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ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vineyard Views

April 2025

***Reflections of Lent***

Last month in March, we entered the period of Lent. What is Lent? And why do we observe it?

Lent is a solemn Christian 40-day period of spiritual preparation before Easter which is marked by prayer, fasting and giving to charity. These are called the 3 pillars of Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy (Maundy) Thursday. It does not include the 6 Sundays as they are considered “mini-Easters”. Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus- to consider his suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial and resurrection.

We are called to reflect, repent and reconcile during Lent. These are the 3 Rs of Lent. To reflect is to pause and consider one’s life, actions, and relationship with God and with others. It’s an opportunity to examine one’s thoughts, words and deeds and to determine where one needs to grow and change. Repentance involves turning away from sin and wrongdoings and turning towards God. It’s a desire to make amends for past mistakes and live a more faithful life. Reconciliation deals with mending broken relationships both with God and others. It’s about seeking forgiveness, offering forgiveness and working towards healing and unity.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, some Christians commit to a fast or give up something they like to do or a habit such as eating chocolates or sweets, watching TV, smoking, drinking, or swearing to imitate Christ’s sacrifice during his journey in the desert. Other people take on a Lenten discipline such as reading the Bible more or spending more time in prayer to draw closer to God.

Some observers do not eat meat on Fridays and eat fish instead. This is a form of penance and a way to remember Christ’s sacrifice on the cross which happened on a Friday. It helps people to purify themselves of sin before Easter. The goal is to strengthen their faith and develop a closer relationship with God.

The forty days in Lent is based on 2 events in the Bible: 1) the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33;38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and 2) the temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, and Luke 4:1-13). Other significances of the number 40 in the Bible is it rained for 40 days and nights during the flood; Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before receiving the 10 Commandments; and the prophet Elijah spent 40 days and 40 nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai.

The Bible doesn’t mention the custom of Lent; however, it is said that Lent is based on Jesus’ temptation in the desert for 40 days.

The season of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. The official name is “Day of Ashes” in which the Pastor marks the sign of the cross on parishioners’ foreheads which is meant to identify the faithful with Jesus. Ashes are a symbol of repentance and death. Observing Ash Wednesday represents one’s repentance from sin as well as Jesus’ sacrificial death. We observed this on March 5 of this year.

The day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras. We observed this on March 4 of this year. The name “Shrove Tuesday” comes from an old English word “shrive” meaning to confess and receive absolution. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated by consuming rich foods like eggs and dairy ahead of the period before the restrictive period of fasting and Lent. Pancakes are commonly consumed at this time. This year I attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner for the first time and the pancakes were delicious. Many thanks to Randy, Frank and Greg S for cooking and serving.

In some parishes, a church bell is rung to call people to confession and to begin frying their pancakes. In some areas, pancake races are a common tradition where people race down streets carrying a frying pan with a pancake, often in fancy clothes.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a period of intense religious observances leading up to Easter. This commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem marked by crowds waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna” or “Save Us, we pray”. The palm branches symbolize victory and triumph which reflects the peoples joy at Jesus’ arrival. Palm Sunday reminds Christians of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem as a king, his suffering, and victory over death through his resurrection. This will be celebrated on April 13, 2025.

Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent and starts the Paschal Triduum which are the most sacred days of the year. The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word “mandatum” which means “command”. This is in reference to Jesus’ commandment to love one another as he loves us. This day commemorates the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and washed his disciples’ feet which signifies humility and service. On April 17, 2025, we will gather for Holy Thursday and hear a very dramatic reading of the Passion by Patti Cyr. We will then strip the altar which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

We will observe a Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 18, 2025. Tenebrae is a Latin word for shadows. The purpose is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and to recreate the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events. There are many scripture readings on the events and solemn hymns are sung. The cross is carried to the front of the church and we leave in darkness to signify Christ’s death. Good Friday is considered “good” because of its religious significance. Jesus’ crucifixion and death on the cross is the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. God so loved us that he gave up his Son as a sacrifice for our sins and death.

