

He Is Risen!

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH SHIP'S MESSENGER

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Pastor Tom Boeck

Moved to Action by the Resurrection

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. -

Mark 16:1–8

The women who were close disciples of Jesus went to the tomb that morning, not knowing what they would encounter, yet out of their love for Jesus they went anyway. They thought they were going to finish the embalming job that was hastily completed that fateful afternoon just three days earlier. Yet, when they arrived, they were greeted by what our text calls "a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe." What a strange and wonderful encounter! They expected to ask the soldiers to move the stone from in front of the tomb so they could do what they needed to do, only to be given the message that Jesus was not there! He IS risen!

What an incredible message they received! Yet they were still a little confused, weren't they? Our text says: "...they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." And yet, the angel had told them to share the news. Of course, we know from history that after the initial shock, they did in fact share the good news, not only with the disciples, but also with everyone they met! As the days immediately following the resurrection ensued, these women actually saw the risen Jesus, as did some

500 other believers over the 40 days before Jesus' ascension to heaven. Those ladies became part of the early Christian church that was a movement like none that had ever been seen before! The early Christian church grew in seismic proportions as news of the risen messiah, Jesus, was shared and people came to faith!

So where are you in your walk with the risen Jesus? Are you still in shock? That doesn't seem likely. Is there any reason that you aren't eager to share the news and to help others come to the faith? We have the greatest news in the history of mankind to tell. Jesus, our messiah, suffered and died to take away our sins, and rose again from the grave to show us the way to eternal life. There is no other news that exists that is more important or has more effect on our eternity than that! Let's take this reminder of Jesus' salvation message and use it to move us to action! Let's share his love with others and tell them about what he has done for us all.

The Easter message is too good and too important, not to move us to action! Jesus did all this for us. And he did it, because he loves us! There is no greater news and no greater message for anyone than that.

Happy Easter blessings!



ARTIST SERIES UPDATE

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

Thank You to Our Artist Series Volunteers!

Ticket Sales:

Cheryl Ballenger -- Shirley Amen
Leesa Carls -- Pam Moody

Sound & Lighting Techs:

Mike Ballenger -- Craig Greusel
Ann Stuart -- Dave Tobiasz

Chair Set-Up:

Cory Hendricks – Steve Kahre -- Tom Kramer – Don Leshar
Allan Liebreuz – Luther Nervig -- Ron Rickers -- Karl Ristow
Larry Soccio – Jerry Walls -- Charles Witherington

Ushers

Mike Ballenger – Tia & John Davis – Geralynn Greusel -- Phyllis Johnson
Eve Lindgren-- Kathryn & Ron Rickers -- Joe & Julie Tobiasz

Artist Series Committee

Carmen Brookshaw -- Leesa Carls
Craig Greusel – Nancy Leshar – Dave Tobiasz

MARCO LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

Karen Kuhnly



The IFHA's (Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance) mission is to eliminate substandard and overcrowded rental housing for farmworker families and other low-income residents. That is their only mission! Rental property is 62% of the residential housing in Immokalee. In July 2020, they began the infrastructure design and expect to be done in March. Construction on 10 acres of land for a self-sustaining neighborhood community with 128 rental units both 2 and 3 bedroom apartments and Community Center is underway. Residents will also be educated on health, dignity, financial stability, etc. Many of these workers and families are Christian and attend Worship services. They have their faith family and will soon be able to also have a place to call HOME!

It is an honor to provide financial support through the Marco Lutheran Foundation so IFHA can bless the families that qualify and so desperately need this housing. In the Grant Application, we were told that Immokalee means "home." We like to think it will be a Sweet Home! Pictured is one of the 16 unit apartment buildings being built.



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION



YOGA

gentle

**Mondays & Thursdays
12:30 p.m.**

chair

**Mondays & Thursdays
2:00 p.m.**

YOGA

**\$5 per session
No registration necessary**

THANK YOU

The church received a beautiful card from Marlene Byard, and she asked that we share her note with the congregation:

"Thank you so much for your prayers for me over the past several months! After taking the Covid vaccine, I started experiencing symptoms of Giant Cell Arteritis, which was confirmed by a biopsy surgery. Besides battling that, I was left with paralysis of the left side of my face above the eye. But, thanks to God's abundance grace and your fervent prayers, that has almost resolved itself totally! I am not completely out of the woods, but so, so much better. Any continued prayers would be appreciated!"

