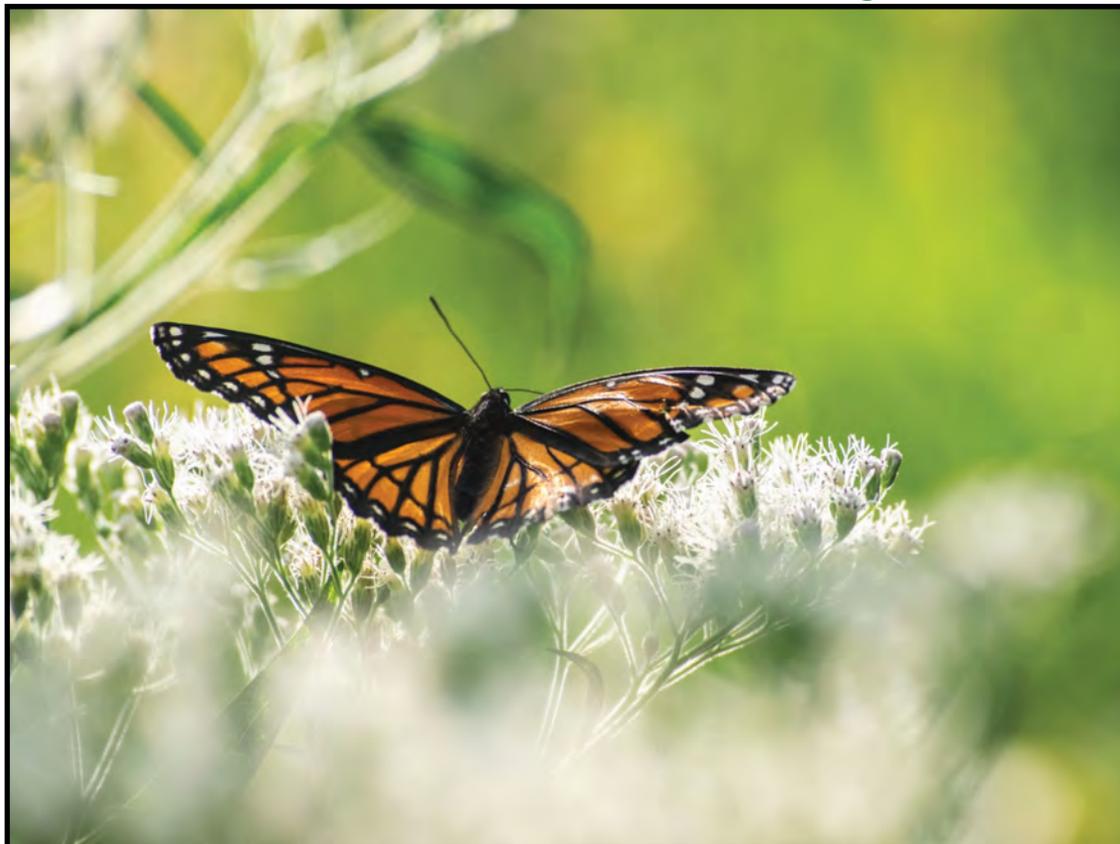


# The Messenger



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

—Romans 12:2

Newsletter Team: 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

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Stephen Kauffman, **Pastor**  
Naoko Okada, **Minister of Music**  
Charlie McCoy, **Accountant**  
Roger Swain, **Financial Secretary**

