

The Messenger



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

—Isaiah 40:3

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Karen Urban, Rick Padin,
Ginnie Berge

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OUR VISION

Through LCOS all come to know the unconditional love of God, grow in their faith, and share their love and faith with others.

OUR MISSION

That all may experience the love of Jesus Christ, we reach up through worship celebration. We reach out by sharing our faith. We reach in through prayer and study.

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Bible Study **8:30am**

Worship Service **9:30am**

Fellowship **10:30am**

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Continue in God's Word—Reformation

Submitted by Pastor Stephen Kauffman

The only thing permanent is change! So says the Greek philosopher Heraclitus A great hymn writer composed:

Change in all around I see. O, Thou who changest not abide with me.

Heraclitus was right – change is the single permanent characteristic of life...Harry Francis Lyte was spot on. We confess and believe in a constant and unchanging God in a fluid and ever-changing world of circumstances.

We do not have to look for evidence – headlines in the paper and on social media remind us... that LCOS is in transition...the Rays may not be in St. Petersburg much longer...that the Bucs are a different football team without Tom Brady at QB...that climate is changing...that there are more gray hairs on my head than last year!

To change is to cause to be different, to replace with something else, to transform, to make new. So it was that the 31st of October of 1517 in Germany one young monk named Martin Luther dared to suggest a debate with those responsible for a rigid and unchanging religious system which had stifled the freedom of the gospel.

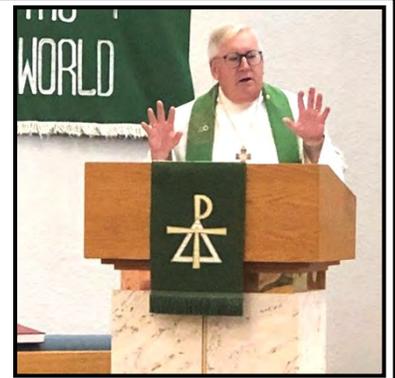
The gospel brought Luther to a crisis in conscience...how can I ever be good enough for God? He could not bring himself to accept the words of John's Gospel – ***If the son makes you free, you will be free indeed!*** How could one ever feel free when one constantly struggled with sin? One day, while reading Paul's letter to the Romans, Luther saw something completely new to him.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

Having read and comprehended this anew, Luther would later say "At this realization I felt myself to have been born again, and to have entered paradise itself." Luther was a changed man! Luther realized that if anything about his salvation rested on his ability, character, or faith -- whether the good works and indulgences of the sixteenth-century or the earnest plea to "make a decision for Jesus" in the twenty-first -- he was lost. He could claim nothing other than God's good favor.

Freed from the burden of trying to justify himself, Luther could now celebrate the "freedom of the Son" which made him "free indeed!"

Five hundred years have passed since Luther's eyes were opened to the renewing power of Gospel freedom. Many things have changed in our world, we know... Yet in this ever-changing world we live with God's unchanging word of blessing, acceptance, and freedom.



Last week we celebrated Reformation Sunday. We celebrated the renewing power of the gospel as the center of faith in every generation and time! As followers of Luther, we take seriously the words of our Lord!

Here at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, we are renewed and restored, especially during this transition time. God's challenging yet grace filled future awaits us!

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Jesus, the incarnate one, is the truth of God. If we know the truth – that is if we know Jesus – that knowledge, that relationship will set us free.

Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas at LCOS

- Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (purple)
- Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (purple)
- Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink)
- Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (purple)

Week 1 Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 am "HOPE"

Introduction

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Week 2 Sunday, December 7 at 9:30 am "PEACE"

Introduction

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

Week 3 Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 am "JOY"

Introduction

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Week 4 Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 am "LOVE"

Introduction

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

**Christmas Eve on
Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm**

Introduction

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

President's Report

Submitted by Sara Berge



Greetings!

November is upon us – this year is certainly flying by! We have had a lot happening at LCOS over the past few weeks and it's such an exciting time. I enjoyed volunteering for the 14th Annual Golf Tournament on October 11th. It was such a joy to see so many people working together to make the event fun and successful. Huge thanks goes out to the planning committee and everyone who donated their time and resources to make this wonderful fun(d)raiser happen.

We also recently welcomed Deacon Einstein Gonzalez to our LCOS family. Deacon Einstein is working with the ELCA and Florida Bahamas Synod to see if there is a need or desire for a Lutheran ministry to specifically reach out to our Spanish speaking neighbors. Deacon Einstein is volunteering at the food bank and getting to know people in our neighborhood. His exploratory period with LCOS will last about 3 months and is completely supported and funded by the ELCA and the Florida Bahamas Synod.