In Christ, Marlene Byard"

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.

The annual Rummage Sale in February was a big success with many helping hands! Thanks to all of you who helped!

Grace Lutheran Church did a wonderful job hosting the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League, now referred to Lutheran Women in Mission) Southwest Zone Spring Rally. In attendance were representatives from 8 local Lutheran churches including 4 ladies from March Lutheran Church. Grace Lutheran Church was very inviting and it was wonderful to meet ladies from other churches. A continental breakfast was served along with a lovely buffet lunch. The energetic guest speaker was Pastor Mark Eisold who did an excellent job. The ladies had lovely African Violets as centerpieces and raffled off a beautiful quilt that they made as a group. A good time was had by all. We are scheduled to have the 2024 Rally at Marco Lutheran Church.

This is a very busy time for us. The WOM hosted LWML Weekend on March 5 and 6. We asked all ladies who attended that weekend to wear purple, and it turned out to be a colorful event!

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!



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



SAILING SOLO

By Nancy Piper

At our last meeting on March 27 we brought back the always popular card game "Show me the Money". We had lots of fun, food, fellowship and some lucky people were winners!

For our April 24 meeting, we will be treated to the musical duo "The Quite Storm". Sailing Solo attendees - bring your single friends! We'll have fun, entertainment, dancing and refreshments. **It's important to R.S.V.P.** by emailing Sue Chapin at schapin43@aol.com.

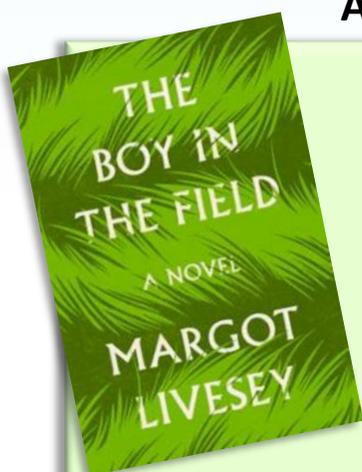
(We need to know how many will attend so that we can set up the great room and so that we'll have enough refreshments for everyone.)



SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB

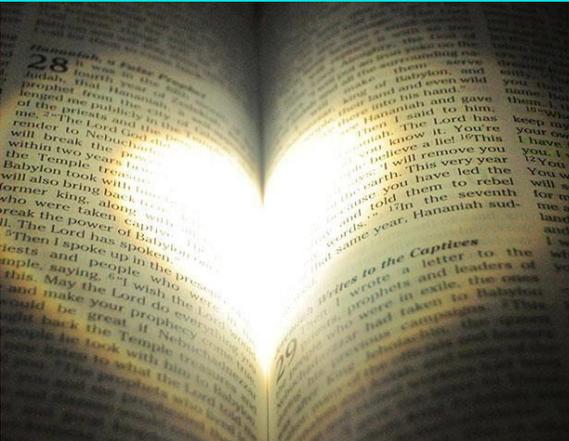
By Betty Fry

APRIL MEETING: Wednesday, April 20 @ 5:30 pm



One September afternoon in 1999, teenagers Matthew, Zoe, and Duncan Lang are walking home from school when they discover a boy lying in a field, bloody and unconscious. Thanks to their intervention, the boy's life is saved. In the aftermath, all three siblings are irrevocably changed.

Written with the deceptive simplicity and power of a fable, *The Boy in the Field* showcases Margot Livesey's unmatched ability to "tell her tale masterfully, with intelligence, tenderness, and a shrewd understanding of all our mercurial human impulses."



Come join us!

2022

BIBLE STUDIES

■ **BIBLE STUDY AT ARTESIA**

Meets on 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. This class will continue through May.

■ **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. This is a year-round class.

■ **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. April 10 will be the last study until October.

■ **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. April 21 will be the last class until October.

■ **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

The study group led by Karl Blomgren will have it’s last meeting on April 12,2022., and will resume in October.

■ **WOMEN OF THE WORD**

Women of the Word – Our MLC Women’s Bible Study led by Carolyn Ohman will end on April 13, and will resume in October.

OUTREACH

BY LILI SURBER



Laces of Love was the Human Care and Outreach project for the month of March. Thank you all for your generosity.