On April 19, 2025, we will hold an Easter vigil. The Easter Vigil marks the transition from Lent to the Easter season and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The main elements are the service of light where darkness gives way to light symbolizing Christ’s victory over death and hope of eternal life; the liturgy of the word where a series of Old and New Testament scriptures are read telling the story of salvation; the liturgy of baptism where new members are welcomed, and current members renew their baptismal vows. This used to be the only time when baptisms occurred; and the liturgy of the Eucharist. The vigil concludes with parishioners taking Holy Communion as a symbol of Christ’s body and blood. In some churches, this is the most important service of the year. This service starts off as a solemn one and ends with the joyous celebration of Easter.

On April 20, 2025, we will celebrate Easter which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox which is March 20. Easter is a celebration of the triumph of life over death. We celebrate this day with a sunrise service at 7AM. This is followed by a breakfast from the men, followed by the joyous traditional Easter service celebration at 9:30am.

I hope each and every one of you will join us at these very meaningful services.

In Christ’s Love,

Barbara Johnson, Council Vice President

**Benevolence for April - The Path**

Citrus County Homeless Shelter and resource center 21 S. Melbourne Street

Beverly Hills, FL 34465

**WELCA NEWS**

Mother’s Day is coming up on May 10, 2025. The women will be planning and doing the service. Any women interested in participating (You don’t have to be in WELCA to participate.), please see Mary Schlumberger or Barbara Johnson.

Looking ahead to May – WELCA is planning to have an indoor picnic. Details to follow. Men are invited. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun-filled activity.

The next WELCA meeting is a business meeting on April 15, 2025 at 1pm.

Carolyn Fialkowski would like to thank everyone who donated to Pastor’s reception, helped set up and clean up after Pastor’s Celebration of Life reception.

THE POWER OF PRAYER IN ACTION AND INSPIRATION

“SILENT TREATMENT”

By Barbara Carson

We all at some time in our lives have used the “silent treatment” to react to something that has happened to us or used it on someone else. Maybe it seems a little immature, but it serves it purpose to get our point across. We may have been on both sides of it from time to time. It makes us feel uneasy or uncomfortable. If it is intentional, I think that both sides feel the hurt or pain. We are human and maybe use it as a defense mechanism to heal our wounds. But either way it can be very hurtful sometimes.

Have you ever thought of when you give God the “silent treatment”, he is feeling pain and hurt also. Afterall, we are supposed to have a relationship with God where we remain close and bonded with him. Giving the silent treatment can mute our prayers and thanks to Satan, we have a missed opportunity to express our anguish or frustrations at the time.

This silent treatment can be a stumbling block for us to reach out to God when we need him. Prayer can be a time to recenter ourselves and depend on the spiritual needs we get from God. This silence can put us in a temporary wilderness and keep us away from God. Through our stubbornness, our prayer life is limited, and we cannot be strengthened by God our Savior. Prayer alleviates our temptations to stray away from the obstacles of life that Satan pushes us to. Prayer is healing during those times that we want to cause a hurt or pain to someone. We think it will make us feel better but in essence it too causes us pain or misery.

God is constant and supportive in our lives. Psalm 46:1 “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on him, Because he cares for you.”

So when silence becomes a burden or a negative situation, think of the song “What a Friend We have in Jesus, ” as He invites us to take “Everything to God in Prayer.” Amen!

**Ruth Circle – volunteers needed**

Ruth Circle needs a few helpers to stuff our  Easter Bags  for the food boxes.  We will be meeting on **Monday April 7th around 9:30 to 12:00.**  Any questions,  please call Barbara Carson or see me at church.  Thank you.

**Please check for the following sign-up sheets**

Worship Helpers – kiosk

Lenten Soup Supper – kiosk

Food Box packing/Pizza Party - kiosk

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Celebrate God’s diverse world! Since 2021 we’ve been asking folks to bring potted, flowering plants to decorate the church, instead of lilies. Let’s do it again this year! All kinds, all colors, all sizes are welcome. Bring them to the church on Saturday (the day before Easter). If you would like them back please put your name on them.

