

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

THE SHIP'S MESSENGER

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY

By Linda Harrison

As you are aware, we have suspended passing trays for the offering due to our lower attendance and great gaps in seating. With so few in services, congregants felt awkward if they didn't put something into the tray, even if they had already made their donation online or by check.

For those of you who are joining us via the stream, we will be making a change in our coverage. In the near future we will begin streaming the communion segment of our service. We are hopeful that this will help you feel that you are more engaged with your Christian family.

I am also happy to announce that Greg Waltrip will be joining the Board of Lay Ministry. He joins Bob Harrison, Mark Kuhnly, Doug Alger, Dennis Hess, Dennis Johnson, Ron Lisch and me on the board. Should you have any concerns about our services or servants, please feel free to speak with any of us. We pledge to address your concerns.

Finally, a quick update on our call committee progress. We have reviewed two batches of pastors from the District, including a few pastors recommended by congregants and/or friends of Marco Lutheran. From those, we have identified three pastors we'd like to learn more about. Although several people have asked us, we are not able to provide you with names. We are asked to keep that information confidential until we have made a decision to extend a call to a particular person.

We will be sharing more detailed information with those three pastors and engaging in a zoom interview in the coming weeks. Look for additional updates in the newsletter and during announcements in services.

We've taken some other steps to identify potential pastoral candidates as well. We have reached out to our circuit pastors to solicit their recommendations of pastors who may fit our needs. Please continue to pray that our efforts will provide us with a clear direction to move forward, calling the pastor God has already chosen for us.

"At Marco Lutheran Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ who share His Good News by loving and serving all people."



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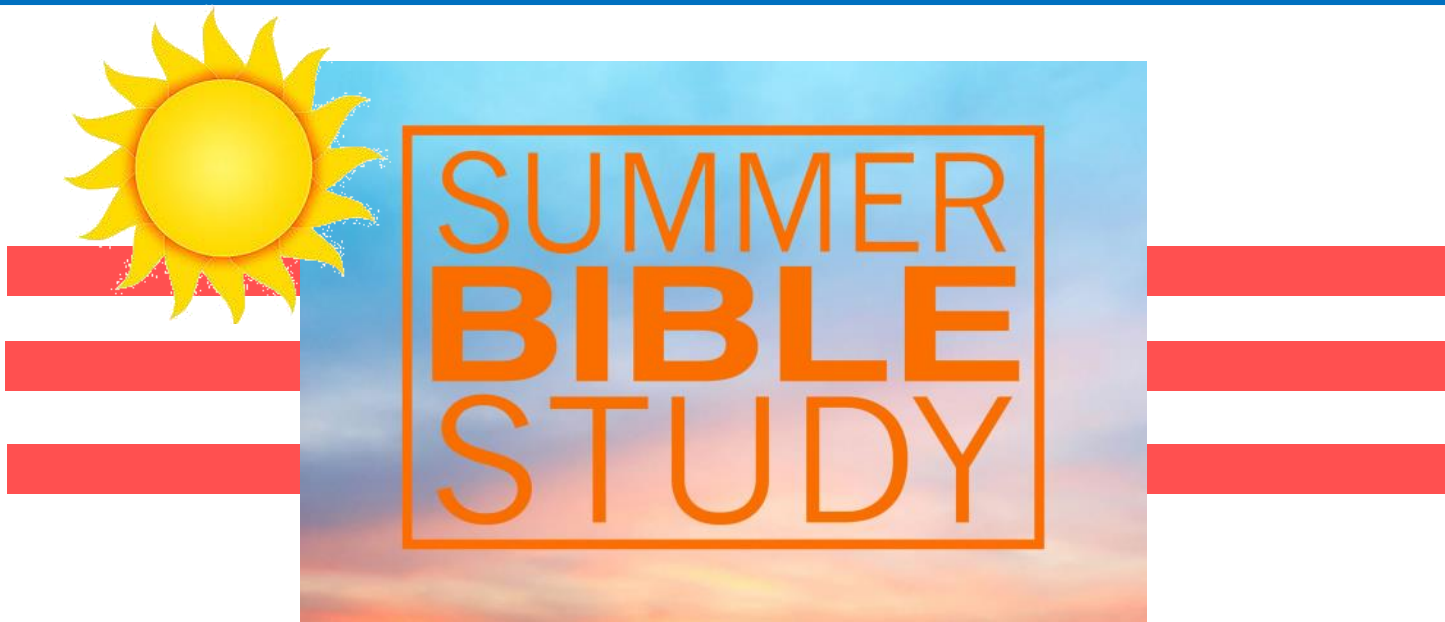


Dear Marco Lutheran Friends,

On behalf of the campers, their families and the Camp Able Leadership, thank you so very much for sharing your heart with us during another successful week of camp. We still are in awe of the donations collected for us and are honored to have been a recipient of the Grace Swanchak Memorial Fund. Grace will forever be a friend of Camp Able. Thank you to all cookie bakers, and to Lu Schieferdecker and her team for preparing another delicious meal. We also want to thank all those who joined us at the talent show Saturday afternoon. We will see you again next year as we continue to establish a community of unconditional love, compassion and acceptance.







Our Summer Bible Study has reached the half-way point and is doing well. We still have four sessions left in our study of Great People of the Bible. All sessions are stand alone, so feel free to join us at any time. We meet on **Tuesday** mornings from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Upcoming sessions are:

8/8 Stephen

8/15 Deborah

8/22 Malachi

8/29 Esther




Watch the Worship service anywhere and at any time with any device that connects to the Internet.



Services are streamed “live” and are archived for later viewing. Use your computer, tablet, mobile phone or smart TV.

