



SEPTEMBER 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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Our Pastor: a shepherd, teacher, protector, encourager, and one who prays for and cares for the spiritual well-being of our congregation. But a great networker he is not!

Recently, I spoke with someone who has been coming to church for 2 years but said they never met Pastor Fischer. It shocks me to hear this, but I know since Covid lockdown Pastor doesn't meet us all at the exit door and he just isn't going to search someone out before they head for home. Nothing is going to change that. I previously went to mega churches so wasn't used to having a friendly relationship with a Pastor where the Pastor knew my name. But I tell people they will have to go to him either immediately after service, where I have witnessed him being very happy to meet people there. Or go to the "smoking corner" where anyone is welcome and Pastor is open to meeting you there. Our Bible studies are another way to get to know Pastor and fellow Christians.

Pastor Fischer does shepherd and care for us. He teaches God's Word faithfully and prays for us. He will go to a hospital bed and be with a family at the time of severe illness or prior to death. Pastor encourages us to care for each other; to welcome people joyfully; to give of our time and resources. Pastor Fischer knows pastoral leadership is a serious responsibility and as Hebrews 13:17 says Church leaders must keep watch over our souls as they will give an account to God. He does not know who gives \$10 and who gives \$500 but he sure does know the Bible and teaches us and encourages us to read, learn, and inwardly digest the Word of God. Please go and meet Pastor where he is at, you will not be disappointed.

I cannot believe it will be September. Typically the fall brings nicer temperatures and some snow birds/sunbirds back to Florida.

God bless you all, Jackie Bearden

IT'S THE "BER" TIME OF YEAR:

September, October, November, December. It's that time of year after summer vacations and when our snowbirds start returning. It's that time of year when activities, committees, and meetings at church start picking up. Our finance committee meets once a month and will be meeting in September to review our financial picture, begin developing the budget for 2027, and looking at current and future maintenance issues in preparation for the Voters' meeting. If you are interested in knowing how your tithes and contributions are used for the mission and maintenance of your congregation here at FOLC, you are encouraged to come and participate on the Finance Committee. You can help us budget wisely, plan for the future, and make sure our resources are used for to advance God's mission in our community. By joining the Finance Committee, you will play a vital role in sustaining and growing our ministries, help ensure financial accountability and transparency, and use your skills to serve God and bless others. Serving on the Finance Committee isn't just about numbers. It's about making sure that when someone gives, their gift goes exactly to where it's needed most. Please check the bulletin and slides for the exact September date and time. If you are interested or have questions, please see Jess Ward.

Thank you Volunteers

Volunteers are just ordinary people with big hearts

They offer the Gift of their time

They know the unexpected joy of a hug

They've planted seeds of Love

Volunteers are just ordinary people just like YOU.

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.



For Lillian Summerlin

Saturday September 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Forest Oaks Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited. For more information call Marcia at 352-263-0397.

Lilli is registered on Amazon baby registry under Casey Summerlin



This month we meet for lunch on
September 16, at Outback Steakhouse
in Spring Hill. 12 Noon

More information to come. We will
have a signup sheet soon.



LWML ladies Guild: will meet on **September 9th** at 9 AM. This is our first Fall meeting and we will have a Breakfast served by our Men's Club. All ladies of forest Oaks Lutheran are members of LWML and are welcome to join us. Please sign up if you are attending the breakfast.

LWML Sunday is on October 11th.

More information to come.

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday in October, Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday can be celebrated any time.

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. This theme is based on the texts: Ecclesiastes 3:9–15, Galatians 2:1–10, and Mark 10:35–45.

Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.



About the Author

Rev. Mark Maas, LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor, serves King of Glory Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he lives with his wife Cheri. An LCMS pastor for almost 40 years, he's held multiple roles in LWML and the Wyoming District, including 1st Vice President. He directs "Project: Pastoral Education West

Africa" and enjoys Wyoming's outdoors for hunting, hiking, and fishing.

