



THE SHIP'S MESSENGER

MARCH 2022



REV. TOM BOECK, SENIOR PASTOR

Meditating Through Lent

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. -Acts 2:22-24 (ESV)

This passage comes from the words of Peter to the crowds of pilgrims who were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. This celebration, also known as the Feast of Weeks or Shavuot, celebrated the Wheat harvest and was 50 days from the Passover and the celebration of the barley harvest. Jewish tradition also holds that Shavuot marks the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses in the wilderness. It was one of the three main pilgrimage holidays on the religious Jewish calendar. As a result, Jerusalem was full of people and you may recall that after Peter and the disciples received the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire over their heads, many hearts were turned to faith in Jesus and some 3000 souls were baptized that day.

So what does this have to do with Lent?

Peter first spoke to this large group with a message of condemnation, telling them that they were responsible for the death of the messiah. But of course, he also told them that Jesus was raised from the dead for their forgiveness. But Peter's strong words toward the group were cause for reflection and introspection. One of the things that we must not overlook is that we are just as guilty for the death of Jesus as were those pilgrims, most of whom were not even there at Jesus' trial and crucifixion. And that's the point! They were not physically at Jesus' trial and subsequent sentencing and death, but they were just as guilty as those who were. In the same way, we are just as guilty of the death of Christ as any of them. Because we too have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We are not worthy to be in His presence and we are deserving of death and eternal damnation. But Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection changed all of that for us all! We are saved and redeemed by His suffering, death and resurrection. This time of Lent presents us with an opportunity for meditation. We meditate on the work of Jesus, the savior of the world, on our behalf. And during this time of meditation, contemplation and thanksgiving to God for His mercy, we have an opportunity for special worship.

Come to our Wednesday worship monologue series at 7pm each Wednesday during Lent. One character from the Lenten narrative will be featured in each service and provide us with the message for the evening, followed by a meditation or two. Services will also be live streamed for those who are still unable to attend.

Take the time this Lenten season to meditate on the amazing work of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Worship Him. He has loosed the pangs of death for us. Let us prepare for His victory at Easter.

Pastor Tom

SUE CHAPIN Council President



We are into "Season" now and certainly welcome all our northern friends to our warmer weather in sunny Florida. We hope you are enjoying yourselves and busy with the many activities offered in your community as well as at Marco Lutheran Church.

We have our next Congregational meeting coming up on April 24 at 9:30 a.m. At that meeting we will vote for the new volunteer positions available. *The nominating Committee consists of Kirk Nestaval-Chairmen, Shirley Rhodes and Leesa Carls. The positions open are Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Vice President/Secretary, Board of Properties, Board of Outreach and Board of Human Care.*

I know the Committee has some volunteer positions filled but it is looking for many other volunteers from "YOU" as full congregational members. This is the time to step up and as it says in **Peter 4:10**, ***"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."***

We look forward to you stepping up and fulfilling your gifts to the Lord at Marco Lutheran Church.

With God's help I know we can count on all of you.

As God Guides us, our Faith Grows

Suzanne

MARCO LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

Karen Kuhnly



We have finished an exciting time for the Foundation. February, we awarded 16 Grantee requests and disbursed \$151,000. We give thanks to God for His blessing on Marco Lutheran Foundation and the people who are blessed as a result of these funds. These specific non-profits are the hands and feet of Jesus and granting financial help in how their organizations serve God's people is something we all can feel proud of at Marco Lutheran!

Here is a list of the 2021 Grantees:

Child Beyond International (food to Guatemala orphanage)	\$ 5,000
Glocal Mission (international church plant training in Houston)	\$ 2,000
Grace Place for Children & Families (E. Naples food pantry)	\$ 5,000
Missionary/Theological Educ. to Russia (Rev. Jerry Lawson)	\$10,000
Life Connection (bible study books for Guatemalan children)	\$ 2,000
Lifeline Family Center (bus for this home for unwed moms)	\$ 5,000
Lutheran Hour Ministries (outreach in St. Petersburg, Russia)	\$ 8,000
Path2Freedom (education for victims of sex trafficking)	\$10,000
Pastoral Leadership Institute (train Christian Leaders)	\$15,000
Peace Learning Center (playground upgrades for preschool)	\$ 8,000
Pelican Lutheran Church (yr. 3 of outreach in E. Naples)	\$12,000
Protected Harbor (Christian support for those with developmental & intellectual disabilities)	\$ 5,000
St. Matthew's House (food, shelter & counseling)	\$10,000
Thrive Community Church (upgrade streaming technology)	\$20,000
Trinity First Lutheran School (supplies for Minneapolis inner-city elementary school)	\$ 8,000
World Gospel Outreach (food for orphanage in Honduras)	\$ 5,000

We also held an event on Feb 28, 2022 provided by Thrivent with the topic Tax Reform and Charitable Giving.

