



THE SHIP'S MESSENGER JULY/AUGUST 2019



Marco Lutheran Church

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE By Pastor Kevin Koenig



Outside, I can hear the sounds of lawn mowers and inside, I can hear the hum of air conditioners. Hard to believe but 2019 is half way gone. The flowers are in full bloom and colorful and the greens are deeper, thanks to some much needed rain. There is already talk of the fourth of July celebration and the fireworks that are set off from a barge in the Gulf. Oh yes, it is to be a pretty normal hurricane season, but it only takes one like Irma or Wilma to serve as a gentle reminder of the power of nature.

Programmatic Boards have been busy scheduling activities for the fall of the year and into next season. Staff Reviews are scheduled for the month of August. How blessed we are to have such a dedicated staff who function more and more as a terrific team. And yes, there are vacations planned for all. Plans are being made for an outdoor service to celebrate *Back to Church Sunday* in the fall. Our property board has been working on some leaky spots on the roof, and having new air conditioners installed as the oldest of our systems cooled for the last time. The Great Room is being used a great deal, especially one Wednesday a month when we host *Lunch with Friends*, who had their largest turnout ever at the June luncheon.

Maybe you are asking, what's the point of this article I am reading. Please, be patient, I'll get to it in a moment.

Off season is slower, but still hectic with activity. I think it's because we are linked together in a common pursuit. While we share an island, we are not an island in isolation. Marco Lutheran Church is a community that is knit together in a desire to live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Ebbs and flows of activity occur as does the size of our worshipping community. And now to the point: Summer gives us all a time to reflect, to rejoice, and to celebrate the mission and ministry of our congregation. From where I sit, we are a congregational community that takes to heart the word of Scripture: I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me. Or, if you will pardon the adjustment, We can do all things in Christ who strengthens us!

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Koenig



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

By Pastor Tom Boeck

In the last newsletter, I discussed with you the idea of going out this summer to meet our neighbors.

Do you remember? We talked about how now that the vacationers and seasonal folks have gone back to their homes elsewhere, that those who remain on Marco and those who remain in Naples are our year-round neighbors. Have you met any of them yet? Have you told any of them about what Jesus means for you in your life?

In the 10th chapter of Luke, we read about a lawyer who asks Jesus: "And who is my neighbor?" To which Jesus replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan. In that story we read about a man who is the most unlikely of characters to be caring for the man who was robbed and injured. A priest and a Levite, both of whom were supposed to be godly people, passed by on the other side of the road and did not help the man. But the Samaritan was the only one who actually helped the man who was in need. At the end of the story, Jesus asked the lawyer: "Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer responded with the obvious answer: "The one who

showed him mercy." And Jesus responds with this simple retort: You go, and do likewise."

We see opportunities to help people all around us, and we know that we should help them. But sometimes the sheer number of those in need causes us to shrink from the responsibility for fear of failure. But Jesus simply says, "You go, and do likewise." He provides us with opportunities, and He provides us with the means by which to help. Sometimes it means volunteering at the food bank, or perhaps serving a meal at St. Matthew's House. It could mean sending a card to someone who is ill or praying for those going through severe challenges in their lives.

Regardless of what the situation is, we are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, especially in this corner of the world. Pray that God will present you with opportunities to help those who are in need, and watch what He does! Not only will you bless the person or people you serve, but God will be glorified as others see the love of Jesus in you.

Let's find a neighbor and bless them!

Blessings to you in Jesus name,

Pastor Tom

Let's Get On Board!



MLC's Kindness CHALLENGE

Sharing, Mercy, Love and Compassion

THE KINDNESS CHALLENGE

There is a power behind kindness. It can bring a smile to your face and be a reflection of Jesus in the world. Join us as we go forward in 2019 with a new challenge to us all; to bring kindness in one small act of charity at a time. Let's be known in our community as the church who is a active reflection of the Jesus Christ.

Look on the ministry desk EACH WEEK and pick up a new card with each week's act of kindness.

Together let's transform our community with kindness!

~The Board of Human Care

Simply Giving

Some of you use our "Simply Giving" online giving option regularly. It's growing so we want to make it easier for you to have the option to participate, particularly those of you who summer up north. If you haven't looked recently, take a few minutes and see what's there. Go to www.marcolutheran.org and click on "GIVE." You have the option to make one-time, weekly, or monthly donations.

Our **Good Samaritan Fund** is now listed as a gift option. Please consider this discreet way of helping our church care for it's needy.

Look for more electronic and mobile giving options at Marco Lutheran Church in the near future. In the meantime, please contact me with any question.

