



# May 2025

**Forest Oaks Lutheran  
Church**  
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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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## Preparation

As I reminded myself an article is due I am preparing to take a 6 day trip to Wilmington, North Carolina for a Granddaughter's wedding. After responding to the invitation, I made my travel arrangements; bought the Grandmother of the Bride's dress (not too glitzy but still a special dress); made a list of tasks to complete; and started gathering items to pack. I am hopeful, after all of this young couple's preparation and their wedding day is now less than a week away – that they are enjoying the anticipation.

Just imagine how great the day when we will see what God has been preparing for our arrival to live with Him for eternity. A place and banquet like no other we have experienced. Isaiah 25:6 "On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines."

What the Lord has prepared for the Christian's arrival will be unimaginably marvelous. Pastor's favorite funeral scripture: John 14:2 "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"

Matthew 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"

1 Corinthians 2:9 "However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' the things God has prepared for those who love him-"

Oh the wonderful things we will see and experience after all the preparations!

As our snowbirds (or sand birds) prepare to leave the summer heat of Florida I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. Those of us that stay in Florida will enjoy the quiet, lazy days ahead. And we will enjoy fellowship with one another.

God bless you all, Jackie Bearden

## **MAIL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE:**



Our mail carriers help us yearly with a nationwide food drive. It is the day before Mother's Day. We are one of the collection sites. It requires a lot of work. We have mail trucks dropping off food that they collect. It is **May 10th** and our trucks start early in the morning about 11:00 and run up to 7:00. Different food pantries participate and help is needed for collecting and packing. All pantries join in the labor and share in the collection.

This is how many of us acquire our canned foods for our clients. We have a sign-up sheet at the welcome center.

# WOMEN'S GUILD

Ladies Guild last meeting of the 24/25 season will be **WEDNESDAY MAY 21**. We will meet at **11:00 am** at the **Golden Corral** on Hwy. 19 for lunch, last meeting updates, installation of officers, and a plan for 25/26 season. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center

## *Confirmation*





## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION**

Left to right

Jeffrey Pridgen, Lili Summerlin, Laurel Wandahsega, Kayla Wandahsega,  
Angela Kenney and Garcii Lusk

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS MITES SUNDAY

Your donations at work!



## for Special Needs Children

BY CAITLIN MCCALLUM WITH MISSION EDITOR BRIANNE STAHLCKER



Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) is incredibly grateful for the support they've received from the ladies of the LWML Funding Mission Grant #23, "A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children" has enabled them to serve children who learn diversely in Lutheran schools

across the country. This means that more children were able to attend, remain, and be successful in their Lutheran schools while experiencing God's love in a supportive Christian environment.

**LSEM's vision: every child, no matter their learning need, has access to a Christian education.**

Support from donors like LWML enables this vision to become a reality.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Read on to see how LWML mission grant support has helped these children come to Jesus.

One teacher, Sandi Goerish, in Anchorage, Alaska, shared that she had a sixth grade student with autism who had many struggles. Notably, he never learned how to properly form his letters and couldn't write legibly. He struggled with spelling, despite being a good reader, and he had no idea how to add, subtract, multiply, or divide. In a matter of a few short months, he became confident in his ability to write, his spelling abilities improved, and he learned the four basic math operations. This student made tremendous strides, showing how resilient kids can be if someone takes the time to work with them.

Robert Hoch, teaching in Macomb, Michigan, read the chapter book, *Hannah*, with two fourth grade students. The story tells about how Hannah, a blind girl in 1887, was made fun of and excluded by fellow

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students when she attended the one room school. They talked about how handicapped children are not always treated nicely and how we should treat everyone kindly. The students realized that if people get to know you, others are ready to accept you and include you, whatever your handicap.

In Minnesota, LSEM teacher Terri Bentz saw a child and parent fighting to win battles together. Terri worked with the kindergartner to overcome large learning gaps and give him the building blocks for successful learning. Simultaneously, the child's mother was fighting breast cancer, requiring many treatments and several surgeries. Together, this mother and son team faced their troubles, were encouraged and supported by their Lutheran school and community, and, with God's grace and blessing, won their respective battles.