## CHURCH COUNCIL (*Ministry Area*)

Sara Berge, **President**  
*(Governance & Administration)<sup>a</sup>*  
Don Richardson, **Vice President** (*Education*)  
Jan Spaulding, **Secretary** (*Care*)  
Kristi Saligame, **Finance/Treasurer**  
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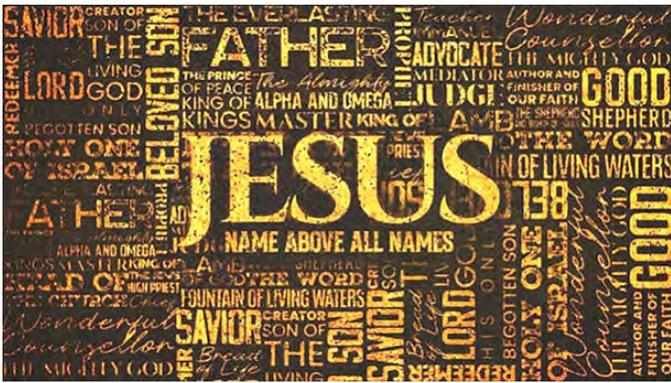
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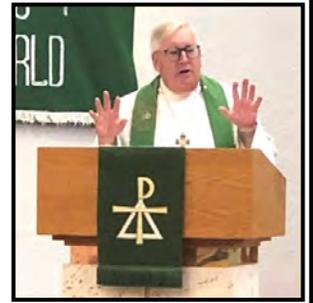
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	
<b>AV Team</b>	Heidi Richters
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ginnie Berge
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Martin Stewart Heidi Richters Fran Beauregard
<b>Counters</b>	Kristi Saligame Roger Swain
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<b>Fellowship &amp; Dinners</b>	Don Richardson Martin Stewart
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<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Naoko Okada

## What's In A Name?

Submitted by Pastor Stephen Kauffman



All names are powerful, but Jesus' name is the most powerful of all. We use names as a concise way to convey complex meanings: being able to call someone by name means you know something important about that person, and being called by name means you are known. As we begin a new year, we celebrate the privilege and the power of calling God by name, as well as how deeply we know God and are known by God, through Jesus.



On January 1, New Year's Day, the eighth day of Christmas, the Christian New Year's resolution is to begin the year praising the name of Jesus Christ and receiving God's blessing. The readings for the commemoration of the Name of Jesus invite us to begin the new year under the power of Christ's name.

For the earliest Christians, Sunday, the day of the resurrection, was both the first day of the week and the eighth day, a new time, a day somehow outside of normal time. The practice of celebrating a church festival for a full eight days goes back to the sixth century. In the past, this eighth day of Christmas commemorated also Jesus' circumcision, his entry into observant Judaism.

At the center of Luke's late-first century infancy narratives is a single sentence (v. 21) citing Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day, thus his incorporation into the male Jewish covenant, and his naming. Traditionally a Jewish child was named on the eighth day: waiting until the eighth day after birth to welcome the child as a full member of the community was one way to avoid the full ritual mourning of the many unnamed infants who died shortly after birth. The evangelist ties these two Jewish practices to the Christian story of the annunciation to Mary by the angel. "Jesus," the same name as Joshua, means "the Lord saves."

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" (ELW 620) was composed by John Newton, the ex-slaver turned Anglican priest and ardent abolitionist, best known for having written "Amazing Grace." In this masterful hymn Jesus is called manna, rest, rock, shield, hiding place, treasury, shepherd, guardian, friend, prophet, priest, king, life, way, and end. The name Jesus soothes sorrow, heals wounds, drives away fear, heals the spirit, and calms the heart. Yet Newton concludes that in spite of this array of images for Christ, we still are not able to praise God as we ought.

Since this eighth day is January 1, the beginning of the secular calendar, an emphasis on the name of Jesus is appropriate: we begin another year in Jesus' name, under his name, through his name.

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Steve

## President's Report

*Submitted by Sara Berge*



Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that another year has passed us by. 2025 was a busy year filled with fun, fellowship, and wonderful worship and outreach opportunities. Although there were also times of sadness and struggle, God has carried us through, and we look forward to what He has in store for us in 2026.

This month we will welcome new members to our council. Barbara Beauregard and Gail Smeach have chosen to step down from council at this time. We are so grateful for the time, effort and love they have dedicated to LCOS. They have both worked tirelessly in different ways to further the mission of LCOS in addition to serving on council and their contributions will be greatly missed. I encourage you to take a moment to thank Barbara and Gail for all their hard work over the years. We wish them all the best as they turn their focus to different areas.

