



**Forest Oaks Lutheran  
Church**

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**Pastor Glenn E. Fischer  
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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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# APRIL 2024

## Church Life Ministry

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church has been revitalizing our Church Life Ministry. This ministry is for any of us to care for one another-our church family. The Greek term for Care for describes the way a nurse cares for a sick patient or a mother gently cares for her baby. The ministry encourages and promotes small group activities designed to foster Christian fellowship. Such as playing games on Wednesday; and the "lunch bunch" is coming back, sign-up is at the member booth.

We are figuring this all out, and will welcome all to assist. A unified Christian experience is what we are looking to create as in 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 "so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

One sign of unity is when all parts have equal concern for each other.

Games, movies, lunch out, Bible studies, and phone calls to members and visitors are the first steps. We are slowly adding home visitations. That is the difficult part of church life ministry. Getting our time schedules together, making the visits (with all the fears and uncertainty).

Please give this ministry your support and participate if you are able. See Marcy Stortzum's report about our once-a-month meeting and what we are all about.

Nahum 1:7 says "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him," and Psalm 144:3 "Lord, what are human beings that you care for them, mere mortals that you think of them?"

When my husband and I first came to FOLC, we received a visit from retired Pastor Lehr and Gerry Ellis, a pleasant surprise to us. Church Life ministry hope is to emulate that wonderful team and experience to FOLC visitors!

God Bless you all. In Christian Love,

Jackie Bearden

FOLC Church Council President

# Ladies Guild



One of our FL/GA Seminary donation recipients and his wife (Stephen and Josie Lane) are expecting their first baby in April (a little girl) and we are collecting gift cards from Walmart or Target through March to send to them. Stephen's father had been the pastor at Faith Lutheran in Lecanto.

This is a picture of Rev. Stephen and Suzanne Lane the parents of Josie and Stephen

Thanks to all who helped make our rummage sale such a huge success. Final count is \$5,221.39.



*SPRING ZONE RALLY*

**HOLD THE DATE !**

**April 27, 2024**

**8:30 am until 12:30**

**Lunch included**

Held at HOPE Lutheran Church

12321 Canton Ave, Hudson, FL 34669

# Lutheran Women in Mission

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 8

**EXPANDING GOSPEL PROCLAMATION WORLDWIDE**

CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI | \$100,000



## *Advanced Theological Education for International Students*

We rejoice knowing that in a number of countries, Christianity, including Lutheranism, is growing, and increased numbers of people are being reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ. However, ensuring the continued spread of the Gospel overseas with informed interpretation of Scripture according to Lutheran doctrine is highly dependent on addressing the significant shortage of well-formed pastors in several countries. Many nations have few seminary professors with advanced-level theological educations. The consequence is that these countries' Lutheran church bodies are unable to adequately train and produce well-formed pastors. They see Concordia Seminary as the gold standard. A seminary is where you send someone to prepare them to serve their church in a meaningful way. They know Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has over 180 years of experience in quality theological education. They look at the history and see the results.

Concordia Seminary is committed to addressing this concern to further the Great Commission with its Graduate School's ongoing acceptance and preparation of highly qualified international students. Most of these students, after earning their advanced theological degrees, will become master and doctorate level professors at their countries' seminaries. They will assume key roles in raising up the next generation of pastors to proclaim the Gospel among their people. They also will serve as leaders involved in further organizing and growing their church bodies, helping ensure that those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn of the wonderful message of salvation through Christ.

The Graduate School provides high-level theological learning via an interactive seminar format that includes frequent discussion and exchange of information, concepts, and opinions. Foreign students have shared their education not just academically, but there is a deeper spiritual engagement in these courses as well. The Seminary faculty make themselves available outside the classroom. They engage the students by talking with them and learning from them. The foreign students attend chapel and participate in numerous seminary conferences.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19–20).*

# Care Ministry

## You Missed It!

Sorry, it was loads of fun. Hope next time you can join the fellowship. We played Rummikub and Dominoes after Lent Service, and soup lunch. With excitement and laughter everyone knew they would be back the following Wednesday to enjoy the fellowship and opportunity to win. What a way to enjoy Christian love. We have decided to continue the games day. Game Day will continue 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. That's April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Our next event will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a movie, popcorn, beverages and pizza. Mike and Jan Schur purchased the comedy movie The Pacifier.