**2025 Lent/Easter Schedule**

Wednesday, April 2 – **Mid-Week Lenten Svc 4pm**, Soup Supper 5pm

Wednesday, April 9 – **Mid-Week Lenten Svc** 4pm, **Soup Supper** 5pm

Sunday, April 13 – **Palm Sunday** 9am Worship

Thursday, April 17 – **Maundy Thursday** 7pm

Friday, April 18 – **Good Friday** 7pm Tenebrae Svc

Saturday, April 19 – **Easter Vigil** 4pm

Sunday, April 20 – **Sunrise Service** 7am

**Breakfast** 8am

**Traditional Service** 9:30am

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Description automatically generated2025 Easter Food Box Supply List**

Wow! Time sure goes by fast. Seems like we just got done with Thanksgiving Food Boxes and we need to start collecting for Easter Boxes. We will continue to provide 40 food boxes and Easter bags for their children for families in our community and will begin March 15, 2025. If you would like to request a box for a family member or friend, forms will be available on the table in the fellowship hall and need to be turned in to Patti Cyr (Box #139) no later than March 23rd.

**Please purchase only these items (CHECK EXPIRATION DATES):**

Canned Fruit

Canned Chicken Canned Vegetables (corn/green beans)

Canned Ham Pasta

Tuna Spaghetti Sauce (preferred – canned)

Soup Instant Potatoes

Peanut Butter White Rice

Jelly Gravy (prefer brown)

Saltine crackers Jello and Pudding

Macaroni & Cheese Canned chili

Baked Beans (Canned)

Oatmeal (prefer box with individual packets)

Place food in designated bins under the table in the fellowship hall **no later than Sunday April 6, 2025.** Thanks so very much for the food, funds and help you, so willingly, donate for this activity.

Packing of the food boxes will be April 10, 2025. A light lunch will be at Noon and packing will be done afterwards.

Much thanks and blessing

~Patti Cyr Cell # 352-422-7313. Leave a message and I will return your call.

**NEEDED FOR EASTER BAGS (for food boxes)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*Buckets (no baskets)**

**\*\*\*\*Individually wrapped candy for eggs (no chocolate)**

Easter Pencils

Easter Erasers

Crayons (small boxes)

Colored Pencils (for older children)

Coloring/Activity Books – small size (ages 3-10)

Scratch Pads (like those we get in mail)

Small Toys (like McDonald’s fun meal)

Activity Books (for older teens -crosswords, Sudoku, etc.)

Note: Many of the items can be found at Dollar Tree, Big Lots, Dollar General, Ollie’s, etc.)

Any questions, see me.

Thank you, Barbara Carson

*\*\*Note – No stuffed animals. We use our Teddy Bears.*

**WORLD'S GREATEST BABY SHOWER - Bump2Baby Expo!**

The World's Greatest Baby Shower is now called Bump2Baby Expo! It is still part of Healthy Start and is a health and safety event for families who are expecting or already have a baby 12 months old or less.

The WELCA has for many years supported both Healthy Start and the World's Greatest Baby Shower. We are again supporting this wonderful cause and this year we are even a sponsor.

This year's expo will be held Thursday, April 24 from 5-7pm at St. John Paul II School in Lecanto. The school is on Homosassa Trail not far from where it ends at hwy 44. This is the same place the expo was held last year. I have a list of ladies who indicated on the time and talent sheet that are interested in helping us. But if anyone else is interested please let me know. I will be sharing more information at the WELCA meeting and through the church office when it gets closer to time. As always if you have any questions please contact me.

Sarah “Sallie “ Haley

**DEADLINES**

**Announcements**

Please be aware that if you have entries for the weekend worship announcements you need to have them in on the Tuesday prior, as we are preparing and printing them no later than Thursday.

**Vineyard Views**

If you have submissions for the May Vineyard Views, please have them in to the office no later than the end of day on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.



**INFORMATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AND YOUR TREASURERS**

Our church expenses are approximately $22,000.00 per month, so please prayerfully remember to bring or send in your offering. We are most grateful to all of you who support our programs through your offerings, time, talents and prayers.

It’s never too late to complete and turn in your Giving Card and your Volunteer Sheet. It helps all the Committees and Finance prepare for the year. Stewardship packets are available in the office.

In the hope of getting ahead of our property, liability and flood insurance costs for this year, we would like to save toward those expenses. If possible, we would appreciate it if you could make an additional donation designated “Insurance” and include it with your regular offering. Thanks so much.



