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Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

13600 Caspian Lane
Clermont, FL 34711
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
9:30am

Rev. Dennis Schmidt, Pastor
Rev. Julie Frank, guest Pastor
Joe Foryan, Worship Coordinator
Paul Motto, Organist/Pianist
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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Mission Statement: "Make Known God's Grace"
Motto: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

WELCOME! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We pray that you will find our worshipping community to be welcoming and a place where you will hear and feel God's grace. If you are new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area where you can get additional information. We trust God's Spirit has led you here and that God will speak to you today.

NEW MEMBERS

***If you would like to inquire about membership here at SOTH,
please notify the church office for more information.***

Hearing Amplification Devices Available

Please see an usher if you would like to use a device to assist in hearing.

In Need of a Bible? A member of our church has graciously donated a supply of Bibles to be given to anyone in need of one. Pick one up from the Welcome Center Table in the back of the church.

*Restrooms are located in both the Education and Administrative wings.
Baby Changing Station is located in the Restroom in the Education wing.*

Holy Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you at your seat.

Communion wafers & wine are offered. **Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we do not use Intinction at this time.**

Grape juice (instead of wine) and gluten free wafers (non-wheat) are available by request when you come forward to receive communion.

*Reference to hymnals are as follows: **LBW:** Lutheran Book of Worship hymnal (green); **WOV:** With One Voice (blue); **ELW:** Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal*

****indicates to please stand as you are able***

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Third Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

A TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

C: And also with you!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

L: ¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and
hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will
hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed ^l sacrifices,
and put your trust ^l in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

L: ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not
know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children
now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is
this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he
is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is
pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is
no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen
him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone
who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(spoken together)*

Alleluia.

**Our hearts burn within us
while you open to us the scriptures.**

Alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning in the twenty-fourth chapter.

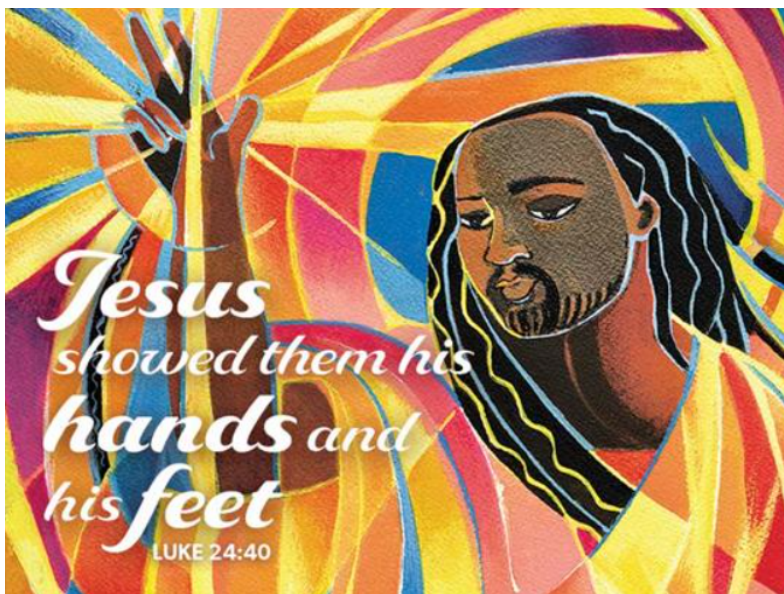
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



***HYMN OF THE DAY "As we Gather At Your Table" ELW 522 v1-3**



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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***THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Sung before and after the prayers.*)**

"Surely the Presence Of The Lord"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

(Response after each petition:)

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: We share God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

