



AUGUST 2026

**Forest Oaks Lutheran
Church**

**8555 Forest Oaks
Blvd.**

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

Confirmation Class

**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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**Trust, wait, do good, and leave
the outcome in God's hands**

Recently on Pastor David Jeremiah's radio message he taught about Psalm 37. He said he writes "Psalm 37" when he autographs an item. I was curious why this is special. So, I got the idea to check A.I. I am copying directly from ChatGPT (a phone app). I asked "what treasures are in Psalm 37?" Here is what ChatGPT wrote: Psalm 37 is full of practical wisdom and encouragement. Written by David in his later years, it contrasts the temporary success of the wicked with the lasting security of those who trust God. Here are some of its "treasures":

1. Don't be consumed by what evil people seem to gain. Verses 1-2. David begins to remind us that evil may appear to prosper, but its success is temporary. Worrying about it only steals our peace.
2. Trust God and keep doing what is right. Verse 3. Faith is active. David encourages us not just to believe in God but to continue living faithfully, regardless of circumstances.
3. Delight yourself in the Lord. Verse 4. This doesn't mean God grants every wish. As we delight in Him, He shapes our desires so they align with His will, and He fulfills those godly desires.
4. Commit your way to God. Verse 5. The Hebrew word for "commit" literally means "roll your burden onto." It's an invitation to place your plans and worries into God's hands.

5. Wait patiently. Verse 7. Waiting is one of the hardest parts of faith. David teaches that God is working even when we cannot see immediate results.
6. The meek will inherit the land. Verse 11. Jesus quoted this verse in the Beatitudes. True strength is found in humility and trust in God.
7. God upholds His people. Verse 24. This is a comforting promise. Faithful people are not promised a life without mistakes or hardships, but God will not abandon them.
8. God never forsakes His faithful ones. Verse 28. God's loyalty to His people is one of the chapter's central themes.
9. A lifetime observation. Verse 25. David shares a lifetime of experience. It's a testimony to God's faithfulness rather than a guarantee that believers will never face hardship.
10. Salvation belongs to the Lord. The psalm ends with this assurance in verses 39-40. No matter what happens, God Himself is the ultimate source of protection, strength, and deliverance.

The principles in this psalm are just as relevant today as when David wrote them. The psalm reminds us that while evil may seem powerful for a season, God's faithfulness endures, and those who trust Him have a secure future in His care.

Checking Grok (a second phone app). Psalm 37 is profoundly encouraging for believers facing a broken world. It calls us to look beyond the short term, root ourselves in God's character and promises, and respond with trust, obedience, and patience rather than worry or retaliation. The ultimate treasure is God Himself – delighting in Him transforms our desires, actions, and hope. Many find verses 3-5, 7, 23-24 and 39-40 especially memorable for daily meditation and prayer. GROK used 14 sources for this information.

And this exercise has encouraged my belief that A.I. can be used for good.

On a personal note: God willing on August 13th I will have my second knee replaced. Please pray for my speedy and complete recovery.

Faithfully yours,

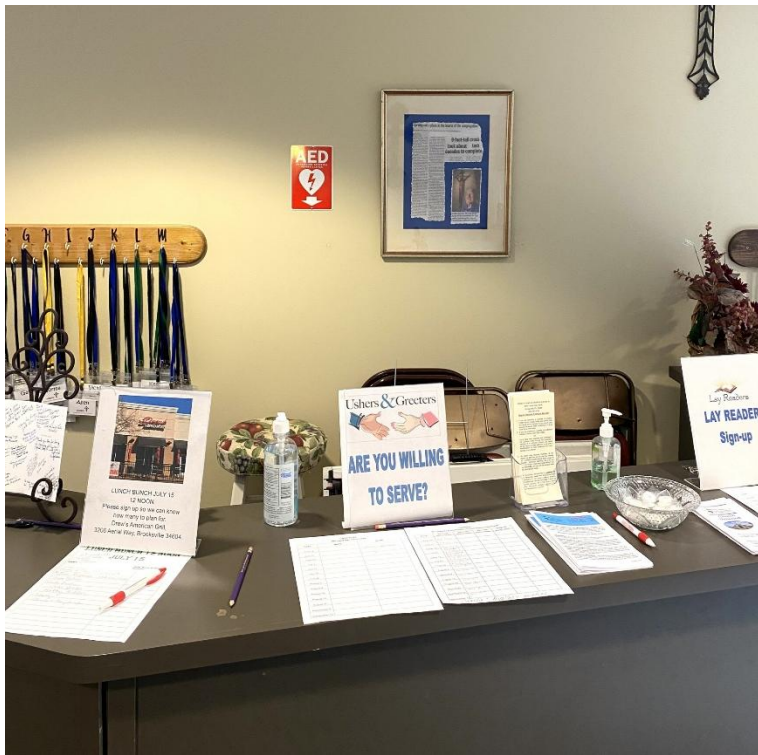
Jackie Bearden



FOLC has an AED at the information booth and several members went through the first training.