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL NEWS FOR APRIL 2025**

**$$$THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®$$$**

Thanks so much to our Thrivent Financial members and friends who direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars® to make it available for activities and projects for our mission and ministry here at St. Timothy. If you are an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars® available, please call Thrivent (800-847-4836) and say “Thrivent Choice®” or go online to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and direct your dollars…hopefully to St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Crystal River. Since the beginning of 2025, our church has received $1239.00

through this program. Thanks to our St. Timothy members and friends who designated their dollars in March:

Martha Hoagland Keith Johns Barbara Johnson Gwen Pringle

Marilyn Schmitz

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

It has been 10 years since Thrivent kicked off this program to enable Thrivent clients with membership to make a difference locally and globally. In the program’s first year Thrivent membership led about 25,000 Thrivent Action Teams. Over the past decade, interest and participation grew. In 2023 a record of more than 157,000 Action Teams were held. To date, Thrivent clients and membership have led more than 1.2 million projects, engaging more than 16 million volunteers and raising more than $1.9 billion to support causes.

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team. Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It’s packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes $250\*\* in seed money to help get your project started. After you finish the project, you report the results on-line to Thrivent. This program is brought to you by Thrivent Financial because they believe that being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand. All your questions and requests for this funding program will be answered by going to Thrivent.com/actionteam.*\*\*\*Please note that Thrivent Financial funds accessed for all programs and activities involving St. Timothy Lutheran Church need to be approved by a Committee and the Congregational Council.* 2025 Thrivent Action Teams that have been approved: World’s Greatest Baby Shower (Citrus Bump2Baby Expo) and Easter Food Boxes.

THE $250 IN SEED MONEY IS A GIFT FROM THRIVENT THAT WE CAN USE TO HELP WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PROJECTS INVOLVING OUR CONGREGATION. THESE FUNDS ARE IN ADDITION TO OUR BUDGETED AMOUNTS AND OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS MADE BY OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

*Financial Representatives for answering questions and offering advice on Thrivent investments and products are:*

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*352-505-8905 352-440-6784*

[*Katherine.gross@thrivent.com*](mailto:Katherine.gross@thrivent.com)

***Virtual Advice Team – 855-303-7402***

**Citrus Blessings – updated 3/12**

This outreach met on March 5, 2025 at 10AM. They packed 233 bags. They had 12 people packing the bags and it only took them 35 minutes. They meet in the back building of the Chamber of Commerce. Any questions or if you are interested in participating, please contact Randy Holden. **The next blessings will be on April 2, 2025**.

**Food Pantry – updated 3/26**

The food pantry continues to operate on the 2nd and 4th week of every month from 9AM- noon.  We continue to inform the congregation as to the needs of the pantry via the weekly announcements.  The current needs are macaroni and cheese, beef stew and chili. Thanks to all who contribute food.  You can also contribute monetarily by writing out a check made out to Life Tree Church with Food Pantry in the memo line or writing out a check to Barbara Johnson and putting food pantry in the memo line, and placing it in my mailbox, #210.  We will also accept cash donations.  Please put it in an envelope in my mailbox, #210 and put your name on it so I know who you are.  If you would like a receipt, please let me know.  **The next food pantry will be April 8, 2025**

**On March 25, 2025, the food pantry had 59 individual people visit, consisting of 116 adults and 8 children for a total of 124 people.  We also had 3 new families consisting of 5 adults.**

**The Month of March we had 129 total individuals consisting of 257 adults and 17 children for a total of 274 people.  We had 8 new families consisting of 13 adults and 3 children for a total of 16 people.**

**Healthy Start – updated 3/6**

**April needs: 13 baby blankets, 13 baby lotions, 11 baby oil, 8 baby shampoo, 10 diaper cream, 4 toys/teething rings**

**MESSAGE FROM REGINA**

**Please, if you are at a church function, think about snapping a few photos for everyone to enjoy. Thank you in advance.**

**SERVING HANDS**

Serving Hands is a program created to help members of our own congregation. Serving Hands is there for you if you need some help in the following areas: a meal brought to you, driving you to an appointment, a friendly visit, doing a household chore, communion brought to you, walking your dog, or picking up food for your pet, etc. These are one-time opportunities, not forever experiences. Please contact Carolyn Fialkowski at 814-392-4281, or Jean Fowler at 586-322-8337 if you need help.