We are pleased attendees felt they were well informed and found value in the event.

Donating to Marco Foundation is available all year long.

If you would like further information, please contact **Karen Kuhnly at 612-805-7981**



Artist
SERIES

ARTIST SERIES UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for the great response to the 2022 season!

The 4th show of the season – **Phil Dirt and the Dozers**, March 10 & 11, is **SOLD OUT!**

There are still a few tickets for the final show of the season, March 24 & 25 – **The Boys of D63**

If you have tickets that you are not going to use, please turn them in to the ticket desk or call

(239-394-5579) or email us at

artistseries@marcolutheran.org

After being closed for the Rummage Sale, the ticket desk re-opens on Monday, March 7 and will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through March 24.

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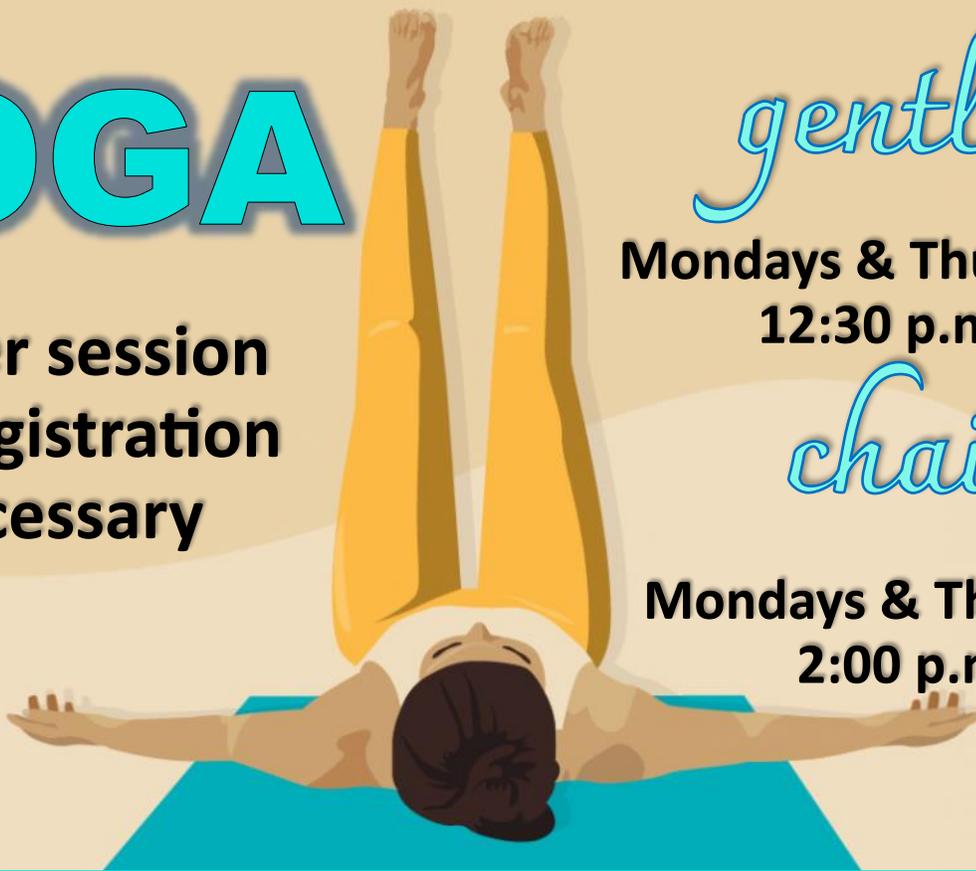
\$5 per session
No registration necessary

gentle

Mondays & Thursdays
12:30 p.m.

chair

Mondays & Thursdays
2:00 p.m.



WOMEN OF MARCO

By Cindi Kramer

The Women of Marco's mission is to serve Marco Lutheran Church, our Community, and the world. We aim to do that through fellowship, kindness and respect for each other.