These are just a few of the small moments of making a difference in the lives of children. Lutheran Women in Mission, your mission grant support enabled LSEM to continue to reach out and serve these children in their local Lutheran schools, so that they can be academically successful while being spiritually filled in a Christ-centered learning environment. Q

Caitlin McCallum is the Donor Relations Specialist of LSEM and celebrates the impact of stories and the written word. She hopes these words inspire hope, foster joy, and impart gratitude.

## 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 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).*





## **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEAS AND LENTEN SERVICES**

Thank all our Lenten soup makers. They gave us a wonderful variety of delicious soup. And a big thanks to all who brought Strada and fruits for our Easter

Breakfast

**Food Pantry:** Thank all of you who have supported us over the last year we would not be able to meet our mission without you. God bless you all,  
Lonnie

## **CARE MINISTRY EVENTS FOR MAY**

**Dance Classes** will be six Saturdays in a row starting Saturday **May 3 at 1:00 PM**. We Hope you will join us.



**Game Days** will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM  
**May 14 and 28th**

**Fun Bingo** will be 3rd Thursday of the month.  
**May 15 at 1 PM**. Bring a white elephant wrapped gift to use as a prize



**Lunch Bunch** Wednesday May 21 at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant at 13095 Cortez Blvd. Meet us there at Noon. For more info call Judy Ryder 352-263-5349.

**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. There is a signup 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





## *Birthdays*

05/06 Carol Ann Blue  
05/07 Ramon Rivera  
05/09 Logan Braun  
05/09 Suzanne Wood  
05/10 Bob Schuleit  
05/12 Andrew Fischer  
05/20 Michele Jefcoat  
05/25 Lauren Grimsland

## *Anniversaries*

05/04 Marliss & Harry Kyler  
05/10 Glenn & Jocelyn Fischer  
05/14 Shari & Patrick Farra  
05/17 Matt & Cindy Pederson  
05/24 Ken & Bobbi Mattia  
05/27 Jess & Judy Ward  
05/28 Kenneth & Pamela White

# **PRECIOUS MOTHER**

*For many years now, my mom has been gone,  
My heart has missed her so very long.*

*Still watching over me,  
through all my right and wrong.*

*For my precious Mother,  
I dedicate this poem and song.*

*When my words appear so small  
And can't express it all;*

*When my burdens grow too hard for me to bear;  
Your sweet, gentle smile & everlasting love,  
Tenderly tells me how much you care.*

*In soft silence, just search through my heart,  
And believe all the love that I have for you.*

*With gratefulness for your many gifts,  
And for everything you do.*

*I give endless praise for you,  
Because you're consistently there.*

*I feel that you always knew,*

*Patient guidance would see me through.,  
Your forbearance, your love & your wisdom,  
Is what I've been searching for;*

*My Dear Precious Mother,  
I couldn't love you any more!*

*I love you.*

*Your daughter.....Marti*

*Written by Marti Kelley*

*I Myself could not have chosen a more Beautiful Mother in my world!*

*I am so grateful and blessed that God handpicked her!*

*My devoted Mother was my happiness for sure.*

*God pledged Her Guarantee with much MAGNIFICENCE,*

*watching over me at every turn and each glance.*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Pastors Bible class, 11 AM Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM	<b>6</b> Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study, 9 AM	<b>9</b> Grief Support Group, 11 AM	<b>10</b> Postal Food Drive 11? Women's Bible Study 11 AM Dance class 1 PM
<b>11</b> Mites Sunday Mothers Day Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Pastors Bible class, 11 AM Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM	<b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM	<b>13</b> Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM Finance Mtg. 9 AM	<b>14</b> Bible Study, 9 AM Game Day 1 PM	<b>15</b> Produce Drop 9 AM Bingo 1 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Dance class 1 PM
<b>18</b> Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Pastors Bible class, 11 AM Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM	<b>19</b> OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM	<b>20</b> Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM	<b>21</b> Women's Guild, end of year fellowship, 11 AM Golden Corral Lunch Bunch Ruby Tuesday Noon	<b>22</b> Bible Study, 9 AM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Dance class 1 PM
<b>25</b> Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Pastors Bible class, 11 AM Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 PM Communion	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM	<b>27</b> Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM	<b>28</b> Game Day 1 PM	<b>29</b> Bible Study, 9 AM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Women's bible Study 11 AM Dance class 1 PM