The Pacifier is a Walt Disney comedy film starring Vin Diesel. Rural King volunteered to donate popcorn and Thrivent Action Team donated funds for pizza and beverages. The best part it's **Free!** Invite your family and friends to join the Christian fellowship at Forest Oak Lutheran Church. Please let us know the number in your family that will attend. Thanks to Mike, Jan, Rural King, Thrivent and our Members to make this event possible.

Signup sheet is at the Information Center.



The 3rd Wednesday of each month, we have plans to enjoy lunch at various restaurants. Mary Lou Kading is our leader. Let her know your restaurant suggestion. April 17<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Thousand Island Café at 12:00. The Café is located at 3438 Commercial Way. Please sign up at the Information Center.

You will have no problem remembering the Care Ministry like I told you; we do like the number 3. Our Care Ministry meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Plan to join and share your ideas. Your input is valuable. April meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday School room at 10 AM.

In Christian Love, Your Care Ministry Team

**Thursday Bible Study:** You know we have a bible Study every Thursday at 9 AM in our conference room. It starts at 9 AM and we have coffee and donuts or light snacks. This group is open to anyone who wants to attend.

**Saturday Ladies Bible Study:** "Bad Girls of the Bible" April 12th and 26th Women's Saturday Bible Study is at 10 - 11 A.M. We are going to study the second chapter of the book Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet every other Saturday in the Sunday school classroom.

**Second Tuesday Ladies Bible Study:** "Bless These Lips" April 9th, location to be announced. This Bible study is located at a home the second Tuesday of each month

## **FOLC GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP APRIL 2024**



Trust....Pray...It will be okay....Time will heal....these and so many other words become a familiar mantra to those of us experiencing grief. Yet it doesn't feel okay, it isn't easy to trust, and at times it is even difficult to pray....after all, didn't we all pray for OUR will to be done, but it obviously didn't go our way.

Why. Why does my loved one have to die? Why did a person die so young? Why do I or someone else have to suffer? Why did my job let me go? And the list again goes on.

Truth is. Only God knows the whys. But we are here for those of you who want to share, be heard, that need a hug...whatever you need at this point of time and throughout your grieving process.

You can come and just sit in, you can share, you can cry or even laugh, but this group is for each and every one of you experiencing grief. There are no easy answers, there are no fast solutions, and there is no one way to grieve. Just know we are here for you. Come join our group.

We meet: The Second Thursday of each month in the Sunday School Room at 11 am.

**Grief Support: Meeting:** April 11th at 11 am in the Sunday School Room at Church.

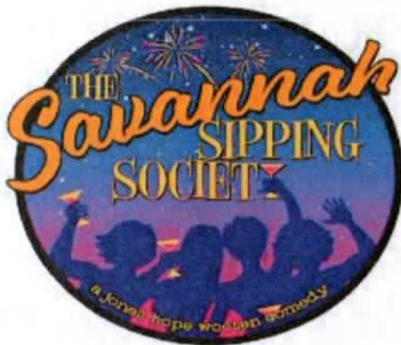
**Grief Support Social:** April 26th at 7:30 pm at Stage West (Sign up in Narthex)

ON THE FORUM STAGE

APRIL 2024

19, 20, 21

26, 27, 28



By JAMIE WOOTEN,  
JESSIE JONES,  
NICHOLAS HOPE

Four Southern women,  
all needing to

escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment—and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends.

## 2023-2024 PRICING

### INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

	Adult	Student	Group
Main Stage	\$28	\$20	\$26
Forum Stage	\$22	\$15	\$20

### SEASON TICKETS

BOTH Stages	\$95
All FIVE productions	
Musicals ONLY	\$50
Two productions	
Plays ONLY	\$60
Three productions	

Showtimes are 7:30 PM for evening performances, and 2 PM for matinees. Matinees are held on both Sundays, and the second Saturday performance.

Patrons may exchange their tickets for another performance of that show or may donate their tickets back to the theater. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.



# TEEN FOCUS



Have you ever felt frustrated, angry, discouraged? Have you ever felt like no one cares? If you haven't, you probably will at some point in your life. When these feelings or emotions present themselves how can one keep from "reacting" in these moments of time?

Although there are many books written about this, I want to present you with something you can use when these feelings/emotions first come about. And that is to use the **STOPP** method.

**S**top, be still 

**T**hink about the situation 

**O**bserve what is happening, where you are, and what keeps

you the safest 

**P**ray (even a minute prayer) 

**P**roceed in a **P**ositive and **P**roductive manner. 

When you do this, you can avoid many problems. Although it may not resolve the issues you are facing, by taking these steps you can prayerfully minimize them by taking time to think how you will respond. Trying situations will present themselves to you, how you respond can make a difference.