After this exploratory period, Deacon Einstein will share his findings with the congregation. From there we will discuss a potential partnership with the ELCA and Florida Bahamas Synod. Whether we move forward or not will be carefully considered as a congregation. We will have plenty of time to have conversations and answer questions about the future. This opportunity is separate from our current ministries at LCOS. The council is in the process of forming a call committee to begin searching for a part-time pastor to join us when Pastor Kauffman finishes his time with us right after Easter. The pastor we call will continue our current ministries and help us to learn and grow as a congregation.

There is so much to look forward to, and God is guiding us every step of the way!

LCOS Council Meeting Summary September 21, 2025

Submitted by Jan Spaulding



Opening prayer at 11:00am

- Financial: LCOS recorded a net loss of \$1085 for the month of August. Used \$3000 from the Mortgage Reduction fund to make a principal pre-payment. Continue to invest in AC systems completing repairs. Continue to set aside \$1500 per month toward pastoral call/compensation requirements.
- Kaye Prox Food Bank continues to serve 350+ families weekly. Have funds to purchase overhead fans, cement benches and concrete placement around the pavilion where the food is distributed.
- Technology: Continuing to get council members connected to Share Point for document sharing. Plan to facilitate completion of the audio equipment in the church.
- Facilities and Grounds: Quotes secured for additional AC unit that is needed in Luther Hall as the current system can't keep up with cooling the hall during events. Continue to work on getting the fence completed in the back of the property.
- Outreach: Exploring outreach activities during Advent and Christmas. Exploring Spanish speaking events as well.
- Old Business includes Ministry Fair planned for Sept 28, 2025. 12 poster boards will be on display describing each ministry and encouraging volunteer opportunities. Food will be provided.
- LAFFS had a Pop-up concert on September 12, 2025 as a fund raiser for the Kaye Prox Food Bank. It was well received and a great success. Cadillac Zack and his band performed, 86 attended and 144lbs of canned donations were received. \$1769.56 was donated to the Food Bank.
- LAFFS meets the second Friday of the month at 7:30pm in different homes for fellowship and fun. Interested in joining please reach out to Lynne O'Reilly for meeting details. All are welcome.

Closing prayer at 12:22pm.

Full minutes for all meetings can be found in the church office.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Spaulding

LCOS Treasurer's Report – October 2025

Submitted by Kristi Saligame



September Financial Review:

Church **income** in September was **\$21,729**, below our budget of \$23,656 and last year's result of \$30,213.

- Member Giving was \$17,082, above our budget of \$15,206 and year-ago gifts of \$14,941.
- We used only \$170 in Designated Funds during September, to pay for food purchases for the Portico Ministry. A year ago, we had used \$13,000 in Bold Statement funds toward a \$19,000 roof repair on the daycare building.
- Facilities income was \$4,477 in September, vs. \$2,272 a year ago.

Church **expense** was **\$23,274** in September, vs. \$36,634 a year ago and our budget of \$25,261.

- We made an additional principal payment in September of \$3,000 on our mortgage, bringing our total principal balance down to \$130,166.
- We set aside an additional \$1,500 in September toward future pastoral compensation costs. The Pastoral Compensation Fund now has a balance of \$16,000. These funds can be used toward our call process and/or future compensation of a Pastor here.
- All other expense categories were at, or below, expectations.

LCOS recorded a **net loss** of **(\$1,545)** in September.

Year to Date:

Month/Q	Current Year Results			Year-Ago Results		
	Income	Expense	Difference	Income	Expense	Difference
Jan-Mar	\$68,301	\$68,781	(\$480)	\$56,222	\$55,301	\$922
Apr-Jun	\$70,423	\$68,153	\$2,271	\$100,997	\$59,604	\$41,393
July	\$28,533	\$33,797	(\$5,264)	\$19,646	\$64,623	(\$44,976)
Aug	\$22,728	\$23,813	(\$1,085)	\$21,783	\$16,039	\$5,744
Sept	\$21,729	\$23,274	(\$1,545)	\$30,213	\$36,634	(\$6,421)
Total	\$211,714	\$217,817	(\$6,104)	\$228,861	\$232,199	(\$3,339)

The pulse:

We have had two fabulous events over the past 30 days – the pop-up concert to benefit the Kaye Prox Food Bank, and our 14th Annual Golf Tournament and Fun(d)raiser. Both events were such a pleasure to plan and to attend, a great chance to invite members of the greater community to join the fun. (They definitely showed up, and they had a great time). Oh, and we raised funds to benefit our mission and ministries!! A huge thanks to all who showed up to run these events or to participate as guests/donors. Whatever shall we plan next? 😊

Here we go, into the end of the year and the holiday season. As you plan for holiday gift giving and your 2026 household budget, please keep this church in mind. We are so grateful for your ongoing, faithful support of LCOS. Please continue to keep the mission, ministries, and members of this church in your prayers.