Another exciting development in 2026 is the formation of our Call Committee. Unfortunately, Pastor Steve's time with us is coming to an end in April. That two-year extension sure went quickly! Our newly elected Call Committee will be working with the Florida Bahamas Synod to start the process of searching for our next Pastor. Please pray for everyone serving on this committee and for the pastors who are considering making LCOS their next home. God will lead us through this next phase and will send the right person our way!

Along with these big changes, our mission teams will continue working to strengthen the mission of LCOS. Opportunities will be shared as they arise, and I encourage you to find a way to be involved. We are all blessed with different gifts and we need yours to continue sharing the love of God with our neighbors. I'm so grateful to be part of our amazing community and can't wait to see what God brings our way in 2026.

## LCOS Council Meeting Summary—November 16, 2025

*Submitted by Jan Spaulding*



Opening prayer 11:05am

- **Financial:** LCOS had a great October financially. The Golf Tournament raised a total of \$17,110.00 before expenses of \$3,685.00. \$2,865.00 donated to Food bank.
- **Kaye Prox Food Bank** continues to serve up to 150 clients each day of distribution due to suspension of SNAP benefits. Walmart assisted with purchase of turkeys for Thanksgiving. Private donations coming in, Feeding Tampa Bay provided a mobile food pantry November 14, 2025 serving 186 families.
- **Technology:** Planning to start work on sound system.
- **Facilities and Grounds-** Plan to make adjustments of security cameras to get better visualization of grounds. Back fence is impacting trespassing through the church property. Front flower bed has been repaired and dressed with new plantings.
- **Outreach:** Hanging of greens will be hung by youth with Christmas dinner and fun activity of decorating coffee mugs all planned for November 7, 2025.
- **Governance and Administration:** Deacon Steve Smeach has created an event planner for the church members to use to schedule church events (weddings, funerals, baptisms and hall events). Plan to produce a seasonal church calendar for Lay Ministry.
- **Council Terms:** Four (4) council terms to expire by the end of the year. Any church member is invited to inquire about open council positions as we would love to have you join the team.

Closing prayer at 1:02pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Jan Spaulding

# LCOS Treasurer's Report—November 2025

Submitted by Kristi Saligame



## November Financial Review:

Church **income** in November was **\$19,715**, below our budget of \$37,741 and last year's result of \$30,881.

Member Giving was \$16,522, shy of our budget of \$17,191 and ahead of year-ago gifts of \$14,098.

Fundraising: in November 2024, and in our budget for this month, we had over \$13,000 of income from Golf Tournament, which instead took place in October this year.

Designated Funds: during November we used just \$152 in Portico Ministry funds.

Facilities income was \$2,877 in November, vs. \$3,502 a year ago.

Church **expense** was **\$32,791** in November, vs. \$23,492 a year ago and our budget of \$30,669.

We set aside \$1,500 in November for the Pastoral Compensation Fund, which now has a balance of \$19,000. These funds can be used toward our upcoming call process and/or future compensation of a Pastor.

We made over \$12,000 in facilities-related investments: \$2,000 for a tree service to trim high limbs on the entire campus; \$3,762 to pay off the balance for the new fence at the back, and \$6,628 toward repairs to our sound/AV systems in the sanctuary, narthex (just getting underway).

All other expense categories were in generally line with expectations.

LCOS recorded **net loss** of **(\$13,076)** in November. A good portion of this loss is simply a timing issue; we will move designated funds during December to cover facilities expenses listed above.

## Year to Date:

Month/Q	Current Year Results			Year-Ago Results		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>
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-Sep	\$72,989	\$80,884	(\$7,894)	\$71,642	\$117,295	(\$45,653)
Oct	\$40,678	\$30,990	\$9,688	\$18,539	\$19,627	(\$1,089)
Nov	\$19,715	\$32,791	(\$13,076)	\$30,881	\$23,492	\$7,388
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$271,942</b>	<b>\$281,442</b>	<b>(\$9,501)</b>	<b>\$278,280</b>	<b>\$275,319</b>	<b>\$2,961</b>

## The pulse:

Wishing you God's peace, and so many blessings in 2026!