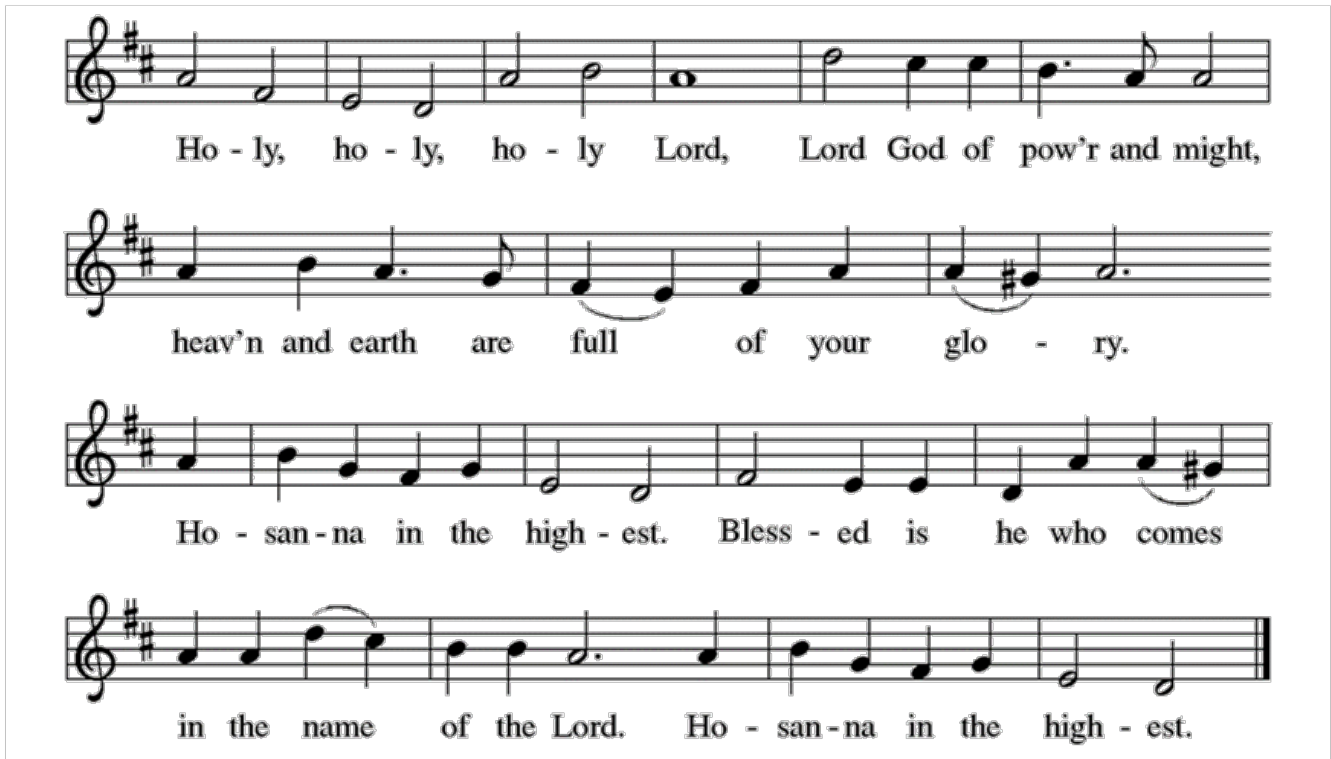
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.*

THE DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

"Here is Bread"

"What Feast of Love"

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Reflective Music

Tune: *Amazing Grace*

ELW 483 v1-3

WOV701 v1-3

ELW 471 v1-3

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✝
strengthen and preserve you and keep you in His grace.*

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love—
our God is an awesome God! (repeat)**

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

COMMUNITY SHARING

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.*

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

WOV 754 v1-3



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Communion Hymns:

"Here is Bread"

ELW 483 v1-3



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

"What Feast of Love"

WOV 701 v1-3



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471 v1-3



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Serving in Worship April 14

Lay Minister	Noah Gooding
Lector	Annette Student
Communion Asst	Bob McDonald
Power Point	??
Ushers	Bob McKee



Serving in Worship April 21

Lay Minister	Noah Gooding
Lector	Stella Halbert
Communion Asst	Jeannie Gennrich
Power Point	??
Ushers	??

If you would like to volunteer to help in worship as a lay minister, lector, communion assistant, power point operator, broadcast engineer or usher, please sign up at the volunteer table in the back of the church or on the church website: shephillsclermont.org.



Neville Matadin	April 14
Kadie Senesi	April 15
Eric Marsteller	April 16
Arlene McKee	April 17
Page Guardia	April 18
Linda Sheerin	April 19
Barbara Daniels	April 19
Annette Student	April 19

This Week at Our Church

Today	4/14	8:30am 9:30am	Church Cruise Worship & Sunday School
Tuesday	4/16	8:00am	Pastor's Prayer Breakfast
Friday	4/19	8:30-5:30	Life Line

Church Giving Totals*		March 26 - March 31	
Attendance		Weekly Giving Totals	\$6,435
April 7, 2024		Budgeted Weekly Giving	\$3,202
9:30 am	137	Difference Overage (Shortfall)	\$3,233
Online	31		

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If my people will humble themselves and pray.