The AED will save a life if the heart is not functioning properly. We also have Narcan if anyone is on our property and could possibly be overdosing on drugs. Neither can cause harm. We are protected under the Good Samaritan laws for trying to help any person in trouble.







This month on August 19, we will meet for lunch at Suzie's Grill in Spring Hill. 1252 Mariner Blvd. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



The Quilting Group meets from 1-4 each Monday.

We recently completed a Fidget Quilt.

A Fidget Quilt is an activity mat for special needs adults and children. It can contain different fabric, velcro, zippers, cords, buttons, sliders, sound makers, laces, and beads. Please come and join us.

Believe it or not, August is here! The summer is going fast. I don't know about you, but my list of things to accomplish in July hasn't all happened. but we know, if God is willing, there will be tomorrow.

Mark your calendar, a lot is happening at Forest Oak Lutheran. August has 5 Sundays. When there are 5 Sundays, we enjoy fellowship along with good food. Cook up your favorite dish or visit your favorite store and buy something to share. Heck, if these two things can't happen just join in our Christian Family gathering. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after service on August 30. Come one, come all.

Game Day is every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Wednesday but that doesn't stop the fun. On that particular Wednesday we meet at 1:45.

Speaking of Lunch Bunch. You are missing the boat if you don't put this event on your calendar. Just sign your name at the Information Booth so we know how many reservations to make. We go to a different restaurant each month. What a great way to share your love, make new friends, visit with those you know and possibly eat at a restaurant you've never been. Judy and Ted Ryder are our Host. They plan where we will enjoy lunch. Due to health reason they took a break but, are jumping right back in the loop

August we will gather at Susie's Grill at 1252 Mariner Blvd at 12:00. Jot a note on your calendar for the 19th "Lunch Bunch", 12:00, and sign your reservation count at the Info Center.

We'd love to have your suggestion of a restaurant to gather.

Yes, it is August, the sun is hot and shining brightly, the air conditionings are humming, and our calendar is filling up with cool places to be: Worship service on Sunday, Quilting on Monday, Food Pantry on Tuesday, Game Day on Wednesday, Lunch Bunch the 19th, Fellowship Potluck the 30th. There are many more activities at Forest Oak Lutheran besides the things mentioned. Check our Church Calendar, It's not quiet during August. There are many functions to enjoy and be a volunteer. We are truly blessed. Look forward to seeing you soon.

CHURCH PICNIC

Big Thanks to all who came and all who brought food for our annual church picnic. Lots of great food was served up. The patriotic service was inspirational. Pastor Fischer and Charlie Ferman did a skit about George Washington. If you were not here you can watch on our Youtube channel

<https://youtu.be/2C1ZmLnYMCc>



BIRTHDAYS

08/01	Margot Hoyt
08/02	Vonnie Salter
08/02	Mary Lou Thompson
08/03	Frances Schuleit
08/05	Kathleen Guarante
08/07	Don Mourand
08/11	Eddie Gottsman
08/12	Charlie Ferman
08/14	Paula Feraman
08/16	Barbara Dix
08/16	Andrew Magaldino
08/16	Patricia Maxwell
08/17	Donna Brookes
08/17	Linda McPhillips
08/18	Eleanore Lataxes
08/18	Lili Simmerlin
08/19	Norma Higgins
08/19	Diane Stewart
08/21	Dorothy Ann Ell
08/25	Drema Gottsman
08/26	Kenneth Wright
08/28	Joseph Brookes

ANNIVERSARIES

08/06	Skip & Sue Guthrie
08/21	Charlie & Paula Ferman

MEMORIALS

<u>Memorial Gift From:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>For the Benefit of:</u>
Tricia Maxwell	(M) Micah Maxwell	Future Maintenance Fund
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Anonyomous	Vivian Schmitz	Food Pantry Fund
Larry Schmitz	Vivian Schmitz	Food Pantry Fund
Jodell Burgdorf	(M) Jan Lehr	Sunday School
Jackie Bearden	(M) Don Bearden	Future Maintenance Fund
Margo Hoyt	(M) Dennis Hoyt	Unspecified
Jeanette & John Corlito	(M) Otto Prostka	General Fund
Cathy Walter	(M) John Hoch	Food Pantry Fund
Anonyomous	(M) David Gottsman	Memorial Garden
Jodell Burgdorf	(M) Pastor Don Burgdorf	Youth Group
Jackie Bearden	(H) Thanking God for 70 Years of Life	Future Maintenance Fund





Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Gracious Giver

And from
his fullness
we have all
received,
grace upon
grace.
For the law
was given
through
Moses;
grace and
truth came
through
Jesus Christ
(John 1:16-17).