Lutheran Women in Mission: The LWML women attending the District Convention on September 18-20 at Palm Beach Gardens FL. are: Marlene Kuhn, Ellouise Emke, Susan Russo, Nina Shirk.

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.

[Mite Boxes](#), available from the district, zone, or LWML office, are distributed to every woman in a society, and often to each member of the congregation. Local groups submit Mite Box offerings to the appointed district officer.

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](#)).

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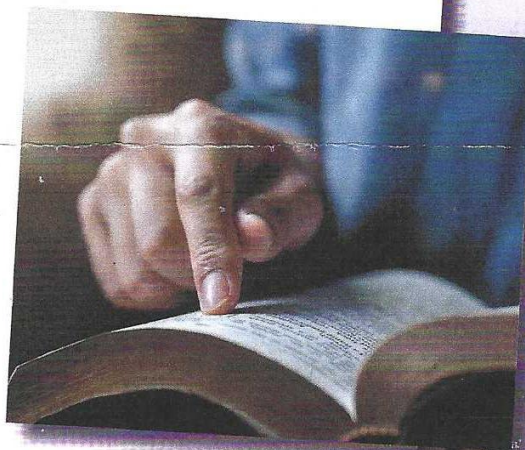
God's Word for Central and South American Missions – Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Through the mighty mites of the thousands of women of the LWML, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) has translated and printed 46,000 books about Jesus to give to Spanish-speaking believers in the United States and throughout Central and South America!

For those sharing the Gospel in Central and South America, books like Luther's Small Catechism and A Child's Garden of Bible Stories can be invaluable resources in teaching the faith. As Rev. Ted Krey, regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod explains, "Lutheran pastors and seminarians around Latin America and the Caribbean thirst for solid biblical Lutheran materials. Upon investigation of our region, it was found that our average Lutheran pastor had fewer than three books from which to preach, teach, and guide people in the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

These books are given free of charge to those who need them in 19 countries throughout the Americas, as well as in the United States. This includes not only churches and missionaries, but prison ministries (including in detention centers along the border), food banks, pregnancy centers, LCMS schools, the U.S. military, community events, and even state fairs!

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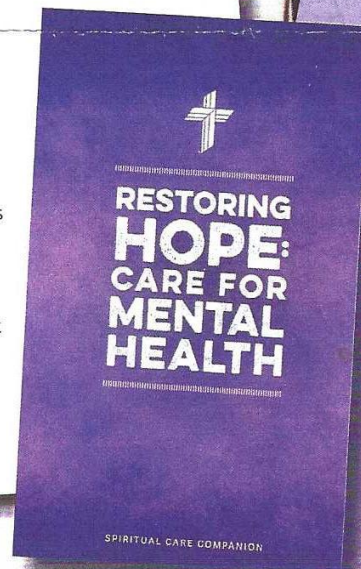
Upheld By God's Hand - Mental Health Outreach – LCMS Life Ministry

As the need for mental health care remains dire, LCMS Life & Health Ministry continues to address the desire of pastors, church workers, and lay leaders to be better equipped in providing effective and appropriate care for their congregation members, people in their communities, and each other.