Facility and Grounds

Submitted by Barbara Beauregard



NOVEMBER!FALL

How do Floridians really know it's Fall?because the license plates change colors!

Did you learn anything new about how LCOS operates, or about committees, or projects, etc. from our Vision Boards? We hope you did and just maybe found a committee or projects you would like to help with, because we can always use extra helping hands!

F.Y.I. - last month was about Candles used in the Sanctuary, this month is about Liturgical Colors. The parament colors change with the seasons of the church, and along with vestments, banners and other decorations contribute to the tone of the church year. Colors started about the 16th century, but only for important occasions, from there certain colors were assigned to be used during particular seasons and certain feast days. Not until the 19th century were colors standardized. No surprise, this came about due to commercial influence of the ecclesiastical supply houses!

WHITE: The color of purity and eternity, symbolizing perfection, celebration and joy. It is used for Christmas and its season, Epiphany and its season, and Easter and its season, and for several lesser celebration events.

RED: Color of zeal (fire) and martyrdom (blood), color of Pentecost, also Reformation and appropriate for Ordination, the Dedication of a church and the Anniversary of a Congregation.

GREEN: The color of life, refreshment and regeneration. Used for the season after Pentecost. It may also be used for Epiphany season.

PURPLE: The color of royalty, but also of sorrow and repentance. Used during Advent season and during Lent season.

BLACK: The color of mourning, humility and death. Black is used on Ash Wednesday (an alternate) and Good Friday.

BLUE: The color of spiritual love, fidelity, anticipation and hope. It is also an alternate color for Advent since the revisions of the 1960s, the season is one of hope and anticipation of the coming of Christ.

SCARLET: The color of royalty and passion. Used as an alternate color for Holy Week.

The color of the season of the church year determines their use and is not changed for weddings or funeral services.

In closing, this is a special and delicate request, especially for the ladies: there is no easy way to put this, so..... individually perfumes and colognes are beautiful scents that we all love. However, when many are added together in a close setting, like a meeting room, they can become a bit overwhelming. And yes, there are fragrance allergies among us so that does add to the issue. Please go easy on your scents, or just let your shower soap be your scent.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Kaye Prox Food Bank—Holidays 2025

Submitted by Kristi Saligame



- ◆ We plan to give Thanksgiving meal kits and small Christmas gifts this year.
- ◆ Donations received Thurs 12pm – 1:30 pm and Weds/Fri 10am - 12 noon.
- ◆ Extra volunteers (“Holiday Helpers”) will be needed in December to help sort/pack the items, and during our usual community cupboard times to help distribute them. Please contact Kristi at **813.394.4942** or e-mail us at volunteerkayeproxfb@gmail.com to get on the schedule.
- ◆ Thank you for your support of the food bank!

Holiday Calendar 2025

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Donations needed by</u>	<u>Items Packed/Sorted</u>	<u>Items Distributed</u>	<u>Food Bank Closed</u>
Thanksgiving	Thur. Nov 20		Fri. Nov 21 Mon. Nov 24 Weds. Nov. 26	Fri. Nov 28
Christmas	Wed. Dec 17	Weds. Dec 17 Thurs. Dec 18	Fri. Dec 19 Mon. Dec 22 Wed. Dec 24	Fri. Dec 26 Wed. Dec 31

Thanksgiving meal kit list

- Whole Chickens/Turkeys/pork roasts/hams
- Potatoes (instant or fresh)
- Turkey Gravy (jar or dry packet)
- Cans of Sweet Potatoes
- Canned green beans, corn
- Dessert items (cake mix, frosting, pies)
- Festive napkins/plates

Christmas Market gift ideas

- Wrapping paper, scotch tape, bows
- Cosmetic/nail gift kits, luxury bath items
- Aftershave (Old Spice), moisturizer
- Insulated water bottles
- Craft kits for kids, Christmas decorations
- New toys, books, puzzles
- Bucs, Rays, or Lightning-themed small items
- Thoughtful gifts for adults, kids