Please continue to keep the mission, ministries, and members of this church in your prayers. As always, thank you, thank you, for your ongoing, faithful support of LCOS – this church family is such a blessing to its members and the surrounding community!

## A Brief History of the Memorial Garden at LCOS

Submitted by Don Richardson



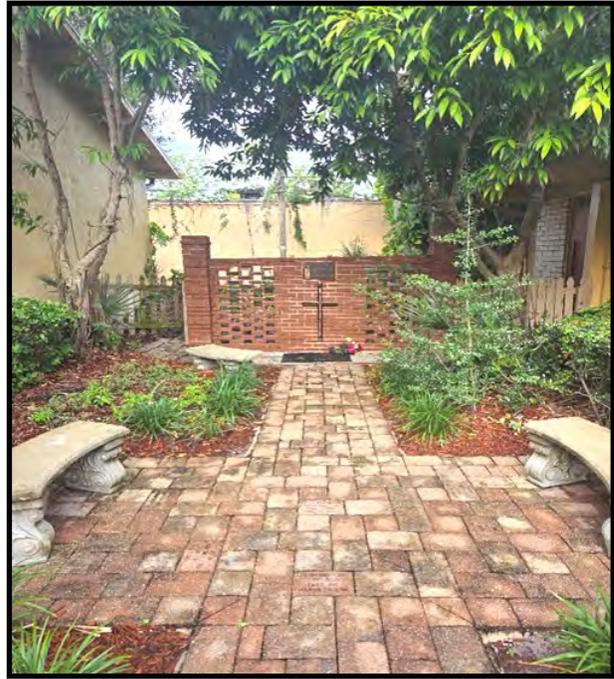
The Memorial Garden was established by the LCOS Council in 1985 but was not formally dedicated until 1998. The brainchild for the memorial wall came from Mr. Peter Hoffmann and Pastor Dave Bradford in the early 1990's.

For many years, the council would often discuss the need to provide some kind of resting place for our loved ones. After the death of Mr. Peter Hoffman, Mr. Doug Howze became a real driving force for the construction of a Memorial Wall that would provide a focal point for the garden. As an avid wood worker, Mr. Howze made a miniature wooden model of the proposed wall that was placed in a time capsule to be opened at a later date.

The memorial wall, based on Doug's model, was built in 1997 with several donations. The garden would be set up to receive ashes from loved ones by using the ELCA protocol for spreading ashes of loved ones. The wall would provide a backdrop for families to honor their loved ones by placing a bronze plaque on the wall. To date, we have 29 family or friends on the wall to celebrate those Saints that have passed on.

Following the dedication of our new church, the Altar from Luther Hall was removed and placed in the Memorial Garden. Several years later, Mr. Doug Howze added a wooden cross to the altar as a testament to our commitment to Christ. A paver pathway was created that would also allow family members to memorialize loved ones by inscribing selected pavers. The pathway would direct families to the Memorial Wall and also to keep them from walking on sacred grounds. A Memorial Garden sign was installed and dedicated in March of 2025 by the Richardson family. An additional sign was later installed by the Smeach family to keep visitors on the path due to the presence of loved one's ashes.





**For families wishing to utilize the garden for ashes or plaque, we offer the following guidelines and recommendations:**

+ Ashes are to be placed directly into the ground without an urn. Ashes may be brought to the church by the family, funeral director, or loved ones and placed after consultation with the Pastor.

+ There are no formal "plots" as such. Ashes may be placed within the mulched areas or associated with individual shrubs and should be slightly covered with mulch. Placement of ashes in the garden does not imply any understanding of legal ownership of the property by the family and is in perpetuity. The placement of ashes into the Memorial Garden must be accompanied with a name plate that will be permanently mounted on the memorial wall.

