



**Message from Jackie
Bearden, FOLC Council
President**

Don't you love free stuff -
when it truly is free that is.
On my birthday, I
received a free tub of

frozen yogurt of my choice from Publix and when I see a BOGO item I need – I usually pick up two. Instead of watching TV, I start out my day with a free daily emailed Bible study and throughout my day I listen to free Podcasts. Yes, I hear ads but remember when our television stations were free. I also have the free Bible app providing any Bible verse and many studies.

The Bible I read has a Concordance and listed are many Bible verses with free, freely, and freedom – Genesis to Revelation. Many verses telling us about the gifts we receive for freely choosing to believe that Jesus died to save all from eternal death – that is you, me, and anyone else. Don't you feel blessed to have the freedom to choose to belief that Jesus died for us! And that forgiveness is freely given to believers.

One of my favorite podcasts ends with John 8:32. The podcaster says this is a creed of very good American “Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free”. Jesus is not just talking about truth in general my Bible commentary says... In fact, it is the Truth of John 14:6! Where Jesus answered a question, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. (Pastor Fischer had a message on this verse on Sunday August 14, 2022). In John 8:36 Jesus continues “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed”. Amen

May God freely bless you!

In Love,

Jackie Bearden

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS With school starting back up again, we are also going to be recognizing a new Sunday School year. Rally Day this year will be on Sunday, September 25th. Special crafts, games and snacks will be ready for the children. We have been blessed to have anywhere from 2- 4 children attending Sunday School every week during the summer. A few who have even stepped up and eagerly asked to acolyte on Sunday! Attendance may be lower than in pre-Covid years, but that has us praying and working a little more diligently to see that change! Ms. Jodell has been supplying us with her artistic talent and always having a beautiful bulletin board right outside the Sunday School room! Ms. Marlene has not only been helping out every Sunday, but has also stepped in and taught some of the lessons! Caryl Kellerman "For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11 "When the power of love overcomes the Love of power, the world will be at peace." Jimi Hendrix



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Women's Guild Meeting September 7th:

Wednesday 9:00am Breakfast catered by Suzanne followed by our Business meeting. And we will review the 2022-23 Calendar.

There is a signup sheet for the breakfast, so we can prepare. Coming up September 24th

is the LWML Zone Board meeting. **What's Your 80?** In honor of the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Forest Oaks Lutheran Church has set a goal of collecting 80 of something each month. We exceeded that goal Thank you. ***Our goal for August is 80 cans of vegetables.***

Thanks to all who are contributing to meet these goals.

September 30th -October 2 is the LWML FL-GA Convention in Tampa, Florida. The theme is "Speakers for Christ"

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

OCTOBERFEST It's Oktoberfest time again, finally! We are



reinstating our yearly tradition of Oktoberfest! Looking at our past history, my husband aka "Chef Herr Stanley," tells me we have been

having this great event as a fund raiser for the Food Pantry since 2015. If you have not attended in the past, please set Sunday, October 2nd aside and join us for this year's Oktoberfest! This has been our major fund raiser over the years. We have an excellent authentic German 13-piece band that entertains us with their instruments, singing and tomfoolery at every chance they get. The menu is always authentic German food made with great care and German love by our in-house chef, "Herr Stanley". We will have, in addition to the meal, a cash bar with our Lutheran beverage and wine as well as sodas. The cost is only \$20 for adults and \$8 for children. Everyone is invited – friends, neighbor and the like! The doors open at 4:30 with the band and dinner starting at 5:00. Music will play until 7:00 which will get us all home before dark. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan for this event.

Yours truly, Frau Lonnie (that Blonde Lady in the dirndl)

MORE NEWS . . .

We are in the process of creating a new Church Directory without using an outside company. In order to accomplish this task, we are asking that you forward a current, close-up “head shot” photo of yourself to folc25news@outlook.com along with your name, address, phone number and email address. If you are a couple, please forward a picture of you as a couple and each of you individually, as we are trying to work out the format. Please have someone take the photograph rather than doing a “selfie”. If you do not have a computer, you may provide the actual photo. Members, Associate Members (snowbirds), and regular attendees are welcome to be in the Directory. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Jackie Bearden or Judy Ward. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor.