We had a guest singer in March. This is Katy Miller granddaughter of Kathy and Bob Biggs who sang "Goodness of God"



## QUILTING FOR CHARITY

This item will be brief due to the difficulties of one arm typing. My shoulder replacement is still healing but I want to keep you informed of the quilters' activities.

First, from the last month's newsletter, the following photo shows an example of the many little girl's pillowcase dresses Suzie and her group have been making. These are to be sent to Africa.



Ilona's girl's dress

During the past month, we had the privilege of donating a box full of afghans and throws to the Cancer Center to help their patients stay warm during their infusions and other treatments. We thank Kelly for delivering them.

Since we cannot all work in the new quilting storage room at the same time, a few of us are still sorting and storing our fabric, etc., while others have been busy assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Earlier this year, Darlene made 6 or more tops which are currently being made into finished quilts. The results are shown below:



Darlene also enjoys making flannel kids' quilts:



I omitted one thing last month in my report. Since we had an abundance of baby items that haven't been selling and we also have limited space to store them, we chose to donate some of the sweaters and baby blankets to the gift shop at Oakhill Hospital. The profits of the store are used in

a scholarship fund so we consider this to be a charitable cause. We thank Darlene for delivering the items when she volunteers there.

It is difficult not being able to be with the group for a short while so the following photo message was very special to me.

**Blessed to be a blessing!**



We are family! You can come to the fellowship hall anytime on Monday afternoons to share the love. May the joy and peace of Easter be with you all year long!

*Karen*

## *Anniversaries*

04/14 Phil & Sharon McKenna

## *Birthdays*

04/04 Christine Henson,

04/18 Jeffrey Pridgen

04/20 Starr Magaldino

04/23 Walter Neumann

04/30 Diana Koelling

### MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF:</u>	<u>FOR THE BENEFIT:</u>	<u>GIVEN BY:</u>
3/3/2024	Gary Bartz	Memorial Garden	Cindy Bartz
3/3/2024	Gary Bartz	Future Maintenance Fund	Cathy Walter
3/3/2024	Cheryl Graves	Sunday School	Pastor and Jocelyn Fischer
3/10/2024	Derald Kading	Future Maintenance Fund	Mary Lou Kading

Please, please help me out and get your calendar dates in to the office by Wednesday of each week by 12 noon and for the newsletter they must be submitted by the second Sunday of the month. Otherwise, your event will not be published on the newsletter calendar or the bulletin. I spend all day Friday printing Bulletins and newsletters. We must work on being better at this. Next Newsletter articles will be due on April 14.  
Thanks Lyla



# April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Hour Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class 11 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>1 Office Closed Quilters 1 PM</p>	<p>2 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>3 Care ministry Movie Day, 4 PM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 9 AM</p>	<p>5 <b>H.C.I.G</b> 7 PM</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>14 Service 9:30 AM <b>Mites Sunday</b> <b>+Communion</b> Fellowship Hour Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation class 11 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>8 Office Closed Quilters 1 PM</p>	<p>9 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM <b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>at Jan Schur's home 2</b> <b>PM</b></p>	<p>10 <b>Women's Guild</b> 10 AM Game day 1 PM</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 9 AM <b>Grief Support, 11</b> <b>AM</b></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <b>Women's Bible</b> <b>Study 10-11 AM</b> <b>Sunday school Room</b></p>
<p>21 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Hour Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class 11 AM Bible Study 11 AM</p>	<p>15 Office Closed Quilters 1 PM</p>	<p>16 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>17 Care Mtg. 10 AM <b>FOLC Lunch</b> <b>with friends</b> <b>12 noon.</b></p>	<p>18 Bible Study 9 AM Produce drop 9-11 AM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>28 Service 9:30 AM <b>+Communion</b> Fellowship Hour Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation class 11 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>22 Office Closed Quilters 1 PM</p>	<p>23 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM</p>	<p>24 <b>Game day 1 PM</b></p>	<p>25 Bible Study 9 AM</p>	<p>26 <b>Grief Support</b> <b>Social</b> <b>At Stage West</b> <b>7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>27 <b>Women's Bible</b> <b>Study 10-11 AM</b> <b>Spring Zone Rally</b> <b>Hope Hudson 8:30</b> <b>AM</b></p>

