



**Forest Oaks Lutheran
Church**

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**Pastor Glenn E. Fischer
Secretary: Lyla Mock**

Services

Sunday Worship

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:45 AM

**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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January 2025

Orientation Notice

January 25th, 2025

11:00 a.m.

1 Corinthians 16:18 "For they refreshed my spirit and yours also such men deserve recognition". Paul loved to recognize friends and fellow believers. And at Forest Oaks Lutheran Church we would like to recognize you as well. The Care Ministry is planning a Membership and regular attender orientation, tour of the church, with lunch, and fellowship on Saturday January 25th at 11:00 a.m. In the fellowship hall. All new members and individuals who call Forest Oaks Lutheran Church as their regular church will be invited.

We are asking anyone who heads an area, activity, or task to also attend to provide information and enjoy the lunch and fellowship.

Look for a signup sheet at the membership booth in the Narthex after the start of the New Year. Let's start 2025 positively.

God Bless you,

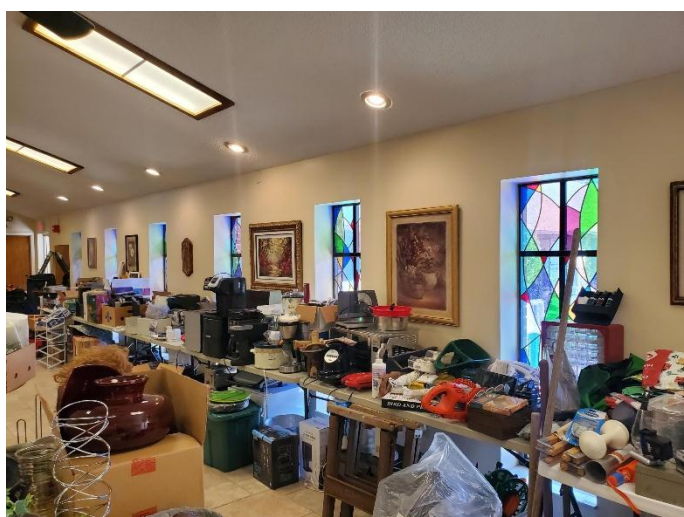
Jackie Bearden

Ladies Guild.

Our January meeting will be January 8th at 10:00. All women of our congregation are invited so please join us as we enter 2025.

Our December rummage sale: a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made our rummage sale a big success. We could not have done it without all your help and support. A big thank you again to all those who volunteered, donated and/or purchased at our last Rummage Sale. The numbers are in and we made \$3,789!

Remember we are still having our February sale as well. More information on that in January! So keep cleaning those closets!"



Teen Focus

Well, here we are in 2025 with a full new year ahead of us. So, what will you do with the new opportunities and challenges that you will face? Only one word of advice...take all things to God in prayer. Ask for His guidance.

Wishing you all a prosperous, happy, Christ centered New Year.

Marcia Pridgen

Care Ministry

Love



Have you ever thought how often you say or think the word love? There are many types of love, using it as a noun or verb. Make a mental note this month to see in what respect you use or think the word love and how often you say it. You might be surprised.

Love is the essence of God's character and the defining quality of His selfless, life-giving relationship with humanity.

Your spirit creates a purpose bigger than yourself. It motivates you to pass kindness on to others. It helps you dedicate your life to improving the lives of others, and offer your time and charity to someone in need. The power to sacrifice yourself and all your things is one of the highest acts of love.

Love is like any other word and can only be alive when it is activated. Love is demonstrated through actions, such as supporting others, giving, caring, and watching out for one another.

After Advent service a soup lunch is served. Two Members volunteer to make and share their favorite soup.

Members and guests love the soups. It is a gift of love to hear how others enjoy. Let alone to ask for the recipe. The two-gals last week loved to share their recipe for soup. They even took the time to email, text the recipes. Remember, this is a form of love – sharing and caring for one another. Our Florida Winter weather is right around the corner. You'll love to make or think about making soup.

How many times will you think or speak the word "**Love**" during January? Heck, it's not February yet.

Church is not some place you go to, it's a loving Family you belong to.

Hugs & Love my Christian Family at FOLC. *Marcy*

Joan Rullman shared her recipe:

15 Bean Soup

I pretty much follow the recipe on the bag of 13 bean soup

Chop 1 med. onion, 2 stalks of celery and 2 carrots (I often do carrots in the food processor) (Use the amounts that you would like.)

I do the quick soak method of softening the beans.

I, also, had a REAL ham bone for the soup and I feel that 'makes' the soup's flavor.

**I added 1 can each of Bush chili beans & Bush white beans because I didn't think I had enough volume ;Hence 15 bean soup)*

to that I added vegetable broth.

Add 2 Bay leaves & 1 or 2 small packages of chopped smoked ham pieces.

Stir in: 1 or 2 TB of BETTER THAN BOUILLON - BAKED HAM BASE.

Simmer all together until the beans are soft.

Remove bone - cut out any good meat left on the bone. Taste and season as you feel is 'just right'!