Please don’t hesitate to call. We want to serve you! Also, if you are willing to help with any of these services, there is a sign-up chart on the kiosk in the entrance way of the church or call one of these ladies.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM LINK**

**Topic: Sunday School**Time: Mar 16, 2025 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
        Every week on Sun, 109 occurrence(s)  
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.  
Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwrc-mprDMoH9YRklu1WcmVIop862c72xVO/ics?icsToken=DNtYyf2AyjKJ8eknKgAALAAAANeKLJ1ERw0Rdwz9n2O9c-ooSRMcranle3NkMoyGg3pziFDjhDi_8pRTLaY-NApBrv7byaiNGNhpgc60pTAwMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=3pLv0et_SMuCQYJkMknIyQ>  
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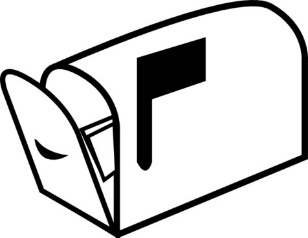
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**AED /Medical response :**

We have a poster that is behind the kiosk across from our AED in the narthex.   An emergency incident can happen at any time, and it is good to be prepared.  The poster explains a “hands only “ CPR protocol as the first line of an emergency of that kind and is very easy for anyone.  Please take a look  and refresh yourself on the protocol.  Our AED is valuable for saving lives but initiating CPR is essential.  We do have several people in our congregation that have more detailed experience to assist as needed.  For any questions, please ask Barbara Carson.

**Instructional video on how to use the Philips AED.**

<https://youtu.be/t6GV9PAbgM4?si=dZuGq8aLjfvpFiM->

**Mailboxes**

**CHECK THEM** - even if you are not ready to return to worship, please come by during the week and check your mailboxes. We continue to try to keep everyone informed and connected, so we put things in the mailboxes – especially for folks that don’t have email addresses. SOOOO – please check your mailboxes.

**PUT MAIL IN CORRECT BOXES** - Please make sure you **only put mail in boxes that have a name under them.** If you have something for people who have left and their name has been removed from the mailbox, please use their postal mailing address.

**Just a Reminder if You Happen to Be the Last One Out of the Building**

**If you happen to find yourself the last one leaving the building – please go by one of the Lock-Up Check Lists that are located throughout the building. These are put up to help us to remember to check all the doors, restrooms, and thermostats etc. Thank You for helping us keep our building secure and our power bills down.**

**ST TIMOTHY’S WEBSITE**

Here is the St. Timothy website address: <https://www.sttimlutherancrystalriver.com/>

There are links for the weekend’s services on the homepage. Please note that the links will change every week, since this is a YouTube file address; every service has its own link. Watch for an email with the updated links when they are ready. The video links for previous weekends will still be available at the bottom of the webpage, as the links are updated each week. Please contact us if you would like a CD of any of the services to listen to. Be sure to check out our children’s artwork at the bottom of the home page. We hope to add more as they send it to us.

Here is a link to Pastor Joanie's YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5xrMj8-8_6iyR_KxjFAwRQ/videos>

**Facebook**

See our Facebook page for information about upcoming events and Please feel free to message us with suggestions about content. - Regina

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[St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/St-Timothy-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church-104099901757516/?ref=page_internal)

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The Card Makers meet the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

-Kathy G

**Senior Care Resources**

[Caring.com](https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/florida) is a free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support, and care options to family caregivers seeking information as they care for aging parents by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the internet.

<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/memory-care-facilities/>

<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/memory-care-facilities/florida>

<https://www.caring.com/caregivers/alzheimers/>

<https://www.caring.com/caregivers/dementia/>

**WE HAVE SEVERAL HANDBOOKS ON DEMENTIA IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE INFORMATION**

**Directory Updates**

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**HERE AND THERE WITH THE FOLKS OF ST TIMOTHY**

Pineland Conference Spring Gathering

March 8, 2025



Pastor Don Erickson from Rock of Ages Lutheran Church

A group of women standing in a room

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Pinelands Conference Board Installation.

