FOREST OAKS LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Drawing people to Christ"



NOVEMBER 2026

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church
8555 Forest Oaks Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34606
352-683-9731
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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INVITATION TO SERVE

God has given each of us gifts we can use to bless others.

Ephesians 4:16 "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

We are getting close to the year-end and it is time to think about being involved at Forest Oaks Lutheran Church, as with every church in the world we rely on volunteers in many capacities. Some of those are weekly, as with the food pantry where thankfully many give generously their time, strength, and donations. Just show up on a Tuesday and see all the people working so hard. Be careful, they will put you to work.

Some tasks take an hour or two as with counting donations or preparing the report for the treasurers. For some it is their gift; in finance, computer work, in the kitchen. committee work with LWML and Men's Group, prayer chain updates; ushering and greeters, Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, and Bible Study leader; videographer of our services;

Choir leader and choir member; working the sound board; organizing brunch, funeral lunches, and game days; Altar Guild and organizing the Altar Guild Group. The quilters group and embroiderer of baptism napkins.

The Church Council is a volunteer group. We have volunteers that are creative in developing new ways for fundraising and special services. Every service for many years,

Judy has prepared the slides we all use prior to and during church service. Then, during service the slides are displayed on the screens using human power to move from slide to slide. Barbara has been trained to run the slides also. We do not have anyone else who knows how the slides are prepared (I have tried to understand the process)

Keith, is our property manager and holds this volunteer position. Keith is a man of great talents and dedication making sure the church grounds and building are in good order.

I do not want to ignore those of you who gave us your time in years past and now have a well -deserved rest. Thank you.

Thank you all who hold a position and even several positions. You are appreciated and I pray you have a sense of community and pride in your gift.

I f I forgot a group, I apologize. Some of our members and attenders do not know what happens behind the scene in a well-run church. Sometimes we do not realize how much a little of our time can mean to someone else. A big commitment is not necessary or expected from anyone. You will experience the joy that comes from serving alongside other believers. You dear member and regular attender are not just attending a church service; you are part of a church family and we can work together to serve the Lord.

God Bless you all, Jackie Bearden



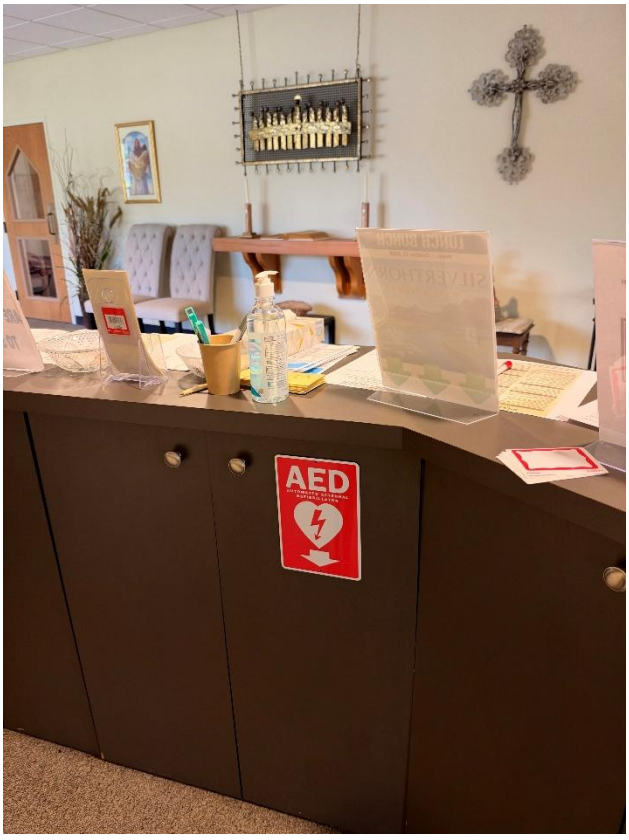
We have an AED at FOLC

in the Narthex, at the membership desk displayed in these pictures. Several members were trained on using the machine if a person is in need of help.

A part of our training is to ask someone nearby to please get the AED.

It is in the cabinet, on the bottom shelf in a black bag.

The orange bag holds Narcan that will help an individual in drug overdose. Neither of these systems can cause harm.





Sunday School

We have been working our way through the Enduring Faith Curriculum; "God Redeems His People". One of the lessons included the baptism of Jesus. I thought it would be great to have Pastor Fischer show and explain to the Sunday School students the baptismal font in the church. They seemed to be genuinely intrigued with what they were being told!

I also want to thank Marcia Pridgen, Casey Shingle, and Marlene Kuhn for stepping in when I was unable to teach Sunday School! A special thank you for the beautiful bulletin boards that Jodell Burgdorf has been creating for the Sunday School. **Caryl Kellerman**



November 8th - Late Start Confirmation Class

November 15th - NO Confirmation Class - rummage sale tear down

November 29th - Late Start Confirmation Class -

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JOHN 16:33
2026 District Convention
Opening Worship
Lutheran Women in Mission

This was the theme of the 2026 Florida-Georgia Lutheran Women in Mission district convention held in September. Two delegates from our church Women's Guild attended, Marlene Kuhn and Susan Russo. They had the privilege and responsibility to vote for three items on the agenda; the election of new officers, changes in the by-laws, and recipients of the 2026 mission grants. A pamphlet was given to each delegate detailing all information needed to vote. After study, discussion and prayerful consideration, votes were cast and new officers were chosen, by-laws were changed, and mission grants were distributed.

We are blessed to announce that our Forest Oaks Lutheran Church Body & Soul Food Pantry is a recipient of their mission grant proposal for refrigeration needs. District Grant monies come from the donation of "mites" gathered from all the Lutheran churches in the Fl-Ga district. Mites (coins, paper money, checks) are collected at our church every 2nd Sunday. Many worthy recipients are benefited not only locally but nationally, and in many parts of the world. It's amazing what a gathering of mites can do to serve the LORD by helping others.