As you see, I kind of makeup and add what I think will be tasty...I like to create a pot of something good. 🍲

Happy cooking! 😊JKR

Stuffed Pepper Soup

from Cindy Bartz

1 lb Hamburger, browned

14 oz can crush tomatoes

20 oz can tomato soup

10 oz tomato juice

1 qt water

½ uncooked rice, NOT instant

¼ cup beef base "Better Than Bouillon"

2 ½ cups green peppers, cubed

1 ½ cups chopped onion

¼ t. pepper

¼ t. garlic powder

1 t sugar

Bring to a boil, simmer 1hr.

Add ½ cup cooking sherry Enjoy!!!

You have probably noticed our Steeple is gone. The damage over the years was not repairable so it has been taken down.



QUILTING FOR CHARITY

May this newsletter find you reflecting on the many blessings of this past year and looking forward to another new and better year ahead of us. God has been good to us and will continue to keep us in his loving hands as the future unfolds. Because he has promised, "I am with you always," we believe it. Our minds can be at peace, if only we believe. Amen.

This past month has been a busy one for everyone, including the quilters. After selling much of our inventory at Heritage Pines, we made new items for the December 6th and 7th arts and crafts sale at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Due to Forest Oaks Rummage Sale on the same days, only Suzanne, Sherri and I were able to tend to our sale tables. Kathy and Marcy helped out with the rummage sale. We did not have a large number of quilt shoppers but made enough in sales to resupply our treasury, which we needed to do because I spent the day after Thanksgiving shopping for our gift donations for this year's charities. The charities are: Holy Ground (a shelter for homeless in Pasco County), The Life Center (a shelter for unwed mothers in Brooksville), and foster children of Hernando and Citrus counties.

The following photos show the new items we completed for the sale since last month:





There were a lot of Christmas runners and placemats sold this year so we, mostly Kathy, kept making them. The bottom picture shows our 3-table set up at St. Theresa's. (We still could have used another table.)

Ilona and Darlene are back for the winter season. We certainly welcome their rejoining us. With the bustle of the holidays, we will not be meeting on December 23rd or 30th, or January 6th. On January 13th we will be having our post-holiday luncheon at Outback restaurant at 12:30PM. Please let Kathy know if you can attend so she has a count. All quilters both active, past members, and home contributors are welcome to join us.

After serving as a coordinator for Quilting for Charity for over 11 years, I find it is time for me to be less active and will become an inactive member of the group. Kathy Ridder is taking my place. She will do a fine job of keeping things going. I am so blessed to have been involved with this fine group of ladies and treasure our time spent working together for our common purpose of helping others. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the group in some way, whether by sewing or being a shopper, a participant in our raffles or a donator of fabric, etc. May God continue to bless these ladies and you, also. I wish you each a very Blessed and Happy New Year!

Karen

WISHING YOU A
YEAR FILLED
WITH NEW
HOPES, NEW
JOYS, AND NEW
BEGINNINGS.
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!

The Mystery of God

If there is something missing in your life
A Holy fear of God can remove most strife
It will protect you and turn things around
Removing troubles so you're not stuck down
Shake off all doubt and have a firm boldness
With expectancy you'll attain God's goodness
Trust in God's unfailing love...His perfect plan
God will equip you to do all that you can
We'll be tested in the fear of the Lord
If we obey HIM, we'll receive an award
With a blessing waiting ahead of us
We share God's message and always trust
Try to meditate on God's scriptures and hence
Peace surrounds you when nothing makes sense
Remembrance of God's word will fight evil
Knowing God's promises is very crucial

As we all trust in His unfailing love
He will send His Holy Spirit from up above
To watch over and guide us everyday
He is the Truth, the Life, and the Only Way
Following Jesus is the choice today

As we proclaim His praiseworthy name
Shining His light is our claim to fame
As we dedicate ourselves to Christ Jesus
We will demonstrate love as only He does
His servants, by His grace, we will become
Then we'll know that His work on Earth is done!
Thank you God, we are the light of the World
Love, Marti Kelly 5/5/2023





Birthdays

01/05 Marcy Stortzum
01/06 Bobbi Mattia
01/07 Theresa Arndt
01/08 Delilah Blackburn
01/11 Danelia Villarrubia
01/15 Angela Kenny
01/17 Jesse Ward
01/20 Edward Wright
01/30 Sharon McKenna

Anniversaries

01/02 Eddie & Drema Gottsman
01/23 Paul & Dorothy Ann Ell
01/29 Bob & Fran Schuleit





Choir Has begun rehearsals

We have formed a choir under the direction of Casey Shingle. The Choir practices on Sunday Afternoons at 12:30 PM. Please if you love to sing consider joining the choir and come on Sunday at 12:30 to practice.

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5 Service 9:30 AM Fellowship Time Sunday School 10:45 Confirmation Class Pastors Bible class Choir 12:30 PM	6 OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY Quilters, 1 PM	7 Food Pantry 9 AM TOPS, 9 AM AARP 1-3 PM	1 New Years day Office closed	2	3	4
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