Beginning on April 24th, we will be holding a weekly prayer group to help us through our time of transition. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Choir Room. All are welcome. Feel free to come one time or be a "regular" every Wednesday.



Pastor's Breakfast

Come and join us each Tuesday morning at 8:00am at iHop (Highway 27) for breakfast. We have some lively discussions and it is a great way to start your day!

Church Cruise

Don't forget that a number of our people will be departing for the cruise on April 14th. Pray for safe travels and a fun and relaxing time.

Bon Voyage



Quilting and Sewing and Stuffing

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be NO Women's Circle next Tuesday, April 16th

Youth News

The youth would like to ask you to prayerfully consider making a direct contribution to them to assist in covering costs for the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip.

Also, if you could mark your calendars for Saturday May 4th. The youth will be having a Taco Night and a raffle at the church at 4:00.



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THE FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD AND LUTHER SPRINGS
 INVITE ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO
 JOIN US IN WORSHIP AND TO RECEIVE A BLESSING
 AND A SENDING FROM BISHOP SUAREZ.

BISHOP'S BLESSING

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Saturday May 11, 2024 10am
Luther Springs-Atonement Chapel
 10am refreshments-11am worship-lunch following

Graduating high school seniors, their families, rostered ministers, congregational leadership, and any leaders involved in campus ministry or young adult ministry are welcome to attend this event to honor our seniors as they move on to the next chapter of their lives!

*Funding for this event provided by the Luther Springs Young Adult Ministry V2A Grant



RSVP HERE:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BISHOPSBLESSING](https://tinyurl.com/bishopsblessing)



In light of Pastor's and Rita's retirement, the Council has determined that it would be appropriate that we present them with a retirement honorarium. Pastor has given our church 8 wonderful and often trying years. He has weathered a hurricane blowing the roof off our building, holding service in at least 4 temporary venues and of course getting through the Covid years. He has been a rock and a guiding light for our congregation. In appreciation for all they have done, we are asking that you generously give a monetary gift which will be presented to them upon their retirement. You can give either cash or check and place it in the offering basket or drop off at the church office. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark it retirement or Pastor gift. Thank you.

Sign up . . .



and join our Family!

If you would like to join our membership here, we would invite you to pick up a membership form at the Volunteer table.

If you have any questions please talk to an usher. They will be in the back of the church to help answer your questions.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*

Darlene Andreachi

John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*

Marquis Beagle, *dear friend of Kathy Oberg*

Barbara Blaisdell, *mother of Tina Blaisdell*

William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*

Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*

Kelly Carpenter

Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*

Kevin Corcoran, *brother-in-law of Sue Meier*

Barbara Daniels

Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*

Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*

Duane Fry, *son of Nancy Fry*

But my God shall supply
 all your need according
 to his riches in glory
 by Christ Jesus.
 Philippians 4:19

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Nancy Fry
Carroll Fulmer
Craig Gennrich, *son of Jeanie Gennrich*
Kristi Genopolos, *daughter of George Lentz*
The Habeck Family, *friends of Joe Foryan*
Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*
Sandy & Denny Horazak, *sister and brother-in-law of Pat Rach*
Daniel & Kasper, *nephews of Mindy Longenbach*
Bobby McGee, *son-in-law of Marge Zuelke*
The Melnikoff Family, *relatives of Joe Foryan*
Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*
Joe Montfort
Madelyn Nackashi, *friend of Jim & Marie Johnson*
Kathy Oberg
Rakesh Premdass, *son of Chandra Premdass*
Arie Ruvinsky, *cousin of Diane Cowitt*
Charles Sheerin
Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*
Ed Simone, *Joe Foryan's son*
Jordyn Smith, *daughter of Robert & Linda Smith*
Kathy Thorby
Linda Wasley
Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*
Henry Wong
Arthur Wrobel, *brother of Marion Dielman*
Deeana, *friend of Joe Foryan*
Emma, *friend of Joe Foryan*
Melissa

OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Michael Reid, US Marines, *Darlene Andreachi's nephew's son*
Capt. USAF Griffith Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son-in-law*
Capt. USAF Kat Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's daughter*
SPC Thomas and 2nd LT Justin Leugers, US Army, *Jim Kern's nephew's son*
Tech Sgt Joe and Staff Sgt Travis Leugers, USAF, *Jim Kern's nephew's son*
Capt. Neils Seim USAF, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Lt. Justin Seim US Army, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Staff Sgt. William Silva, US Army, *close friend of Tina Blaisdell*
SGT USAF Andrew Stutesman, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son*

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