+ An endowment for the maintenance of the "Memorial Garden" has been established. Families may wish to make a contribution to this fund to ensure the garden is well taken care of in the future. Additional gifts for the garden may be made at any time and will be included in the "Memorial Book of the Garden for LCOS". A Memorial Garden Committee will oversee the placement of the name plates on the wall and the long-term maintenance of the garden.

+ A memorial wall has been established in the central portion of the garden. Those who wish their names or the names of loved ones placed on the wall will be charged the cost of the name plate. The current one time charge for the name plate is around \$230.00. This contribution includes the cost of the name plate and monies to be used for perpetual care of the garden. The name plate is made of bronze (2" x 6") and includes the name, date of birth and date of death. To ensure uniformity, name plates will be ordered by the church.

+ The use of the "Memorial Garden" for the placement of cremated remains is intended primarily for the use of members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour and their family members. Other requests for use may be considered upon application to the pastor or church council.

+ Artificial plantings, decorations, or monuments in the garden are not permitted unless authorized by the memorial garden committee.

+ The Memorial Garden will be under the day-to-day direction and supervision of the Pastor, Church Council, or those empowered to enforce the guidelines. Employees of the church or members should consult with the Pastor prior to performing any modification of work within the formal Garden area.

+ Arrangements for services in connection with the Memorial Garden shall be under the direction of the Pastor. Upon consultation with the Pastor, a "Service of Committal" will be arranged with family and loved ones. The ashes will not be spread during the service. Within 48 hours of the service the ashes will be spread (in the form of a cross) in the Garden privately by the Pastor/or staff member.

Based on the guidelines established by the ELCA and LCOS, any ashes that may be spread in the garden will require the following form:

**SUBJECT: The placement of cremation ashes in the Memorial Garden at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Tampa, Florida.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, willfully and voluntarily proclaim my desire that the ashes from my cremation be placed in the Memorial Garden at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Tampa, Florida.

This information has been shared with my family who have been instructed to carry out my wishes. It has also been given to the funeral home and/or Cremation Society responsible for Cremation.

I understand:

+ there is no charge for the placement of ashes, but there will be a small charge for a name plate to appear on the memorial wall and for perpetual maintenance of the garden.

+ that urns and containers will not be placed in the ground or left in the garden. Ashes only will be placed into the mulched areas.

I, therefore, attach my signature below to affirm my desire.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signed in the presence of:

**NAME PLATE INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first, mid. i., last)

Date of Birth:

Date of Death:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Witness my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary

Donation Made \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Kaye Prox Food Bank



**Donation to Kaye Prox Food Bank:** On Sunday, November 16, Don Richardson's son-in-law who is a Jets fan donated \$750 from a tailgate fundraiser to the Kaye Prox Food Bank.

*Pictures submitted by Karen Urban*



**Kaye Prox Food Bank Christmas Party—Thank You Volunteers!**



## Did You Know. . .

*Submitted by Gail Smeach*

That the **BAPTISMAL BANNER** was made by a current member of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour?

In 1978 the then new Pastor to LCOS, the Rev. Edward R. Benoway, asked Audrey Howze to come into his office and requested that she make a Baptismal Banner for the Sanctuary. Audrey had never made anything like what he asked her to do. At the time, she was a single mother raising her two young children. The kitchen (only) table became her workspace and every evening after working all day, she would spend time applying the delicate shells.



The shells had been collected over many years and donated to the project by Aida Kroepel. Aida had a passion for picking up the shells on the shores of our beautiful beaches. They found a home.

I asked Audrey how long it took to complete the project. Audrey said it was a long time.

The banner was first hung in the original Sanctuary which is now Luther Hall. When the new, current Church was completed, instead of hanging on a pole, it was decided to make a permanent place for it. Audrey designed the recessed frame and Paul Beck made two of them. There is one on each side of the Sanctuary where this beautiful banner hangs on the left side.