Greetings from the Outreach Team

Submitted by Sharon Rozell



Well, if you've walked into a Dollar Tree the first week of October it doesn't take much to say to yourself "OMG Christmas already?" (Personally, I think Dollar Tree should be renamed the Advent Shop). Advent for Lutherans defines as "coming", a time for preparation and anticipation for the Coming of Christ both in the past with His incarnation as a lowly baby Jesus but also in the future fulfilling His promise with His second coming. However, how many of us, this time of year especially, lead hectic lives with all the extra activities put on our calendars on top of putting up decorations and the constant search for the perfect gift? How many of us have said at one point "oh I can't wait for Christmas to be over"? We-myself included- can tend to pass over and barely acknowledge the wonder and anticipation yet focus on the stress that all comes during this season. All these feelings are ok and quite fitting. I can only imagine all these feelings being with young Mary and Joseph, yet they held onto their faith and trust in the Lord's word. So, try not to stress about finding the perfect gift- it's already been given to us in a manger. Take time to reflect on each of our four "words" or better yet "messages"- HOPE, FAITH, JOY, LOVE-simple yet powerful (like the coming of a baby in a stable?).

The Outreach committee was excited and encouraged at Rally Sunday that many of you are interested in bringing back some "old traditions" and events of the past and an Advent "workshop" is currently being organized.

We are also asking that during your holiday preparations you take a screenshot of your nativity and either print it or just text it to me, Sharon Rozell, 813-263-0977, and I'll be happy to print it for you. We would love to flood our Facebook page with all these beautiful photos as well as display them on a table in the Narthex. There will be a tree with nativity ornaments for you to then take home- give a pic, get an ornament!

May we all take moments to acknowledge and embrace the four wonderful messages of the season and remember our Lord will be with us through the stress.

Grace to you all in His Peace,
Sharon

Advent Calendar — Random Acts of Kindness

Submitted by Karen Urban



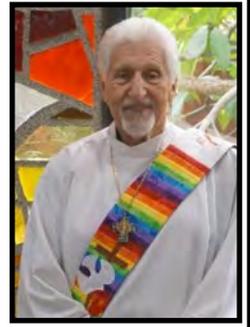
Perform the action suggested or substitute another action of your choosing. By Christmas you will have been a blessing 27 times.

- Nov 29 Smile at someone
- Nov 30 Pray for a friend
- Dec 1 Write a note of encouragement
- Dec 2 Pick up litter in your neighborhood
- Dec 3 Pay for someone's drink or coffee
- Dec 4 Hold the door for someone
- Dec 5 Donate some books
- Dec 6 Compliment a stranger
- Dec 7 Send a card to someone
- Dec 8 Leave a treat in the mailbox for your postal worker
- Dec 9 Write Christmas cards and drop them off at a nursing home for residents who haven't received a card
- Dec 10 Donate some clothes
- Dec 11 Donate pet food to the animal shelter
- Dec 12 Do something nice for a family member or friend
- Dec 13 Donate to your favorite charity
- Dec 14 Let someone go ahead of you in line
- Dec 15 Help out a neighbor or friend
- Dec 16 Put a candle in your window
- Dec 17 Donate canned food to a local food pantry
- Dec 18 Donate a toy
- Dec 19 Bake something and share it
- Dec 20 Call a long-distance relative
- Dec 21 Pray for your pastor
- Dec 22 Sing a Christmas carol
- Dec 23 Do something kind for yourself
- Dec 24 Attend a Christmas Eve service in person or online
- Dec 25 Read Luke 2 out loud and give God thanks



Ministry Area Journey

Submitted by Deacon Steve Smeach



In February 2023, shortly after he joined us, Pr Steve asked me to “evaluate email, website, Facebook, and other communication procedures” here at LCOS. Little did I know that this was the beginning of a journey that would lead us to redefine our mission teams and how we support them, especially in light of the realities of part-time pastor leadership. In short, we have realized that to successfully accomplish God’s mission with a **part-time pastor, volunteer secretaries, and volunteer leadership requires:**

- More volunteer hours and more efficient time/talent utilization
- Active leadership/direction from Church Council
- Efficient organization of our teams
- Leverage technology to make volunteer time more efficient
- Effective communication within congregation and outside to community

Key events in our journey included:

