintained at Truist in case funds at the new bank were temporarily unavailable. Reoccurring expenditures are being paid by bill pay.

**Pastor:** He has completed 21 years in the military. All requirements are completed for this year. He is applying for short term assignments overseas instead of the required duty service here which requires more time away. This past duty he gave out catechisms, had a funeral, and provided counseling. The home-bound list is growing. Several people have requested transfer forms. There are 20 current and prospective new members in the current confirmation class. Talking with the home school about the coming school year. Will take a weeks' vacation in either August or July. The District Conference will be Sept. 23-34.

VP: The recent guest organist said that the organ is working well.

President: No report.

Elders: Absent.

LWML: Will be meeting for lunch each month during the summer break.

Trustee: The security system has been upgraded. The building will be alarmed from 10 pm to 6 am. Anyone needing access during those hours should notify Dave or Pastor. The problem with vermin has been resolved. Dave is working on the electronic sign. The rear speakers are being replaced. The trees around the church will be trimmed. A reproduction of possible landscaping church grounds was presented. Approximate cost \$11,000. Dave MOVED proceeding with the landscaping. Motion seconded and carried with all voting yes.

Altar Guild: Several banners are in need of replacement. It was felt that purchasing the replacement banners, while on sale, would be the way to go. Pastor and Eloise will confer.

Standard banners are a possibility; however, better grade banners are available which would match the paraments. It was agreed, by consensus, to donate the existing choir robes to charity.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Addition to the rear of the building** was discussed. Additional classrooms and storage are needed. It was felt that an addition, rather than a modular unit, would be more feasible. Dave will investigate this.

**Resignation:** Jean first thanked the council for the security alert system. She then explained about her opportunity to relocate to Lutheran Haven in Oviedo in August. Due to this move she must resign as council secretary, effective following this meeting and accepting the monthly minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. followed by prayer.  
Jean Roehrs, Recording Secretary



### The Stamp Ministry

*The humble postage stamp has served not only as a functional tool for sending letters and parcels but also as a vibrant canvas for a nation's culture, history, and identity. Overseeing the creation, distribution, and regulation of these miniature masterpieces is an often overlooked but significant institution: the STAMP MINISTRY. They vary from country to country, but their core mission remains remarkably consistent – to manage a country's philatelic affairs, contribute to government revenue and foster connections within and beyond national borders.*

*YOUR used stamps help the Alliance Stamp Ministry at the Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, FL. They collect these stamps to help publish Spanish-language Sunday School literature. We all appreciate your contributions. Thank you. Eloise*

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## This Month's Privileged Servants

### Altar Guild

#### Wednesdays, 5pm

August 6 Eloise Schwarz  
 August 13 Robin Parkin & Karen Hill  
 August 20 Gwyn Pooch  
 August 27 Eloise Schwarz

#### Sundays, 8:00 am /Sunday 10:30 am

August 3 Monica Carenza / Nancy Niemi  
 August 10 Martha Riedl / Alec & Erin Carpp  
 August 17 Meta Green / Cindy Nuetzel  
 August 24 Martha Riedl / Nancy Niemi  
 August 31 NO SERVICE / Monica Carenza  
 & Sean Kons



### Elders

#### Wednesdays, 5 pm

August 6 Tony Bowen  
 August 13 Tony Bowen  
 August 20 Tony Bowen  
 August 27 Tony Bowen

#### Assistant

Jeff Sattanno  
 Carl Schwarz  
 Curt McCarty  
 Jeff Sattanno

#### Sundays, 8:00 am

August 3 Tom Weiss  
 August 10 Dennis Steinke  
 August 17 Tom Weiss  
 August 24 Dennis Steinke  
 August 31 NO SERVICE

#### Sundays, 10:30 am

Caleb Pooch  
 Jack Conte  
 Caleb Pooch  
 Jack Conte  
 Jack Conte

#### Assistant

Alex Boettcher  
 Alec Carpp  
 Alex Boettcher  
 Alec Carpp  
 Alex Boettcher

### Offering Counters

August 4 Carol Schreiber, John Niemi, Tom Barlow  
 August 11 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg  
 August 18 Marilyn Howard, Nancy Kendall, Marti Katterhenry  
 August 25 Larry Colton, Nancy Kendall





Women of LWML are off for the summer, but will resume again on Friday, September 12, 2025 at 9:30 in the Great Hall. We are putting out a special invitation to all ladies of Faith to join us and see what we are all about. We will feed your spirit, your sense of helping others and your hunger pangs with a fellowship luncheon. We will once again begin our year with a Bible Study, business meeting, welcoming all visitors and packing of hygiene kits.

During the months of August and September LWML will be collecting **school supplies** to donate to Redlands Christian Migrant Association. Watch the LWML table for ideas and needs.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES CLIPART



The need for mite contributions continues. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box on the LWML table or just set your mite box on the table and take a new box. Seventy-five percent of mite donations remain in the FL-GA district mission grants and 25% is forwarded to national LWML for their mission grants.



Please continue to bring in your items for the Health Kits that are put together for the homeless here in Manatee County and place them in the plastic bin that sits to the left of the LWML table in the Narthex. LWML will assemble Hygiene kits on Friday, September 12th. Our goal each time is to assemble 100 bags. Our need at this time is TOOTHPASTE and HAND SOAP.