Roger Miller, Financial Secretary

financialsec@marcolutheran.org

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dawn Snyder



Dear Church Family,

Summer has warm fuzzy memories stored in my heart and mind.

My dad was a big part of that experience as he was a school teacher and we grew up with a cottage. Summer was a constant flow of friends, family and neighbors.

Before he left this earth for his eternal home in heaven he wrote a poem I wanted to share..

"The Gift"

*Come let the sunshine that
Warms our body also shine
Inside us.*

Look upon the vast sea

For a calmer me

I you long for the

"Good Old Days"

We precious antiques

*Need only to look about at
Acquaintances, Friends and Family.*

There by the Grace of God is Me.

Remember through YOU Christ Shines!

Blessed Summer to You All!

Dawn



Save the Date!

OCTOBER 20

More details to come in the September
Ship's Messenger!



MUSIC NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS!
Best wishes and many blessings to our Music Director and his beautiful bride!

Craig & GERALYNN GREUSEL
June 15, 2019



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Sharon Boeck	Jul 2
Norman and Elsie Naim	Jul 3
Ernest and Barbara Damon	Jul 9
Erwin and Vera Stegmaier	Jul 10
Ken and Marilyn Garazin	Jul 12
Wally and Gerri Maurer	Jul 18
Ron and Nancy Lisch	Jul 20
Michael & Cheryl Ballenger	Jul 21
Jerry Wiens & Kathy Caspers	Jul 23
Robert & Julia Reinig	Jul 26
Arlyn and Claire Rus	Jul 29
Richard and Barbara Knoll	Jul 30

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Moyer	Jul 1	Tom Cooper	Jul 19
Victor Argobright	Jul 2	Nancy Gady	Jul 19
Carmen Brookshaw	Jul 2	Elaine Lawson	Jul 19
Ruth Fletcher	Jul 4	Louise Shaffer	Jul 19
Mikelena Greusel	Jul 4	Sandy Alger	Jul 20
Carol Gustafson	Jul 4	Gail Hoopes	Jul 20
Rodney Thole	Jul 4	Guenter Paczka	Jul 20
Spec Skulborstad	Jul 5	Loren Drews	Jul 24
Buzz Geartz	Jul 6	Leesa Carls	Jul 26
William Craig	Jul 7	Emily Forslin Lauth	Jul 26
Jean Groenke	Jul 7	Sandra Schmadeke	Jul 27
Ann Stuart	Jul 7	Herbert Anderson	Jul 28
Pamela Nagorske	Jul 8	Richard Hakanson	Jul 28
Claire Grabovez	Jul 11	John Bly	Jul 30
Edward Bauer	Jul 12	Dani Graves	Jul 30
Sheila Johnson	Jul 12	Lynn Thompson	Jul 30
Vera Stegmaier	Jul 12	Wanda Schmelzer	Jul 31
Jim Shaw	Jul 13		
Loren Beck	Jul 14		
Emma lou Koch	Jul 14		
Carol Rayner	Jul 14		
Judy Lange	Jul 16		
Karen Kuhnly	Jul 18		



Artist Series Dates for 2020

Thank you to everyone for the great response to the new expanded two-night format.

We will be continuing with a Thursday series and a Friday series for 2020. Brochures will again be mailed during the 3rd week of September, to Friends, Season Ticket Holders, and anyone who has requested a mailing.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email your name and address to Leesa at ArtistSeries@marcolutheran.org by September 1.

Here are the dates for the 2020 series:

Thursday Series

January 23

February 6

February 20

March 5

March 26

Friday Series

January 24

February 7

February 21

March 6

March 27



SAVE THE DATE!

November 16-18, 2019

Visiting Scholar!

Dr. Tommie Mitchell

From **Answers in Genesis**

Marco Lutheran Foundation Update

All grant requests for 2020 must now be received by the Foundation by **OCTOBER 15** of each calendar year (this is a change from November 15 in past years)

Grant applications are available at marcolutheran.org along with the details for submission.

BACK ON THE ISLAND - COME BACK TO CHURCH EVEN IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME

Celebrate National Back to Church Sunday at



Marco Lutheran Church
525 N Collier Blvd

www.marcolutheran.org

(239)-394-0332

Sunday October 6th

9:30am Outdoor Service

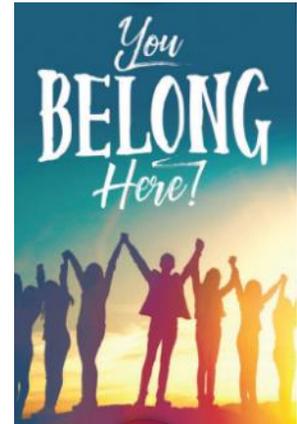
10:30am Picnic with musical entertainment and more

Bring a chair and one to share!