- February 2023: Pr. Steve request: “..evaluate email, website,...”
- March 2023: Evaluation Report
- May 2023: IT Inventory
- July 2023: IT Visioning Document
- August 2023: Technology Team established
- November 2023: Council Proposal Upgrade Computing Environment
- January-March 2024: Implement IT Changes
- January 2024: 2024 Priorities Questionnaire
- February 2024: Priorities Report
- January 2024: Established 3 new Teams with clear mission statements & goals
(*Evangelism, Communication, and Community Outreach*)
- February 2024: Council Orientation Series
- March 2024: Introduced Council-led “Ten Ministry Area Initiative”
- April 2024: Appointed Council Members as “Ministry Area Leads”
- March – August 2024: Rigorous, intentional evaluation of Ten Ministry Areas
- September 2024: Definition Sheets , Goals & Objectives for each Area
- September –December 2024: Gradual focusing & strengthen teams
- March 2025: IT Training for Volunteers
- May – July 2025: Developed *2025 LCOS Ministry Area Guide v 7*
- June 2025-Present: LCOS move from Gmail- to LCOSTAMPA-Domain
- June 2025-Present: Use Technology to offload secretary & pastoral duties
- Email Migration for central office and Ministry Area Leads
- SharePoint Site for Ministry Area Leads to share plans and work products

The montage below shows some of the work products developed during this journey:

Some of the things we have done!



August 12, 2025 at 4:30 pm 7

Our September 28 Ministry Area Fair marked a very significant event in our journey. This fair was a large commitment by your council member ministry area leads to communicate to you what they have been doing and to enlist your help in moving forward. For those already volunteering, thank you and prayerfully consider if you can give a bit more. If you are not actively participating yet, please look at the pictures on page 16 and the boards posted on the west side of our sanctuary to see how you might help accomplish God’s work here at LCOS.

Snaps & Snippets

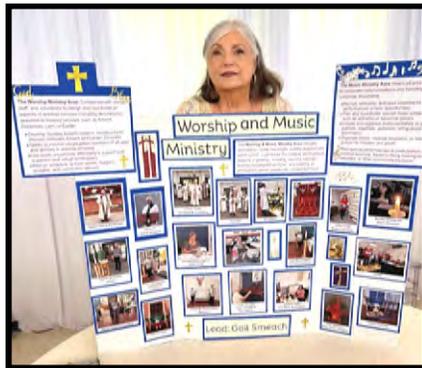
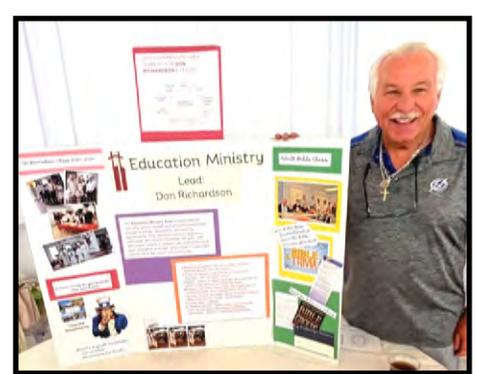
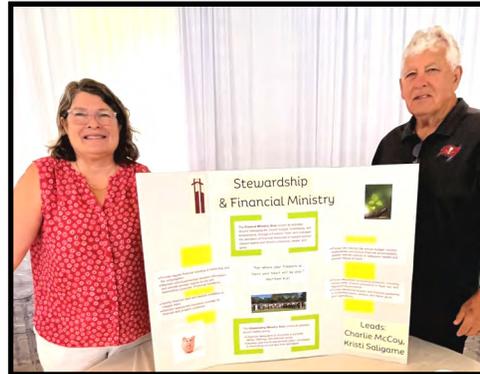
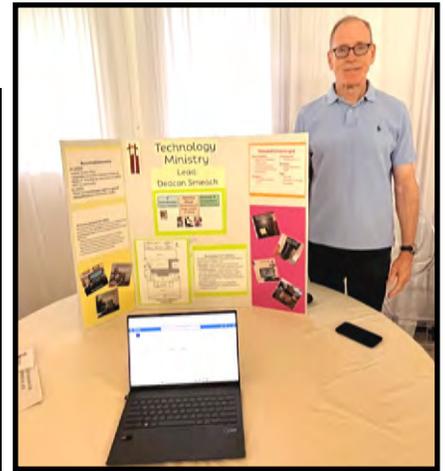
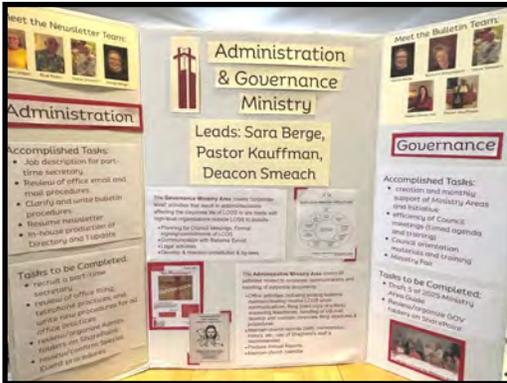
Photos submitted b Karen Urban