Pictured are Royce Ruther, Church Musician, Sallie Haley, SWO Representative, Irene Brissel, Vice President from St. Matthews in Ocala, Beverly Conklin, President from Rock of Ages Lutheran in Wildwood, and Jan Keller, Secretary/Treasurer from Hope Lutheran in The Villages

A good time was had by all.



Harry Treber 4/01

Ed Fialkowski 4/03

Dan Cyr 4/04

Kris Harper 4/04

Kyle Messier 4/05

Sallie Haley 4/05

Eileen Ambrozaitis 4/05

Bob Blum 4/08

Diane Mason 4/09

Dick Kleinsmith 4/09

JoAn DeBusk 4/16

Justine Roecker 4/18

Bill Dively 4/19

Barbara Pringle 4/21

Rosa Neth 4/21

George Adams 4/23

Jim Neth 4/26

Jean Fowler 4/27

Parish Deacon, Frank Hofstetter 4/30

**Birthday Blessings!**



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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
|  |  | **1** | **2**  **10am – Citrus Blessings**  **NO CARD MAKERS**  **4pm – Lent Svc**  **5pm – Soup Supper** | **3**  **9:30 – Prayer Group**  **11:00 Miniatures**  **4:30pm – Choir**  **5:15 - Chimes** | **4** | **5**  **NO MOST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  **4pm Worship** |
| **6**  **9am Worship,**  **9am Children’s SS**  **10:15-10:45 Drive-Up Communion**  **10:30 Adult SS, Coffee** | **7**  **10-12 Easter Bag packing**  **11am – Healthy Start** | **8**  **9-12 Food Pantry** | **9**  **12 – Council Work Session**  **2pm – Worship Meeting**  **4pm – Lent Svc**  **5pm – Soup Supper** | **10**  **9:30 – Prayer Group**  **11:00 Miniatures**  **12 – Food Box Packing/Pizza**  **4:30pm – Choir**  **5:15pm - Chimes** | **11** | **12**  **4pm Worship** |
| **13**  **Palm Sunday**  **9am Worship,**  **9am Children’s SS**  **10:15-10:45 Drive-Up Communion**  **10:30 Adult SS, Coffee, Committees** | **14**  **10:30am – Ruth Circle** | **15**  **1pm – WELCA** | **16** | **17**  **9:30 – Prayer Group**  **11:00 Miniatures**  **7pm Maundy Thursday** | **18**  **7pm Good Friday – Tenebrae Svc** | **19**  **4pm Easter Vigil** |
| **20**  **Easter Sunday**  **7am Sunrise Svc**  **8am – Breakfast**  **9:30am Traditional Svc** | **21** | **22**  **9-12 Food Pantry**  **VINEYARD VIEWS DEADLINE** | **23**  **1pm Royal Dalton Memory Care** | **24**  **9:30 – Prayer Group**  **11:00 Miniatures**  **4:30 – Choir**  **5:15 Chimes**  **5-7pm Bump2Baby Expo** | **25** | **26**  **4pm Worship** |
| **27**  **9am Worship,**  **9am Children’s SS**  **10:15-10:45 Drive-Up Communion**  **10:30 Adult SS**  **11:30 Council** | **28** | **29** | **30** |  |  |  |

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**Parish Deacon:** Frank Hofstetter

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**2025 Congregational Council**

**President:** **Ron Roecker**

**Vice-President: Barbara Johnson**

**Secretary: Jean Fowler**

**Treasurers: Lynn Dively & Cheryl VanHorn**

**Financial Secretary: Randy Holden & Dick Kleinsmith**

**Council Members: Carolyn Fialkowski, Andrea Mitchell, Fola Long, and Marsha Gibson**

**Weekly Worship**

**Saturdays 4pm**

**Sundays 9am**

**Communion available at both services**

**Children’s Sunday School - 9am**

**Adult Sunday School - 10:30am**

**Drive-Up Communion – 10:15-10:45**

**Saturday and Sunday Services - links ONLINE**