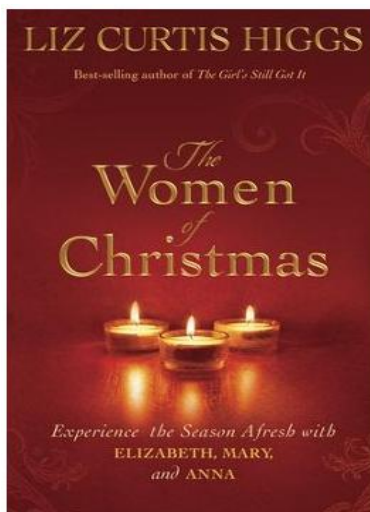
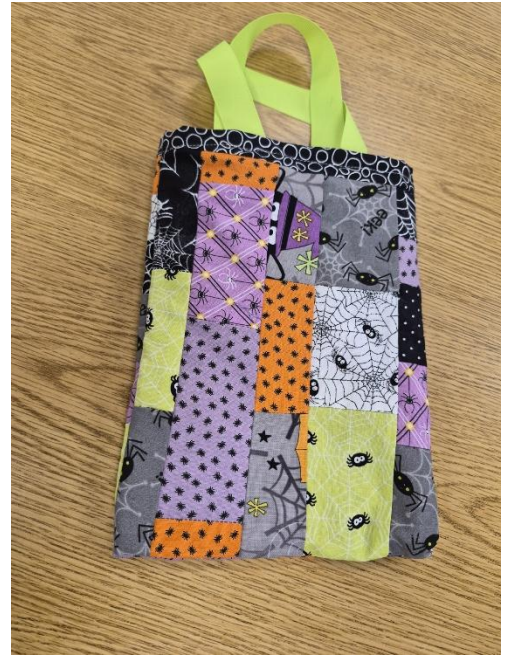
Through LWML's gracious gift for 2023–2025 Mission Grant #7 Upheld by God's Hand – Mental Health Outreach, presentations for training workers and lay volunteers in districts and circuits across the United States have been offered, as well as creating resources freely and widely available to the public. Such resources include the "Restoring Hope: Care for Mental Health" spiritual care companion, which collects Scripture verse, hymns, and prayers for use in supporting mental health and providing spiritual care for mental illness, and special seasons on the podcasts "Friends for Life" and "God's Mission Here" which covers a wide scope of mental health-related topics. Both are available at Resources.LCMS.org.

Three training courses have been developed and launched as well: "Mental Health Support for Children and Youth," "Spiritual Care: A Primer" and "Mental Health – Companion to Training Programs" allow participants to dive deep into pertinent strategies and skills for gaining a better understanding and awareness of mental health problems and illness. These are available at LCMSLearning.org.

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THE WOMEN'S QUILTING GROUP meets every Monday from 1-4. This month Veronica designed and completed 2 Halloween bags for a member's grandchildren. Everyone is invited to attend even if you can't sew. We are so proud of the progress Veronica has made in her sewing and quilting



THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month beginning September 12th at 10:00 AM in the conference room. We will be studying *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All women are invited. We hope to see you there.

BIRTHDAYS

09/04	Connor Clark
09/04	Ellouise Emke
09/09	Bob Villarrubia
09/11	Marty Hoerle
09/12	Amy Hunter
09/16	Mary K Klein
09/17	Betty Marshall
09/18	Marliss Kyler
09/19	Rosalie Guarante
09/26	Sue Guthrie
09/26	Judy Ward
09/27	Nancy Deleff
09/27	Diane Sims
09/28	Sharon Pavlik
09/29	Bailee Poholek

ANNIVERSARIES

09/01	Bob & Dani Villarrubia
09/15	Gary & Marty Hoerle

OCTOBER EVENTS COMING UP

WILD WEST MYSTERY DINNER

A Fund Raiser for the Vittles (Food) Pantry For \$10 a head ('cept kiddos 12 and under are free) sign up to wrangle yourself some grub and solve the mystery! We'll be a gatherin' up on **Oct. 17th at 3:00pm** at the General Store for a bitty bite. Then head over to the chuck wagon for a hardy supper. The kiddy bar will have the weak drinks, or iffin' you have \$2 bucks cash, you can belly up at the bar where you can purchase a LITTLE beer or wine. Then, iffin' you have any room left, head on back to the General Store there for some sweet eats. All the while you'll be a listenin' and a watchin' for clues to solve the mystery. Solve the mystery and you'll be a headin' home before sundown and lookin' forward to next year's round up. Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Center.



COMING OCTOBER 31 TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31 5:30-7:30 PM. We will have a signup sheet out for those who want to participate and decorate their car.

We need lots of bags of candy for this event. So, bring in those candy donations.

The office is trying very hard to update our information database. If you have a change in address or phone number or email address, can you please call the office and give us this information or email the information to.

forestoakslutheran@outlook.com. You can also just fill out an information update form.

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.

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