In February we hosted the Interfaith gathering, which included 8 houses of worship from all over the island. The theme was "Bloom where you are Planted". We were regaled to a stellar concert consisting of all songs about flowers, sung and composed by our own Craig Greusel. Followed by a life's lesson on interfaith families and friends by none other than our own Pastor Tom. It was a very welcoming event, and we were happy to see so many visitors to our church.

The Rummage sale was on 2/26/22. This is always a fun event with a lot of participation, very generous donors, hard work, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Thank you to all of our 60+ volunteers that helped to make this a very successful event! We were able to raise over \$10,000. for Church Ministries and Missions!

This is a very busy time for us. The WOM are hosting LWML Weekend March 5/6, 2022. We are asking all ladies coming to church that weekend to wear purple, and if you would like to help, we would like to have all woman volunteers for the service that weekend.

As Always! We are collecting: tabs, pretty greeting cards – new or used and eye glasses. You can leave them all on the table in the hall.

The WOM welcomes all women of the church to join us in any of our activities. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:30 and always have a full agenda of church activities!



OUTREACH

BY LILI SURBER

Hello everyone and happy March. As you all know, February's Outreach project was Operation Cereal. With the generous help and support of our wonderful congregation, I am happy to report that we collected over 200 boxes of cereal for Our Daily Bread. Thank you all for your generosity!

March's outreach project will be **Laces of Love**. Along with Human Care, we will be collecting new sneakers for kids age 1 to 17 for Laces of Love. Laces of Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides **NEW** shoes (usually sneakers) to low-income and disadvantaged children in Collier and Lee Counties. Laces of Love also facilitates the donation of cleats and sport shoes to student athletes who, without proper shoes, would not be able to play their sport. In 2021, 14,769 children in Collier and Lee Counties received new shoes. For many of these kids, these were the first pair of new shoes they had ever worn.

Once again, let me remind you, you do not need to be a member of The Board of Outreach to serve! If you have some time to serve at the Ministry or Welcome Centers on Sunday mornings or have some time during the week to put together project supplies for our ministry outreach, please email Lili Surber at lsurber2011@gmail.com. We would love to have your help!



SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB

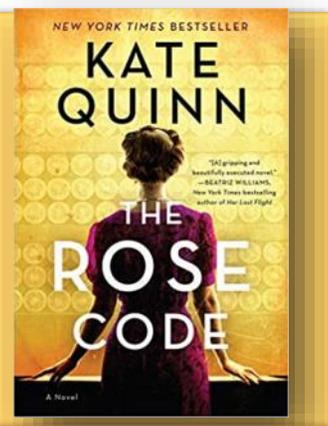
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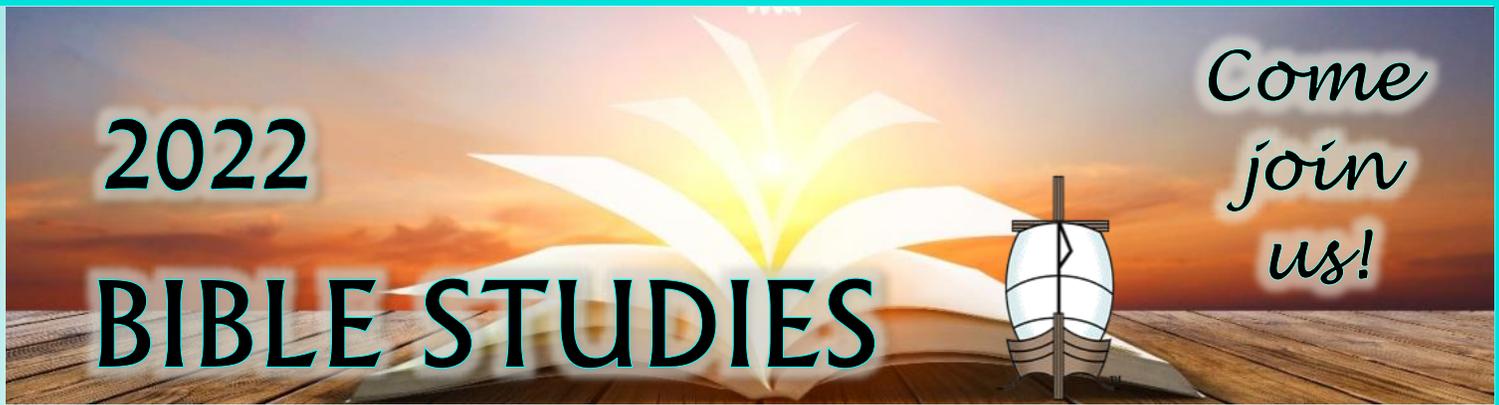


MARCH MEETING: Wednesday, March 16 @ 5:30

**"The reigning queen of historical fiction" -- Fiona Davis,
New York Times bestselling author of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue***

The *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Huntress* and *The Alice Network* returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over.