On March 20th, The Board of Outreach hosted the New Member's Breakfast, welcoming 11 new members, Scott & Kathleen Berber, Kathie Bongiovanni, Josh Busch & Ashlyn Giebe, George Hausler, James & Kerry Heckenlaible, Mary Katherine Maier-Hyatt, Peg Irwin, Brian Lehner & Debbie Rogers, Mary Moore, Brian Lehner & Derborah Rogers, Thomas & Dolores Rue, Julie Smiley, and Charles & Betty Teal. The food and fellowship was wonderful and we are looking forward to getting to know and working with our new church family members.

Easter is quickly approaching, and this year Outreach will be hosting Easter Breakfast. This will be a first for our congregation and we are excited to feast and join in fellowship with you. Please join us between services on Easter morning. Breakfast will be held in the Great Room. If you can help us in preparing food, please let me know.

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!



GREEN THUMBS WANTED!

Volunteer help is needed over the summer in **The Memorial Garden** from May 15th—Nov 1st, while Judy & David Karlin are up north. We need someone to help pull weeds and keep our garden lovely! Please sign up on sheet in hallway. Thank you!!!

PROPERTY BOARD

By Tom Kramer



Currently the property board is getting estimates for replacement of the seawall.

We are wrapping up the Hurricane windows project, most door locks have been re-keyed, so if you have an old key, you need to see Larry to replace it. Black out curtains have been installed in the Sanctuary and the effect is better than expected. Thank you to Wanda Schmelzer for all of her efforts to sew the multiple yards of heavy fabric.

STEWARDSHIP

By Linda Harrison

Are You Stepping Up or Stepping Out?
It's been a month now since we kicked off our Step Up campaign. We were really encouraged by the positive response. Unfortunately, the monthly financial statements don't paint a pretty picture.

Rather than growing our general fund, we are well under our projections for February, with a bleak picture for March as well.

Did you know that:

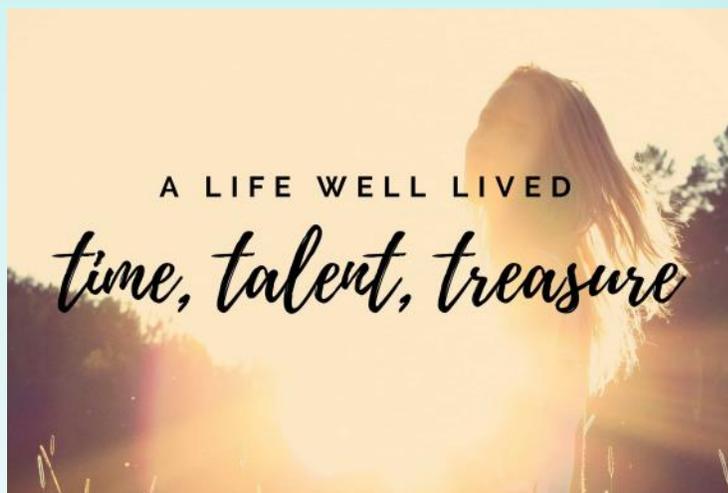
- It costs the church about \$50,000 per month just to keep the staff employed and the building open
- We earmark more than 10% of our general fund income to be spent on missions
- Volunteers are vital to maintaining and growing our ministries

If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider stepping up your contributions to the church. In order to share God's love through our ministries, we need your help. We need you to Step Up. Add a few dollars to your weekly or monthly giving. Those dollars can make a tremendous difference in what we are able to do as a congregation. Or, sign up to serve as an usher, communion assistant, worship leader, or transporter during our services. Get involved with our outreach activities; or sing in the choir, help set up the great room for different events, or sign up to help in the office. The opportunities are endless.

Your donation of your time, talents, and treasures will allow Marco Lutheran to continue to develop ministries that serve our congregation and community. And, by becoming involved you'll be enriched through the fellowship engendered through working together to serve our Lord.

If you have questions about the program or how to get involved, please feel free to reach out to me through the church office. I will return your phone calls.

May God bless you in your prayerful consideration of these needs.



ALTAR GUILD

By Judi Vollmer



We have a particular need for helping hands in the coming summer months, especially in August and September. If you are able to give an hour on Saturday (timing flexible) to *help* set up communion, please contact one of us. A month of Saturdays would be great, but any days you can give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you,

Judi Vollmer – 239-394-8027

Anne Rozite – 574-315-8032

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

By Bob Harrison

At our March meeting , it was decided that our helpful servers would no longer be required to wear masks. This includes during communion. Gloves will still be worn by our communion servers.

