



February 2025

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church

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Spring Hill, FL 34606
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Pastor Glenn E. Fischer
Secretary: Lyla Mock

Services

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

Pastor's Bible Class,
11 AM

Fellowship hour after
morning worship

Thursday Bible Study

9 AM in the

Conference Room

Food Ministry

Tuesdays from

9AM- NOON

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Enduring

I started researching this article with 1 Peter 1:23 "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." First looking at the living word of God but instead became interested in enduring. Enduring synonyms are ongoing, immortal, continuing, eternal, perpetual and abiding. Enduring means firmly established and unlikely to change.

Looking at Psalm 72:17 "May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun." 1 Peter 1:25 "but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you." So the Word of God and His name are enduring. Ecclesiastes 3:14 "I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it." Psalm 136:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

Malachi 3:2 "But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap."

Who can tolerate the day of his coming-we can!

And a promise: 2 Timothy 2:12 "If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;" Hebrews 12:2 "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"

God Bless you all

Jackie Bearden

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churchWIDE RUMMAGE SALE



Rummage Sale — our next Rummage Sale is **Feb 28 & Mar 1 from 8-12** each day. Set up will be Wednesday Feb 26 and Thursday Feb 27, starting at 9:00 both days. Start bringing your donations in!! Will collect donations from NOW until Feb 24.

LADIES GUILD UPDATE:

At our January meeting we had an informative presentation and Q&A session by Grace Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. For those that missed the presentation but are interested in learning more, you can contact Rosie Anderson at Grace Memorial Gardens at 727-233-7993.

FEBRUARY LADIES GUILD MEETING will be Wednesday February 12th at 10 AM. At this meeting we will finalize Rummage Sale plans and appoint a nominating committee for our Vice-President, Secretary and LWML representative. Come join us as we meet in Christian fellowship and work to spread God's love and words.

FOREST OAKS LUTHERAN CHURCH LADIES GUILD FUNDRAISER NO BAKE BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today...
a "No Bake Bake Sale" is on the way.
In these busy days, who wants to bake
a pie or cookies or even a cake
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost,
of ingredients, heat, and the time you've lost.
Baking for sales is extra work,
yet nobody really wants to shirk.
So, we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
and feel quite sure you'll understand.
In an envelope, please include the price,
of a pie or cake or anything nice.
Without fuss or bother, you've done your part
we hope you'll give with a willing heart
Wishing our Ladies Guild success for our "No Bake Bake Sale"
this is the end of our little tale.

CARE MINISTRY

Game Days: February 12 and 26, 1:00 pm

Lunch Bunch: February 19th: Outback Steak House, 4903 Commercial Way. (Hwy 19 Spring Hill) Meet 12:00 PM.

Bingo: February 20th, 1:00 pm There is no Care Ministry meeting in February.

CHURCH LIFE

HELP WANTED Now don't run away until you read the whole article. I hope everyone enjoys the lunch that follows our Advent and Lenten services because I sure do. You also realize it just doesn't happen like magic. We have been having our soup luncheons for years with great success. For those who have not attended, they follow our Wednesday service during Advent and Lent. Here is my dilemma, I have been responsible for these lunches, please understand our parishioners have been wonderful making wonderful soups chili etc. but I cannot continue without some changes. I am finding the work that goes into this is more than I can do. I would be happy to work with any of our volunteers. It involves setting up making soup for approximately 20 and I usually need two cooks and of course clean up. It is a simple meal and we have kept it simple. I have been thinking of various ways of streamlining and would be delighted to work with anyone who is interested in helping us, now if there is someone in our congregation who would like to champion this committee, please see me. We will be moving into our Lenten season and we will have sign up sheets, but please keep in mind there will be some changes. Just remember Ash Wednesday Will have no luncheon.

I thank you for your help.

God Bless, Lonnie Benmore

MISSION GRANT FOR A TRUCK FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: This is an appeal to anyone who bakes, likes to bake, likes to shop and can help us on Sunday mornings. I would like to give our parishioners a little history on how we have been able to enjoy such lovely snacks on Sunday morning. We have been blessed in being assigned a couple Publix stores which we pick up pastries and bread twice a week. The contributions have been donated to our food pantry, but at times we have a generous amount and have been able to



share with the congregation. Keeping in mind that the pantry must always come first due to the fact this is a donation for them. The Publix on Mariner and County Line is our Sunday pick up. The store is going through a similar renovation as the Publix on Spring Hill and 19.