2022

BIBLE STUDIES

Come
join
us!

■ BIBLE STUDY AT ARTESIA

Bible Class will have resumed! **We meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Artesia is located at 1399 Barefoot Williams Rd, Naples, FL 34113. Our class is held in the clubhouse theater located at 1460 Santiago Circle. A light supper is provided. Call the Church office for entry gate code. 239-394-0332.

■ DISCOVERY VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

The study group meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** at the Independent Living building at **Discovery Village** in Naples: 8375 Sierra Meadows Blvd, Naples, FL 34113. **Everyone is welcome.** Guests who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask. Bring proof of your Covid vaccination.

■ SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Come and join Pastor Tom & Pastor Ken for our Bible Study on Sunday mornings at **10:45 a.m.** in the Great Room following worship.

■ ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Tom on **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** (with fellowship at 9:30 a.m.) to discuss **“Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today, A study based on Scripture and the Augsburg Confession.”** Fifteen topics covering the Preface, Conclusion and all articles of the Augsburg Confession.

■ MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Join the Men's Bible Study every Tuesday **at 8:30 a.m.** in the Choir room. Please bring your Bible (we also have Bibles if you forget) to start a new season of study, discussion and fellowship. The study group will be led by Karl Blomgren and runs until April 2022.

■ WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word – Our MLC Women’s Bible Study meets every **Wednesday at**

10:00 a.m. led by Carolyn Ohman. Beginning on March 2, we will be studying “The Case for Easter” by Lee Strobel. Come and join us!

PROPERTY BOARD

By Tom Kramer

The doors and windows all around the church are continuing to be updated to hurricane standards.

Currently we are getting estimates for the possible replacement of the seawall.

Do you know our Great Room is used for many activities such the Artist Series, yoga, rummage sale, board meetings, bible studies, luncheons and many more church and outside activities. This means the room configuration must be changed multiple times in the week. This is a labor intensive task.

The property board is looking for a few more hands to help with set up and tear down If you are interested in helping, please contact Larry Soccio at 239-394-0332 or Tom Kramer at 215-205-3021.

SAILING SOLO

By Nancy Piper



Join the fun with other active singles the fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

For our January meeting we invited the MLC congregation to a musical concert featuring our very talented John Davis with vocal accompaniment by Craig Greusel and Lisa Federico. The approximately 200 attendees were very enthusiastic with several standing ovations for the trio. A musical black & white themed reception for everyone followed the performance.

Thank you John, Craig and Lisa. You put on quite the show!!

For our February meeting we had an informative presentation on fraud given by *Sargent Brian Sawyer* of the Collier County Sheriff's offices.

For our March 27th meeting we are bringing back the popular game: "Show me the Money"!

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

Join us for refreshments, discussions, programs, optional projects and lots of good fellowship and fun! For more information, please call 239-394-0332 or visit our website at: marcolutheran.org/sailingsolo

STEWARDSHIP

By Linda Harrison

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for embracing our call to step up our commitments to being good stewards of the many gifts we've been given. Here are a few highlights of our recent commitment Sunday:

- 102 people or households (in some instances) responded to our call for commitments. For the past two years we have had under 20 responses to time and talent sheets. So, we had an increase in response of more than 500%.
- 35 respondents took on the challenge of stepping up their financial commitment to grow their donations to the next level.
- 13 new greeters joined the greeter team.
- 11 people stepped up their commitments to provide much-needed office assistance.
- 2 folks expressed interest in assisting with our audio-visual needs.

Many others renewed commitments or stepped up to fulfill other needs.

While we are grateful for these new and renewed commitments to participate more fully in the life of Marco Lutheran Church, we pray that these experiences will enrich the faith life of each person who responded to our call to recognize and respond to God's grace. Bless you all!

The Stewardship Committee

Carmen Brookshaw, Bob Harrison, Linda Harrison, Bob Lanam, Shelbe Lanam, Lucky Lang, and Barbara Meyn

MUSIC NOTES

BY Craig Greusel

NEW SEASON—NEW OPPORTUNITIES! Come out and sing with the choir for the season.

Rehearsals are at 5:00 p.m. every Wednesday. We need you to join our ensemble now. We are also looking for soloists to share their talents throughout the season.