We celebrated LWML Sunday on October 11. A skit written by Pastor Fischer was the Sermon with Lyn Derenski as his time traveling partner.

Charlie Ferman assisted in the skit. After the service we had a fellowship time with a cake provided by The Ladies Guild.



Annual Rummage Sale is **November 13 and 14th** you can bring in your donations now, to the fellowship hall. **We cannot take large furniture or appliances**.

The last day we will be accepting donations for the Rummage Sale will be Sunday morning November 8th. After that we need to work on the setup and organizing.

We need volunteers to move chairs and set up the tables, we will be doing the usual time of 8am to noon Monday - Thursday for our regular unpacking, organizing, and pricing. Please sign up at the members center to help with unpacking, sorting and displaying items during the rummage sale. Remember this is a fundraising event for our Ladies guild.





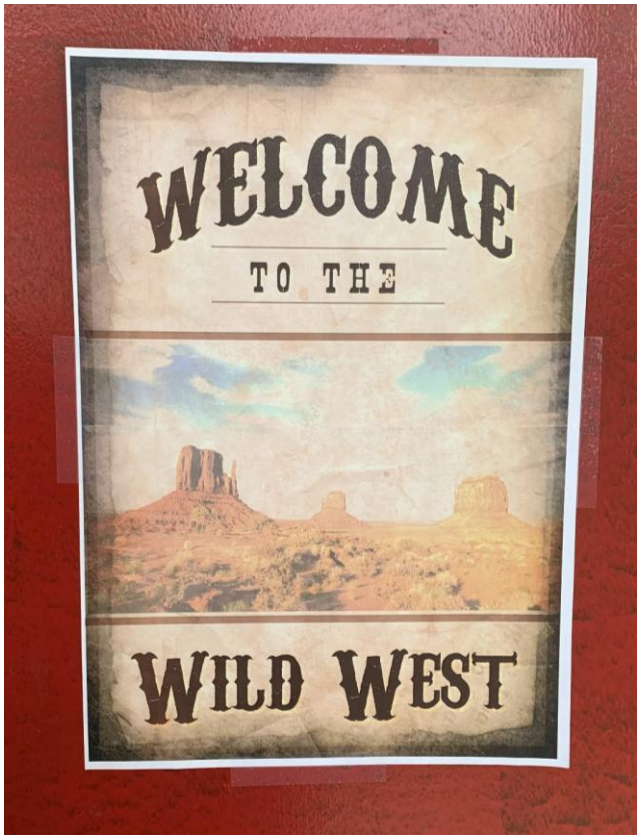
The Forest Oaks Quilt Group recently attended a quilt show at Heritage Pines in Hudson. We sold several of our quilts and many of our holiday items. Abbey recently completed a tote flap bag that she created and hand sewed. We are so proud of her. We meet every Monday from 1-5 PM. Join Us!



WILD WEST MYSTERY DINNER - A Fund Raiser for the Vittles (Food) Pantry. We gathered on October 17 for a western dinner and a mystery to solve. Who Shot the Sherriff? We had a full house and a good time!






WELCOME
TO THE
WILD WEST




EXIT



Pastor Appreciation Sunday





Thanksgiving Dinner

We will host Thanksgiving Day Dinner at on November 26. We will begin with a Thanksgiving Day service at 11 AM.
Then gather in the Fellowship Hall for Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, coffee and tea provided by the church
We have a sign up sheet for anyone interested in attending the dinner and please bring a side dish to share. Vegetable dishes are suggested.



Birthdays



11/01	Glenn Fischer
11/06	Judith Hornfeldt
11/10	Tom Shay
11/12	Mike Dollins
11/13	Gary Emke
11/19	Phil McKenna
11/20	Steve Arndt
11/25	Caryl Kellerman
11/26	Mary Lou Kading
11/26	JoAnne Kokes



Anniversaries

11/08	Mike & Doreen Davis
11/08	Nancy & James Skinner
11/09	Kelly & David Clark
11/28	Bob & Sharon Pavlik

Memorial Gift From:	In Memoryor Honor of:	For the Benefit of:
Anonyomous	(H) Judy Ward's 80th Birthday	Food Pantry Fund
Audrey Dean	(M) Harold Dean	Unspecified
Eddie & Drema Gottsman	Betty Barba & Angela Barba	Fire Alarm System Replacement
Margo Hoyt	(M) Cliff Hoyt	Future Maintenance Fund
Janette & John Colito	(M) Otto Prostka	General Fund

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Service 9:30 AM Sunday School & Confirmation class 10:45 AM Fellowship Time Youth Group 11:15 AM Pastors Bible class	**2** Office Closed on Mondays Quilters 1 PM	**3** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** TOPS 9 AM Food Pantry 9 AM Election Day	**4** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** **Game day 1 PM**	**5** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** **Bible Study**	**6** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM**	**7** **Office closed**
8 Service 9:30 AM **Mites Sunday** Sunday School & Confirmation class 10:45 AM Fellowship Time Youth Group 11:15 AM Pastors Bible class	**9** Office Closed on Mondays ***Rummage Sale set up*****	**10** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** TOPS 9 AM Food Pantry 9 AM	**11** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** **Rummage Sale set up**	**12** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** ********	**13** **Office open** **9 AM-1 PM** **Rummage Sale**	**14** **Office closed** **8 AM– 12**
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29 Service 9:30 AM Sunday School & Confirmation class 10:45 AM **Potluck Sunday** Youth Group 11:15 AM Pastors Bible class Choir rehearsal 12:30 ***Communion***	**30** Office Closed on Mondays Quilters 1 PM					