Bring a friend! Bring a neighbor!



Looking for a church?



EVERYONE'S WELCOME

Grace Place for Children and Families always welcomes volunteers!

Opportunities are available for those who would like to volunteer once or twice a week, on a monthly basis, several times per year, or occasionally for special events. Our educational programs and Friday Food Pantry can use your talents!

Are you a high school student in need of volunteer hours? Volunteer this summer at Grace Place! Our Academy of Leaders Elementary summer program is looking for volunteers to assist our staff in the classroom, outside, at lunch time, and for special projects. Our summer programs run June 10–July 26.

Join us on Friday, June 28 from 1pm – 4pm for Garden Day. Join us as our Academy of Leaders Elementary and Middle School students continue to grow their gardens on campus. Have planters, seeds, soil and shovels to share? Bring them to contribute to the fun. A green thumb is not necessary, just a positive attitude and desire to help!

We can use your help on Fridays throughout the day in our Friday Food Pantry. Our Friday Food Pantry needs volunteers to unpack and sort food, and to greet families and provide customer service. This is a great opportunity to come with a friend or a group and volunteer together!

For more information, please call Arlene Mendez, Human Resource and Talent Manager, at 239.234.2467 or email arlene@graceplacenaples.org.



All Bible Study classes are taking a summer break. Adult Bible study will resume in October. Please watch for details as to class start dates and themes in the September Ships Messenger!



WOMEN OF MARCO By Cea Horton



I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Since our next meeting isn't till Monday November 4th at 9:30 AM and the next ships messenger isn't till September- here is some basic information for the fall.

The L.W.M.L. Fall Rally is at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Cape Coral on Saturday October 9.

The Women of Marco Lutheran and our Thrivent Chapter will be collecting for our Military for Christmas, items from their **wish list** and money for phone cards. We will start collecting on October 6 with the deadline this year on Sunday November 3, so the items can shipped out in time for Christmas.

RUMMAGE SALE

Plans are still in the early stages, our next meeting is
Thursday, November 14 at 1:00 PM.
Looking forward to having both men and women at this meeting!

WOMEN OF MARCO MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting box-tops & labels from certain products to benefit the
Saint Joseph Indian School in South Dakota.

Please put box-tops and labels in the box outside the kitchen window

There is a list of products that we can use by the box

MITE BOXES

Pick one up outside the kitchen opening. We hope you will take the small bank home, drop your change into it, then return it and pick up a new one. The "mites" gathered from many people add up to a powerful ministry dollars for worldwide missions supported by the Lutheran Women Missionary League. Let's help spread the wonderful gospel, THIS IS A YEAR ROUND MISSION PROJECT.

TABS TABS TABS

Just a short reminder that we are still collecting can tabs for the Lions Club which they give to the Masons for Saint Jude children's hospital transportation fund. The collection jar is on the shelf by the kitchen.



Thank You, Cea

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Jacquielynn Wolff



It is really a very special privilege for the MLC Board of Christian Education and Youth to open this newsletter by recognizing two very special people!! Those two people are MLC Bible Study Leaders Carolyn Ohman and Nicholas Eckerle. You are both appreciated so far beyond what can begin to be articulated here; for all the time, effort, passion, compassion, love and care; thought and preparation, and the absolutely outstanding leadership you both exemplify! Please know you leave indelible footprints in the hearts, minds, and souls of so many! Thank you!!

The CEY Board is very excited and so grateful to announce we are sending Zachary Gremel, who will be representing MLC, to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 11 – 15. Zachary will be traveling with our wonderful friends at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples! We are so very thankful to be able to support Zachary's attendance at the LCMS National Youth Gathering. So much really does come full circle. Writing this newsletter finds me so very fondly reflecting on the LCMS National Youth Gathering my friends and I were so fortunate to attend. I felt so much gratitude and excitement to serve as a formal delegate representative of MLC. It was an incredible, eye and heart-opening experience; the most wonderful opportunity to meet other youth also excited about the leadership of the church into the future.

We are so happy for Zachary and all he represents of our beautiful Marco Lutheran Church family and so thankful for this amazing opportunity. The LCMS National Youth Gathering only takes place every 3 years and is a very special event in the life of LCMS youth! For more information regarding this year's LCMS National Youth Gathering please visit: www.lcmsgathering.com.

An extra special thank you to the amazing Kami Jo Mogelvang at Grace Lutheran for all you do and all you have shared with MLC! Sending lots of love your way!