Abundant Grace

Grace upon grace is truly **abundant grace**! All praise and glory to God who gives His people abundant grace and delights to have us pass it along to others.

Our Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Michael Schmidt used the following words to tell a story about how we both receive and share God's abundant grace through His Word and care.

Christ the Servant forms His people for service, builds His Church through His gifts, and sends His Good News to the ends of the earth. This is why LWML exists.

This is why mite offerings are collected, grants are funded, missionaries are supported, and mercy is shown. Not because the Church needs another organization. Not because the world needs another nonprofit. But because the world needs to hear the Gospel. And God delights to send it through His people.

He went on to share a story about a pastor who had visited a Lutheran ministry in Kenya. The ministry, supported in part by an LWML Mission Grant, provides Gospel-

centered care, education, and vocational training for young women who have been orphaned, abused, or trafficked.

One young woman — let's call her Amina — came to the center after escaping a dangerous situation. Through the ministry's care, she learned to read, received counseling, and heard the Gospel every day.

One afternoon, she approached the visiting pastor with a small booklet of Bible verses translated into Swahili. She said, "Tell the women in America that their gifts brought me the Word of God. Now I can read God's Word for myself. Now I can tell others what Jesus has done for me."

Thank you for joining Lutheran Women in Mission across the nation in proclaiming Christ, supporting missions, and equipping women to honor God by serving others. Thank you for sharing the gifts God gives you so others may know and hear the Good News!

Joyfully serving with you,



Eden M. Keefe

Eden Keefe

LWML President 2023-2027



FieldNotes

Thanks to you ... Our global missions are bringing the Gospel to people around the world. Here are updates from several of our 2023–2025 missions. Thank you for your continued support. Your donations truly make a difference in the lives of so many!

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United States

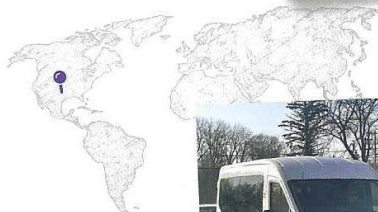
Serving God's Children with Special Needs – Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI

Journeys Lutheran School is committed to helping students grow not only within the classroom, but also in the world around them. One of the most impactful tools in making that vision a reality has been the addition of school vans — simple in appearance, yet powerful in purpose.

Through regular field trips into the community, students are given the opportunity to practice life skills in real-world settings. Whether it's navigating a grocery store, visiting a local park, or participating in community events, these experiences build confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging. Learning extends beyond textbooks as students engage with the world in meaningful and tangible ways.

The vans also make it possible for students to travel to Martin Luther High School for elective classes, expanding their educational experience, allowing students to explore new interests, develop talents, and interact with a broader group of peers. This is also a chance for students to feel more connected to a larger school community while still receiving the individualized support that Journeys provides. Just as importantly, the vans empower our staff to think creatively and intentionally about how to engage students. They remove barriers and open up possibilities.

\$100,000



MISSION
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United States

Zoe's Home Support – Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO

Zoe's Home has been incredibly blessed as a recipient of this LWML Mission Grant. This mission grant meant that the focus of attention over the last two years could be on taking care of 29 women and 21 children. Zoe's is more than a home for these women. Programming skills education and long-term emotional support that stretches well beyond the hours of a typical 9–5 job are provided. Thirteen women have had their children returned to their care from being in foster care. Most of those women found gainful employment and several of them secured their own housing into which they could successfully move.

The mission grant money ensured that the very small staff of Zoe's Home was able to focus entirely on supporting these women and children without financial concerns. The work done at Zoe's Home will impact lives for generations of these women's families. The staff is humbled by the LWML's generosity and each woman who selflessly gave.

\$75,000





August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Information in this newsletter is provided by the various groups and committees. If you don't see your event, it is because you did not send an article. The deadline is always announced on the slides and in the weekly bulletin. An email is sent to all the committees as a reminder. The deadline for the SEPTEMBER newsletter will be August 9, **if articles are not received on time then they will not be included.** I should not have to remind any committee or person to send an article. Do not ask me to include articles after the deadline. Let's make this less stressful than it needs to be.