Ready, Set, Ring! The “Bells of Joy” hand bell choir are excited to be meeting once again. Newcomers are always welcome! Please come and join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the church sanctuary. No experience necessary and you don’t need to know how to read music! If you would like to be in the hand bell choir but have questions, please contact Skip Guthrie at 352-686-9941.

QUILTING FOR CHARITY

I trust you have enjoyed the summer. It has been whizzing by without our notice. The quilters have been carrying on and producing more quilts by God's grace. Some of our members have travelled safely to see loved ones and others have been blessed with family visits. Our ladies remain involved and continue to enjoy the blessings of friendship while being of service to others. We have again received so many donations of lovely fabrics of all sorts and sizes. Thank you to those of you who think of us in such a generous way. We have even had donations of draperies which are being used to create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you again.

Below you can see our finished products of the past 2 months:



Quilts for babies on the day of their Baptism--Quilts with tops by Barb & completed by our group--This quilt was Kathy's creation



Quilts completed since the last newsletter. (Yes, there are two alike and there will be more later. Thanks, Ellouise!)



Kathy also completed this Bluebird quilt after finding many of the squares already sewn together but they were hiding in some donated fabric. She wanted the beautiful finished quilt returned to the donor (who was a patron of the Food Pantry) in appreciation of the family's generosity. Judy Ward was able to present the quilt on August 16th.

Judy reports that the gentleman was overjoyed to receive it and was grateful to Kathy for her caring thoughtfulness. He said

he and his grandson (who lives with him and his wife) liked to cuddle under a blanket to watch TV. God works through each of us. Listen to His small voice whispering within you. Thank you Kathy, for your faithful service to our Lord.



In late July, we were pleased to celebrate Gloria's birthday.

We are currently working busily on many projects. Among them are the making of souvenirs for the Fall LWML event. (You will see photos of our efforts in the next newsletter.) Our fabric and batting scraps are being put into pillowcase doggy beds for the animal shelter. On August 16th, Sherri delivered 3 beds to the gratitude of the shelter employees. Christmas items are being assembled for the Fall Festival. Some are nearly finished while other quilts are yet to be designed. October will be here before we know it! A few items are being picked up at toy sales in preparation for Christmas gifting to homeless children and other needy children in shelters, etc. With so much activity and so many supplies, we would really appreciate more helpers. No need to be skilled in sewing, just be willing to lend a hand. We will show you what needs doing. By the way, we have a great time doing what we do. Join us any Monday afternoon (1-4 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. For three hours we work and the last hour is spent catching up with each other's lives, sharing information and making future plans for the group. Also, remember that we have some members who do all their work at home due to family obligations. If you are interested in working this way, let us know and we will provide what you might need to do so. We are blessed with many supplies of all kinds. My prayer is that you are experiencing health, happiness and the peace of the Lord! *Karen*

September



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Birthdays and Anniversaries September

Birthdays

09/02 Bonnie Wright
09/02 Ellouise Emke
09/04 Robert Villarrubia
09/09 Wayne Nibert
09/10 Myrtle (Marty) Hoerle
09/11 Amy Hunter
09/12 Mary Kay Klein
09/16 Betty Marshall
09/17 Marliss Bord
09/18 Jeanie Dirr
09/19 Rosalie Guarante
09/19 Anthony Holbrook
09/20 Elly Predel
09/20 Walter Gilchrist
09/22 Sue Guthrie
09/26 Judy Ward
09/26 Nancy Deleff
09/27 Diane Sims
09/27 Charles Haack
09/28 Sharon Pavlik
09/28 Bailee Poholek

Anniversaries

09/01 Bob & Dani Villarrubia
09/15 Gary & Myrtle (Marty) Hoerle
09/15 Wayne & Marilyn Nibert
09/22 Ed & Bonnie Wright

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8555 Forest Oaks Blvd
Spring Hill, FL 34606
Across the street from
the Post Office**



Fall Festival

**Women's Guild Fundraiser
October 15, 2022.
8 AM- 2 PM**

**Vendors galore
Art, Crafts, Jewelry, Dolls,
Ceramics,
Artists, Candles,
and much more
Vendor Spots Available \$25
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For information Call
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