As always, if you or someone you know has an interest in leading, teaching, or team-teaching a Bible Study or Sunday School, please contact CEY Board Chairwoman Jacquielynn at Wolff.FloridaLaw@gmail.com to learn more about these deeply fulfilling opportunities!

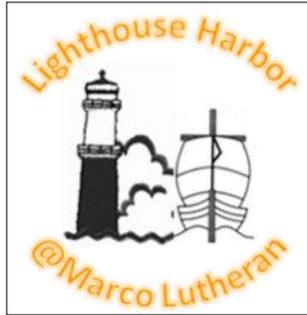
Sending So Much Love!!!



An Opportunity to Help Marco Island Historical Society

We are encouraging everyone to stop by the bulletin board just outside the Great Room this summer! You will see some lovely photos of fondly remembered days on Marco Island. The Marco Island Historical Society is partnering with the University of North Carolina – Greensboro working together to preserve Marco Island's beautiful heart and soul; the memories and history of our loving community in the **Marco Memory Project**. A very special thank you to Austin Bell, Curator of Collections, Meagan Boritz, Museum Studies Graduate Student, and Heather Otis, Collections Manager for all your incredible efforts in preserving and caring for Marco Island's history! We are so very happy for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful effort to document and appreciate our island's vibrant and beautiful history with memories held dear to our hearts. Thank you dear MLC Family so much for being beautiful, wonderful you!!!

OUTREACH UPDATE



St. Matthew's House Dinners:

Sign-ups at the Connections/Ministry Desk
Saturday July 20

Saturday August 17

Movie Ministry

We are looking for a few people to run the series going forward. Pick the movies and host one Movie Night per month, generally on Friday evenings. Please contact Dave Tobiasz to learn more; training provided. Movie Night has been removed from the church calendar until we find someone to run the series.

Connections Desk

Soon we will be changing the name of the Ministry Desk to **Connections Desk**; as a place to help members, friends, and guest connect with our congregation!

GENTLE YOGA

Monday & Thursday 12:30 p.m.
Bring your mat, belt & blocks



CHAIR YOGA

Monday & Thursday 2:00 p.m.
All YOGA classes are \$5



DON'T FORGET!



WE'RE WITH YOU WHERE EVER YOU GO

As long as you have an Internet connection, you are connected to marcolutheran.org.

- Watch the Worship service on Sunday
- Link to past services that have been saved (usually the last 4 weeks)
- **Download each week's bulletin**
- Checkout the calendar to see what's happening at church
- Update your membership information
- Send us a prayer request

Nancy

HOMEBOUND? AWAY FROM MARCO ISLAND?

STAY IN TOUCH WITH MARCO LUTHERAN

Services are streamed "Live" over the internet and can be seen from our website at www.marcolutheran.org.

Using your computer, cell phone or tablet, click or tap on:
▶ **CLICK HERE** for our video page

To see the live video stream, click or tap on the [LIVE] button at the time of the service.



Sailing



Sailing Solo,
Marco Lutheran Church's
singles ministry
meets monthly on the 4th Sunday
from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Sailing Solo offers the opportunity for singles to meet with others at a similar time in life. For many, it helps in going from a "we" to a "me".

Sailing Solo hosts activities all year long both at MLC and in the community. Everyone is invited, you do not need to attend MLC.

Please join us in our upcoming events.
For more information, call (239) 394-0332

Lets Do LUNCH

Calling all friends over 60. Join us (the Marco YMCA and Our Daily Bread Food Pantry) for a free lunch July 17 &

August 21 at MLC. This is a collaboration between the YMCA and Our Daily Bread Food Pantry and MLC. This luncheon (free of charge) is open to all area residents "60 or better". Each event includes networking, lunch, a program, and door prizes. We also offer rides to and from.

The luncheon on July 17 begins at 11:00 a.m. July's lunch is sponsored by Joey D's and the presentation will be a performance by "Miss Mae West". The entertainment on August 17 will be announced in July. We hope you can join us! Contact Nancy Kot to let her know you will be with us 706-566-8532 or email lunchwithfriendsmarco@gmail.com to RSVP.

RUMMAGE SALE 2020

WE ARE HAVING A MEETING THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AT 1:00 PM.

MEN AND WOMEN ARE NEEDED AT THIS MEETING.

Full time, part time, and visitors are needed at the meeting in November to help make plans for the rummage sale on February 15, 2020. Men and women are needed to volunteer to help chair this project.

The sale is a good way to make new friends at church and the money raised goes to missions and items needed at the church.