LWML Ladies will be having their August luncheon outing at Ruby Tuesday, 5802 20th Street E., Ellenton, 34222. They will meet at 11:30 am on Thursday, August 8th. If you want to car pool, please meet at the church at 11 am.

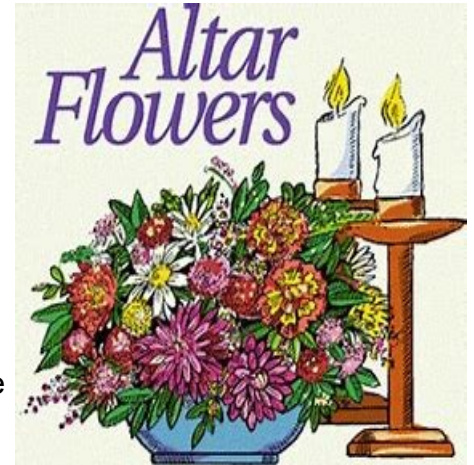
Remember the Fall Retreat on St. Simon's Island, Epworth by the Sea Resort is September 5—September 7, 2025. A registration form is provided on the LWML table in the Narthex. All ladies are invited.





Please remember, if you wish to celebrate a birthday, wedding Anniversary or a special occasion with Altar Flowers, you can sign up on the 2025, Flower Chart in the Narthex. Just add your name and the purpose for the donation on the weekend you prefer and fill in the small sheet found below the chart to specify flower colors, define your reason for the flowers. This Altar Information slip is placed in the holder next to the blank ones for Altar or Office needs.

The cost is \$60.00 for two arrangements, or if two families wish to share a weekend, \$30.00 for one arrangement. All vases MUST be returned to the church. You can drop the payment off to the church office, or place it in the collection plate adding a note, that it is for Altar flowers on the memo line. After the 10:30 Divine Service on the date of your flower request, you may take the flowers home to enjoy or you can choose to make them available for Pastor to take on a hospital or home visit. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 941-776-1395.



## Fellowship News



### Coffee Fellowship

We are currently hosting about 25/30 Faith members and friends on Sundays following the 10:30 Divine Service. Folks stop by for a half hour or so to fellowship and enjoy some coffee/tea and a sweet treat. It is a great time to meet and get to know those you see in Church.



Thanks is given to all our volunteers for their help in providing coffee bites when asked to by Monica. If you are willing to add your name to the volunteer list on the next page, please call the office at 941-776-1395.

Special thanks also to Greeter volunteers each Sunday. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Once again if you would like your name added to our list of Greeters on the next page, please see Margaret.



## COFFEE-BITES VOLUNTEERS

Monica Carenza  
Ann Colton  
Margaret Greenslade  
Chris Melchior  
Marti Katterhenry  
Diana Manning  
Nancy Niemi  
Carol Priest  
Robin Snell  
Dee Yuras

Janice Cascio  
Sawaeng Lindberg  
Sally James  
Arlene Gasper  
Annette Schander  
Karen Pollari  
Barb Wormald



Sarah Biebl  
Larry & Ann Colton  
Vicky & Ray Gilbert  
Meta Green  
Margaret Greenslade  
Marti Katterhenry  
Nancy Kendall  
John & Nancy Niemi  
Karen Pollari  
George & Carol Priest  
Richard & Barb Wormald





## Birthdays

- 1 Frank Francis
- 4 Ron Morgan
- 9 Diana Mangum
- 13 Brock Matson
- 15 Sandy Nordbrock
- 16 Kay Schmidt
- 20 Pixie Reay
- 21 Jeff Snell
- 22 Mert Janovec
- 25 Susmitha Madidi
- 28 Dave Cashon
- 29 Raji Madidi
- 30 Barbara Wormald
- 31 Lee Marion

## Anniversaries

- 1 David & Julie DuChane (38 years)
- 3 Joe & Susan Rawlinson (29 years)
- 12 Rick & Teena Ross (30 years)
- 19 Paul & Joyce Ryden (48 years)
- 20 Ken & Caroline Spirduso (37 years)
- 21 Chuck & Teresa Moore (4 years)
- 22 Brad & Roberta Teitelbaum (55 years)
- 26 Bob & Janice Cascio (53 years)
- 26 Greg & Carol Wissner (53 years)
- 27 Stu & Noy Lindberg (55 years)



## HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

### WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith are back to work producing lap robes. We work every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9—11:30 am and enjoy good fellowship while we cut squares, lay out quilts or tie them.



Questions? Call Marjorie Weiss 941-757-7307.

**LWML is asking the congregation for their help in supplying school supplies for REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION during the months of August and September. During your shopping times, you will find school supplies beginning to go on sale in preparation for school openings. If you are able to help us out, please pick up a list of supplies needed and bring them into the church and place your donations in the 'school supply' bin, located on the right side of the LWML table. Thank you for your help.**



A Gentle  
reminder

Capernaum Connections, our Homeschooling Group, will begin their school year here at the church on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays, beginning August 18th at 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please use the buzzer at the ramp door on the east side of the church if you need to see the secretaries or pastor.