Just an FYI: We all know Audrey for her wonderful cakes. Her mother was a professional Wedding Cake baker. Pastor Perry Griffith asked Audrey if her mother could make a cake for his first Confirmation Class celebration? Audrey knowing her mother's schedule, decided to make her very first cake! "And now you know the rest of the story."



**Lighting of the Advent Candles**  
*Submitted by Karen Urban/Gail Smeach*



**First Sunday of Advent (HOPE):** Nicole, Ben and Jake Robertson



**Second Sunday of Advent (PEACE):** Noah Rozell and Family



**Third Sunday of Advent (JOY):** The Perozo Family—Samuel and Joshua



**Fourth Sunday of Advent (LOVE):** The Heselius and Krall Families—Liam and Maclin



**Christmas Eve (Christ Candle):** Rick and Angela Padin will light the candle to begin our worship service.

# LCOS Youth

*Submitted by Karen Urban and Cherri Krall*

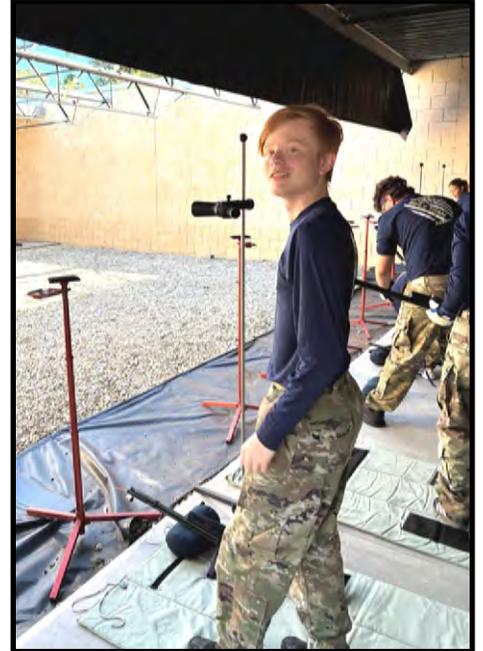
We are blessed and very grateful to have youth who are actively involved in our church—and grateful for the adults who lead and guide them. We wanted to give you a look at how our youth are involved outside of the church. **What an amazing group of young people!**



Jani Stocker



Liam Heselius



Noah Rozell, ROTC



Jake Robertson



Ben Robertson



Maclin Heselius

# Snaps & Snippets

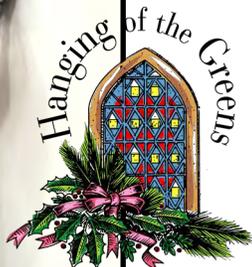
Submitted by Karen Urban and Gail Smeach



**Christ the King Sunday**  
November 23



**LCOS Choir Cantata—December 7th**  
"Silent Was the Night" by Lani Smith  
Narrated by Steve Smeach



18 Lutherans eating at Grill Smith before Christmas program at Idlewild Baptist in Lutz. Fun group!



**Celebration of Life**  
**JOAN BAUN**  
07.01.1948  
09.23.2025

November 15, 2025  
Noon at LCOS



## Snaps & Snippets

Submitted by Karen Urban,  
Pastor Steve, Ginnie Berge



### Congregation Meal on December 7.

THANK YOU to Martin, Don and Charlie! We enjoyed a feast of ham and turkey, all the fixings along with donated side dishes and desserts. Gifts were given and Outreach provided a project of mugs with Christmas stickers and hot chocolate or tea.



Deborah, Pastor Steve and Monty during their holiday trip to Mt. Dora, FL. Standing in front of Dora Lake.



Deborah and Pastor Steve with Granddaughter Maren after her high school show up in Maryland. Thanks for your prayers for Maren.



### Advent—Celebrating the Coming of Christ:

The Outreach Committee set up a table to display pictures of the Nativity sets we have in our homes. Those who donated a picture of their creche were invited to take an ornament from the Christmas tree on the table. Thank you to those who participated and a special thank you to Sharon Rozell for all your work!