Our Membership Committee composed of Judy Karlin and Ron Lisch has contacted all of our members who have not been in contact with the church or at church services. A new and accurate list of members is being sent to the office.

We are scheduling CPR training for our Ushers or anyone wishing to attend on April 1, 2022, at noon. If anyone on Council wishes to attend please let me know.

The next meeting for the BOLM will be April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

SUE CHAPIN Council President



Spring has sprung and we can tell by the nice warm weather we are experiencing.

Spring is the time to perhaps clean our closets, plant flowers, enjoy the outdoors wherever we go, do some fishing or kayaking and look toward the summer months ahead of us. Some of you may be thinking of going north soon knowing you will all be missed.

We are also into our Lenten season, an important time of year when we celebrate the resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus Christ on Easter. Also, I want to mention at our last Council meeting we didn't have a very good report moving forward with our giving. The General Fund is trending downward for 2022. It is 12% lower than the first quarter of 2021. If this trend continues, we will have to make cuts in the budget that the congregation approved for 2022. April is a very important giving month for our church. We anticipate that May, as usual, we will see giving levels below our monthly breakeven point until October.

These trends are not very positive with some of the expenses we are undergoing. We are always grateful to those that share their time and talents throughout the year and are now hoping we all find it in our hearts to give generously as it becomes our own reward. Our sacrifices become our expressions of gratitude and love for our Savior and our neighbor. As we know God loves a cheerful giver.

Ending on a cheerful note, we are looking forward to a new slate of officers and Council members from the nominating committee soon. I am hoping many of you are sharing your talents when called upon.

***As God Guides us, our Faith Grows
Love and God's Blessings to each one of you.***

April Birthdays

April Anniversaries



Rebecca Schofield	Apr 1
Charlie Vollmer	Apr 1
Ellen Donselman	Apr 2
Lyle Rayner	Apr 2
Anne Rozite	Apr 2
Linda DeStefano	Apr 4
Tom Wittkopf	Apr 4
Flo Hendricks	Apr 5
Steven Harper Jr.	Apr 6
Sybl Fleming	Apr 7
Beverly Nyce	Apr 7
Meredith Bair	Apr 8
Dee Beck	Apr 8
Irene Hertel	Apr 8
Charles Oestreicher	Apr 8
Anita Chaney	Apr 10
Christine High	Apr 10
Frank Romano	Apr 10
John Mueller	Apr 12
Francia Shaw	Apr 14
Ron Griffith	Apr 15
Alfred Koeck	Apr 17
Linda Leksas	Apr 17
Vicki Williams	Apr 17
Betty Drews	Apr 18
Debbie Woolnough	Apr 18
Monna Hormel	Apr 19
Jean Ristow	Apr 20
Robert Lanam	Apr 21
Wally Maurer	Apr 21
John Noffze	Apr 23
David Long	Apr 26
Pete Schmidt	Apr 27
Helen Johnson	Apr 30

Phillip & Marilyn Kostelnik	Apr 4
Terry & Carol Tobin	Apr 7
Tom & Cindi Kramer	Apr 11
Jim & Karen Swanker	Apr 13
Warren & Donna Uhl	Apr 16
John & Susan Schadler	Apr 17
Lyle & Carol Rayner	Apr 18
Tom & Vicki Williams	Apr 18
William & Gail Craig	Apr 20
Robert & Shelbe Lanam	Apr 25
Steve & Sheila Nolas	Apr 25
William & Marjorie Witkop	Apr 25
Bruce & Debbie Woolnough	Apr 27



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Adelin St. Fleur, Technical Administrator	239-394-0332
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 Friday 8:30 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

Oh, Happy Day!

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By David Contessa



Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket. Join Us for these Free Thrivent Member Network Events

April 5, 2022 | 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

Do you know what next steps to take so you can retire? We can help. Join the Thrivent Member Network - Southeast Region for our free workshop, 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly, to learn insights that can help you achieve your retirement goals.

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/RetireFearlessly>

April 7, 2022 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - 5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

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RSVP - <https://bit.ly/RetireFearlessly>

April 27, 2022 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET - Economic Update

What shapes your financial strategy? See how the latest economic data can help you make informed money decisions.

Attend the Economic Update webinar to learn Thrivent's perspective on the economy and how it could affect your financial strategy.

- How often should I review my financial strategy?
- How should I react to economic headlines?
- How have economic measures changed in the past quarter?

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/EconomicUpdate123>

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