Children’s Message:
Pastor Steve introducing Deacon Einstein Gonzalez to our Spanish speaking kids, Samuel and Joshua

Snaps & Snippets—Ministry Fair

Photos submitted by Karen Urban



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Installation of Council Secretary Jan Spaulding



Church Council



Installation of Pastoral Care Team
Deacon Steve Smeach, Heidi Richters, Rita Blyden, Gail Smeach



Presentation of Bibles to Confirmands



Sara Berge announcing Synod updates on mission development

Annual Golf Tournament Enjoyed By All

Submitted by Kristi Saligame



We are so thankful for the generous community response to this year's tournament, our 14th annual event!

We were blessed with slightly overcast skies and Fall's first day of cool-ish weather. A total of 105 golfers joined us for the day, and so many individuals and businesses donated or sponsored to support our missions and ministries.

The golfers were in great spirits and all went smoothly, thanks to the expert efforts of Countryway Golf Club and our dedicated/amazing volunteers.

We especially wish to thank and recognize our 7 generous tournament sponsors. We could not do it without them:

Carol Cousins

Civil Earth Sitework

Construction/Excavation

Doug Dempsey

813-927-3182

Orr Financial

Buck Orr

813-731-1964

Tampa Bay Dental Design

Bright Smiles Begin Here

Dr. Anna Hill-Moses

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"A Family Team"

Fred and Betty Freshcorn

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Start to Finish Solutions

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Snaps & Snippets—Golf Tournament

Submitted by Kristi Saligame and Lynne O'Reilly



Raffle Contemplation



50/50 Green



Leaderboard



Registration



Carol Cousins at the Putting Green

Results of LAFFS Pop-Up Concert

Submitted by Lynne O'Reilly

If I have to reply to all of the complements I received and the thoughts of "Let's do it again!" then I agree! As a few of the photos will show, we had a good crowd, food to donate to the Food Bank and a profit for the Food Bank as well. I think a good time was had by all!



Total Number of People Attended (Including the Band): 86

Total Number of Food Donated in Cart: 144 pounds

LCOS NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lynne O'Reilly	Nov 1
Kaley Groh	Nov 4
Jim Krall	Nov 6
David Kruger	Nov 6
Charles McCoy	Nov 6
Rick Carroll	Nov 7
Ezra Kearney	Nov 7
Kristi Saligame	Nov 9
Brian Cross	Nov 15
Alexis Richardson	Nov 15
Haley Richardson	Nov 17
Becca Donovan	Nov 26
Aggie Pompeo	Nov 27



LCOS DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Becky Meier	Dec 1
Liam Heselius	Dec 2
Heidi Richters	Dec 2
Danielle Kearney	Dec 3
Matthew Baun	Dec 5
Matthew Groh	Dec 6
Miles Hood	Dec 9
Jen Donovan	Dec 10
Ronda McIndoe	Dec 10
Terence Hood	Dec 14
Nicki Griscti	Dec 15
Gene Camp	Dec 17
April Strouse	Dec 24
Densingh Thambiraj	Dec 28
Angela Padin	Dec 31
Lynn Richardson	Dec 31

If your birthday is missing from our list, please contact Roger Swain, 813-886-7961 or roger.swain@tampa.rr.com, so that we may include you next year!

Snaps & Snippets



Happy Birthday, Michele!
...and Pastor Steve!



LAFFS

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Adult Bible Class 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 11:00am Fellowship 12:30pm New Ark	27 10:30am Portico Ministry 12:20pm Food Bank	28	29 10:30am Portico Ministry 12:20pm Food Bank	30 10:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Pastor Steve Hours 6:30pm New Ark 7:00pm AA	31 Reformation Day 2:30pm Food Bank	1 All Saints Day 
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**Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 2**

**Happy Thanksgiving!
November 27**

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30**



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