## Christmas Day Worship at LCOS

Submitted by Karen Urban

Donald Bergagard, Evangelist, singer and musician, joined us for worship on Sunday, December 14th. **Donald invited the congregation to attend a Christmas Day worship he will be leading at 8:00am at LCOS.** The service will include English, Swedish and Spanish. He's planning to play his accordion for the congregation.

Donald was born and raised in Sweden and started to minister as a teenager. He has recorded over 150 titles in Swedish and 40 in English. He has appeared on national TV in Sweden, one program similar to *The Lawrence Welk Show*, and one similar to *Gaithers' Homecoming*. He was the first evangelist in Sweden to have his own Christian TV program which reaches Scandinavia and 80 countries in Europe.

Donald plays accordion and other instruments as well as using soundtracks when he sings. He has been one of the most requested singers on Christian radio in Scandinavia and sang and played before the King and Queen of Norway. He favors the traditional hymns and gospel.

Donald has ministered in different churches like Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, etc. Locally in different churches and the famous Breakfast Club, Clearwater. He wants to reach people with the gospel, especially those who do not believe yet. He has been in ministry for many years and has ministered in more than 20 countries.

He is married to his beautiful wife, Noomi, and they have two children and one grandchild.



**Reception of New Members on December 14: Mike Wamsley (with wife and member, Sharon Rozell) and Allan and Ginnie Berge (with daughter and member, Sara Berge).**

# Snaps & Snippets—LAFFS Christmas Party

Submitted by Lynne O'Reilly and Cherri Krall



Liam and Maclin handed out water and safety tips, i.e. how to buckle your seatbelt. It's a long drive to Jan's!



Lynne got the "traveling duck"! She gets to display it for the entire year and pass it on to some very fortunate soul at the LAFFS 2026 Christmas party!



### LCOS JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Major	Jan 1
Janet Major	Jan 1
Jesse Major	Jan 1
Locke Major	Jan 1
Matthew Major	Jan 1
Theodore Major	Jan 1
Naoko Okada Hill	Jan 6
Greg Watson	Jan 8
Frank Julius	Jan 18
Augusta Major	Jan 18
Todd Stewart	Jan 19
Mike Watson	Jan 21
Sal Pusateri	Jan 22
Jay Dillinger	Jan 27
June Major	Jan 29
Karen Groh	Jan 31



### LCOS FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rochelle Lewis	Feb 2
Sara Berge	Feb 14
Peggy Kienzle	Feb 16
Don Richardson	Feb 19
JoAnne Richardson	Feb 25
Stephen Smeach	Feb 25
Sharon Rozell	Feb 27



If your birthday is missing from our list, please contact Roger Swain, 813-886-7961 or [roger.swain@tampa.rr.com](mailto:roger.swain@tampa.rr.com), so we may include you in next year's newsletter.

If you are missing from the list above and want to be included in the bulletin, please contact Ginnie, 701.429.3279 or [gkberge7@gmail.com](mailto:gkberge7@gmail.com).



#### Congregation Meeting, December 14

Agenda included: 1) approval of minutes, 2) approval of the proposed 2026 Spending Plan presented by Kristi Saligame, Treasurer, 3) spending approval for Luther Hall AC, 4) approval of new council member, Judith Stocker, 5) approval of Call Committee Members. Congregation voted to approve all items.

**Call Committee Members:** Linda Dillinger, Cherri Krall, Rick Padin, Heidi Richters, Martin Stewart, Liam Heselius and Noah Rozell (representing the youth, they will have one vote)



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:30am Adult Bible Class <b>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</b> 11:00am Fellowship 12:30pm New Ark	<b>29</b> 10:30am Portico Ministry 12:20pm Food Bank	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>FOOD BANK CLOSED</b> 10:00am Pastor Steve Hours 10:30am Portico Ministry	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 6:30pm New Ark 7:00pm AA 	<b>2</b> 2:30pm Food Bank	<b>3</b>
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**Happy New Year!**  
 Thursday, January 1st  
**Epiphany**  
 Sunday, January 6th  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
 Sunday, January 11th  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
 Monday, January 19th



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