This means we are on our own. I will put a sign up sheet on the welcome center where you can sign up for your choice of a Sunday remember anything would be appreciated. I imagine all of us came from a church elsewhere that we did this weekly. I think we might have gotten a little spoiled. By the way we are looking at maybe a year. Again thank you all. God Bless Lonnie Benmore



CHOIR REHEARSALS

We have formed a choir under the direction of Casey Shingle. The Choir practices on Sunday Afternoons at 12:30 PM. Please if you love to sing consider joining the choir and come on Sunday at 12:30 to practice.



Birthdays

02/02	Daniel Killian
02/06	Barb Stamer
02/07	Hank Rullman
02/09	Loretta Gilcrest
02/13	Larry Schmitz
02/14	Stan Benmore
02/21	Kathleen Ridder
02/23	Debbie Hennessy
02/25	Darla Morris
02/28	Ken Mattia

Anniversaries

02/12	Walter & Yvonne Salter (65 years)
02/14	Mike & Onica Dollins
02/14	Robert & Kimberly Lineback
02/25	Bill & Marcia Pridgen
02/29	Cindy & Mike Braun



THE MYSTERY OF GOD

BY MARTI KELLY

If there is something missing in your life
A Holy fear of God can remove most strife
It will protect you and turn things around
Removing troubles so you're not stuck down
Shake off all doubt and have a firm boldness
With expectancy you'll attain God's goodness
Trust in God's unfailing love...His perfect plan
God will equip you to do all that you can
We'll be tested in the fear of the Lord
If we obey HIM, we'll receive an award
With a blessing waiting ahead of us
We share God's message and always trust
Try to meditate on God's scriptures and hence
Peace surrounds you when nothing makes sense
Remembrance of God's word will fight evil
Knowing God's promises is very crucial
As we all trust in His unfailing love
He will send His Holy Spirit from up above
To watch over and guide us everyday
He is the Truth, the Life, and the Only Way
Following Jesus is the choice today
As we proclaim His praiseworthy name
Shining His light is our claim to fame
As we dedicate ourselves to Christ Jesus
We will demonstrate love as only He does
His servants, by His grace, we will become
Then we'll know that His work on Earth is done!
Thank you, God, we are the light of the World

Love, Marti 5/5/2023



Sunday of each month is Mites Sunday. Our mites help support 2024-2026 Mission Grants of the FI/GA District LWML. Forest Oaks Food Pantry was given a grant of \$10,000. Thank you to FOLC

members for your prayers and contributions of Mites. Our faithful prayers and mighty mites allow us to make a difference in the lives of people in our communities and around the world. We care for them physically and spiritually. Just as Christ taught us.



MITE EXPLANATION AND HISTORY

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and

national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program.

The Widow's Mite

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41–43)

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class Pastors Bible class Choir 12:30 PM *Communion</p>	<p>3 OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM</p>	<p>4 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Bible Study, 9 AM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Women's Bible Study 10 AM</p>
<p>9 Mites Sunday Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class Pastors Bible class Sunday School 10:45</p>	<p>10 OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM</p>	<p>11 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM <i>Finance Mtg. 9 AM</i> AARP 12-3 PM</p>	<p>12 Women's Guild 10 AM Game Day 1 PM</p>	<p>13 Bible Study, 9 AM AARP 12-3 PM</p>	<p>14 Grief Support 11 AM</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class Pastors Bible class Choir 12:30 PM *Communion</p>	<p>17 OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM</p>	<p>18 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>19 Bible Study, 9 AM Lunch Bunch 12 noon</p>	<p>20 Produce Drop 9-11 AM Bingo 1 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Women's Bible Study 10 AM</p>
<p>23 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class Pastors Bible class Choir 12:30 PM</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM</p>	<p>25 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>26 Game Day 1 PM Set up rummage sale</p>	<p>27 Bible Study, 9 AM Set up rummage sale</p>	<p>28 Rummage Sale 8 AM- NOON</p>	<p>March 1 Rummage Sale 8 AM- NOON</p>