JOIN US TODAY!!!



BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

By Bob Harrison

Our three Church services on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. are all being well attended. We will continue with the current schedule of three services for the rest of the season if the numbers warrant them.

Our helpful servants will continue to wear gloves and masks at all of our services. We encourage others to wear masks if they are more comfortable. More than anything, we'd like to see everyone attending services once again.

The BOLM membership committee, consisting of Judy Karlin and Ron Lisch, have compiled a list of members that we have not seen in church for a while. They are in the process of contacting these families to insure that they are well. Judy and Ron are asking if we, as a church, can do anything for them.

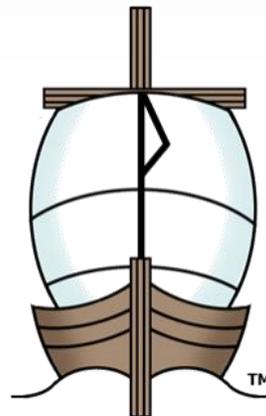
We will be assisting Pastor Tom and Pastor Ken with the Lenten services, which begin on March 2, and will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent.



PASTOR KEN INSTALLATION

**On Sunday, February 27, 2022,
we installed Pastor Ken Garazin
as our Seasonal Pastor.**

**Officiating was Rev. Richard
Browning, our Circuit Visitor. After
the service, we enjoyed refreshments
in the Great Room.**



March Birthdays

Dick Johnson	Mar 2
Barbara Messner	Mar 4
Betty Clark	Mar 5
Nancy Lisch	Mar 5
Beth Miller	Mar 5
Thurley Cordes	Mar 7
Judy Lapinoja	Mar 8
Roxann Daggett	Mar 10
Laurie Garden	Mar 10
Thomas Amendola	Mar 12
John Patterson	Mar 12
Sheila Nolas	Mar 15
Gary Zimmerman	Mar 16
Thomas Krepelka	Mar 17
Charla Lancaster	Mar 17
Emily Savage	Mar 18
Harv Amen	Mar 19
Laurel Dick	Mar 19
Robert McLaughlin	Mar 19
Dave McKenzie	Mar 20
James Jones	Mar 21
Jerry Donselman	Mar 22
John Caltabiano	Mar 23
Ashton Greusel	Mar 23
Ysabel (Izzy) Garland	Mar 26
Wilma Voglino	Mar 26
Linda Chute	Mar 28
Jack Mahr	Mar 28
Betty Fry	Mar 29
Carl Zahrte	Mar 29
Tom Strubbe	Mar 30



March Anniversaries

Laurel & Brenda Dick	Mar 7
Floyd & June Davis	Mar 9



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office open M-TH 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

FR 8:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

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By David Contessa



Tax Time is right around the corner, and we have some news for you!
Join Us for these Free Thrivent Member Network Events

March 15, 2022 | 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m. ET - Savvy Tax Strategies

Online webinar presented by Mike Fuehrmeyer
Discover how to create an efficient retirement tax strategy.

RSVP - <http://bit.ly/ThriventSavvyTax>

March 16, 2022 | 8:30 a.m., 12 & 7 p.m. ET - Savvy Tax Strategies

Online webinar presented by Mike Fuehrmeyer
Discover how to create an efficient retirement tax strategy.

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March 22, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. ET - Women and Social Security: What You Need to Know

Online webinar presented by Mary Beth Franklin
Learn about the role of Social Security in a woman's financial strategy.

RSVP - <https://thrivent.me/WomenSS>

March 24, 2022 | 12:30 & 7:30 p.m. ET - Women and Social Security: What You Need to Know

Online webinar presented by Mary Beth Franklin
Learn about the role of Social Security in a woman's financial strategy.

RSVP - <https://thrivent.me/WomenSS>

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We help Christians find financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. All are welcome to attend our free virtual events. Feel free to share the events with your friends and family.

Contact us at SoutheastTMN@thrivent.com or see what's happening at thrivent.com/southeast or at [Facebook.com/SoutheastTMN](https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastTMN).

Questions about Thrivent?

Call Thrivent Financial Associate David Contessa at (239) 300-5139.



If you would like to be included in our upcoming photo directory, please email us a head & shoulder shot in a clear electronic photo in a JPEG format NO LATER THAN MARCH 15! Couples, please send in a photo of the two of you together.

**If you want us to keep the photo from our last directory, please let us know.
Thank you!**