PLEASE, DO NOT START BRINGING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ITEMS AT THE CHURCH UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU,
WOMEN OF MARCO

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

WHEN:

Every Month! 2nd and 4th
Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.—Noon

WHO:

For residents of Marco Island,
Goodland & Isles of Capri

WHERE:

1450 Winterberry Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145
239-394-1646 ext. 225



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Suzi Pauly	Aug 1	Karen Kuettner	Aug 6	Gerry Geartz	Aug 19
Joe Sustersic	Aug 1	JoAnn Haigh	Aug 8	Dick Hansen	Aug 20
David Tobiasz	Aug 1	Mary Ann Cassidy	Aug 9	Raymond Skelley	Aug 20
Georgia Hess	Aug 2	Nancy Sustersic	Aug 9	Regina DeLazzer	Aug 21
Mel Wessler	Aug 2	Mary Blomgren	Aug 10	Jack Dukelow	Aug 22
Belle Leunig	Aug 3	Elsie Naim	Aug 12	Betty Koepke	Aug 25
Shirley Robinson	Aug 3	Lana Davis	Aug 14	Robert Pieske	Aug 25
Susan Boylan	Aug 4	Bill Hunter	Aug 15	Herb Glesmann	Aug 27
Rick Mammel	Aug 4	Marilyn Knudson	Aug 15	Joni Lowe	Aug 28
Bev Spees	Aug 4	Joan Kurtz	Aug 17	Dwight Stiehl	Aug 29
Pam Nesseth-Moody	Aug 5	Judy Karlin	Aug 18	Nancy Mueller	Aug 31
Bill Van Santen	Aug 5	Michael Lien	Aug 18		
Cynthia Corogin	Aug 6	Gus Schindel	Aug 18		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Dale & Laura Damon	Aug 6	Steve and Suzi Pauly	Aug 18
Mike and Patti Naughton	Aug 6	Harry and Kim Rubash	Aug 19
Robert and Mary Ninker	Aug 8	Dave & Roxann Daggett	Aug 20
Doug and Sandy Alger	Aug 9	Dennis & Lynne Holmes	Aug 22
John and Beverly Noffze	Aug 9	Steve and Marge Spang	Aug 22
G. Paul & Barbara Larson	Aug 10	Wayne & Margit France	Aug 24
David Tobiasz & Leesa Carls	Aug 10	Ron and Sharon Griffith	Aug 24
Bob & JoAnn Schoeneck	Aug 11	Dick Moody &	
Ervin & Marlene Walter	Aug 15	Pam Nesseth-Moody	Aug 29
Jerry and Elaine Beck	Aug 16		
Dennis & Georgia Hess	Aug 16		
Merle and Becky Ericson	Aug 17		
David and Denise Long	Aug 18		



MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Mid-year giving statements will be mailed electronically in the third week of July to your e-mail address of record. Please call the church office to verify that we have the correct e-mail address on file for you. You can also send an e-mail to Claudia at secretary@marcolutheran.org to verify your e-mail address in our system. Thank you!

AMAZON SMILE!

Do you use Amazon Prime for on-line shopping? You can now use "**Amazon Smile**" and purchase the same items with fundraising dollars being given to Marco Lutheran Church!

If you have an Amazon Smile account, please add Marco Lutheran Church as your chosen non-profit to receive bonus dollars! It is an easy way to on-line shop and the church will receive a percentage of all purchases!
go to www.smile.amazon.com

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Buzz Geartz, Julie Reinig, Laura Rydson, Cindy Anderson, Linda DeStefano, Bob Reinig, Joanne Foote, Donna Uhl, Martin Koepke, Joni Lowe, Mary Lou Raftis, Kitty Argobright, Joan Maack, Betty Koepke, Doretta Alger, Bev Noffze, Walter Murphy, Al Wilke, Shirley Rhodes, Jim Lacefield, Jean Groenke, Loren Beck

If you no longer need to be on this list, please notify the office.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

June (Fran & Ed Silcock), Annaleigh Grilo (the Shaw's), Frank Winterer (Ray Skelley), Geralyn Mattera (Koenig's), Gretchen Wilbur (Mary Moyer), Elaine Buscemi (Marlene Byard) Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer) Matt Hearn (the Walters), Roberto Trejos (Claudia Trejos), Heather Reed, Dennis Morgan (Betsy Francis) and those we name in our hearts.

Names are kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless the office is notified.

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

For the family of Lee Lindberg who passed into eternal life on June 24.



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Rev. Thomas Boeck, Associate Pastor

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP

Summer Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
www.mlclegacy.org

WWW.MARCOLUTHERAN.ORG

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