On our website at: www.marcolutheran.org

- 1 Click on  “**CLICK HERE** for our video page” to get to the page with the videos.
- 2 On The VIDEO STREAMING page, click on the worship image to start the video.

Recent and older videos are available to watch on the same webpage.

You can follow along with each Worship Service using bulletins that are always available located on the website’s “**What’s Happening**” page under “Publications /Forms.”





You might have noticed that our electronic sign located in front of the Church facing Collier Blvd. has not been working. Larry is waiting on a back ordered part and as soon as it arrives, we should be up & running again to share our messages with the community!

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Where we are, and where we need to be!

To honor our landmark anniversary, MLC is collecting funds to purchase a much needed new organ for the Sanctuary. So far, we have raised **\$104,250** of the **\$125,000** needed. We are hoping to be able to purchase it for the Christmas season, so please support this campaign NOW! Help us to bring a bit of Heaven to our Sanctuary! Your generosity will bring pleasure to our congregation for many, many years to come!



Make your home safer with these tips:



Always grip the handrails and keep the stairs well-lighted.



Keep your floors clear and slip-resistant. Remove any items you could trip over. Use non-skid rugs and mats.



Use only stable step stools with a top handrail. Don't climb alone — have someone nearby to help you.



Be sure your telephones and emergency numbers are easily accessible — so you can get help if you fall.



Install grab bars and slip-resistant surfaces in your bathroom.



GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - 4 WAYS TO GIVE

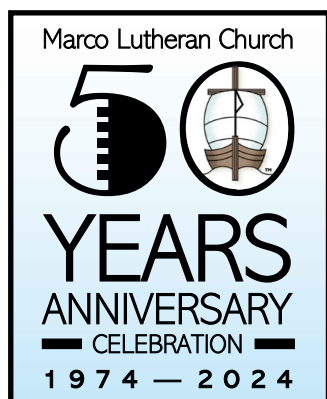


All transactions are secure and confidential.
You can make a one-time donation or set-up regular weekly or monthly donations on our website

www.marcolutheran.org

Questions? **financialsec@marcolutheran.org**

We appreciate your continued support!



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

2024 will mark Marco Lutheran Church's 50th Anniversary! Festivities are already being planned. There will be a dinner Celebration on February 17, 2024 and on the 18th, there will be a concert with John Davis on the new organ that we are purchasing in honor of our

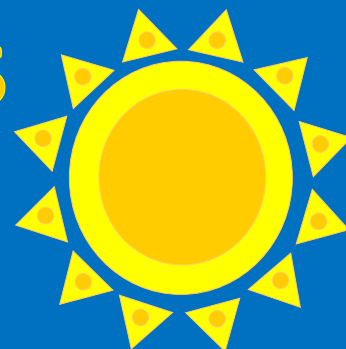
anniversary. We are busy with our 50th Anniversary Cookbook and a Men's fashion Show sometime in the Spring. Both the dinner and concert will have limited seating, so mark your calendars!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY:

8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. — Noon

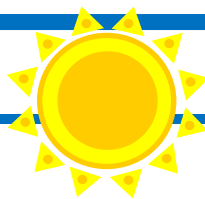




WE LOVE



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Patti Naughton	08-06	Jerry & Donselman	09-01
Todd Post & Peggy Irwin	08-08	Paul & Tammy Gremel	09-04
Doug & Sandy Alger	08-09	Paul & Dede Greene	09-06
David Tobiasz & Leesa Carls	08-10	Tom & June Cooper	09-07
Bob & JoAnn Schoeneck	08-11	Nicholas & Greta Eckerle	09-07
Jerry & Elaine Beck	08-16	Charles & Sandra Witherington	09-07
Dennis & Georgia Hess	08-16	Chris & Deb Caudill	09-15
Merle & Becky Ericson	08-17	William & Ada Greaves	09-24
David & Denise Long	08-18	Mark & Karen Kuhnly	09-24
Harry & Kim Rubash	08-19	Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry	09-25
Scott & Kathy Berner	08-20	Vic & Claire Grabovez	09-28
Dave & Roxann Daggett	08-20	David & Judy Karlin	09-29
Wayne and Margit France	08-24	Harv & Shirley Amen	09-30
Ron & Sharon Griffith	08-24	Victor & Kitty Argobright	09-30
Dick & Pam Nesseth-Moody	08-29		

PROPERTY BOARD UPDATE

By Tom Kramer

The Choir Room and Pastor Ken's office have been dried out, repaired, and had new flooring installed, and it's back to business as usual!

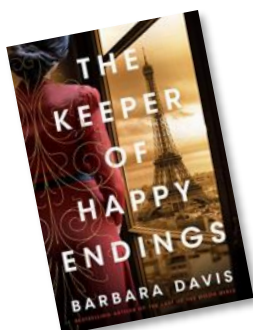
You can't help but notice the new grout in the hallway, making the entire floor look like new.

SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB

By Betty Fry



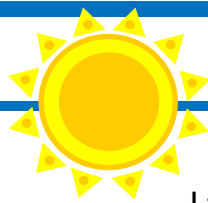
There will be no **SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB** in August or September and will resume on October 18 when the discussion will be about **"The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis**



"An enchanting novel about fate, second chances, and hope, lost and found, by the Amazon Charts bestselling author of 'The Last of the Moon Girls.'"

Soline Roussel is well schooled in the business of happy endings. For generations her family has kept an exclusive bridal salon in Paris, where magic is worked with needle and thread. It's said that the bride who wears a Roussel gown is guaranteed a lifetime of joy..."

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Tobiasz	08-01
Mel Wessler	08-02
Georgia Hess	08-02
Belle Leunig	08-03
Kerry Heckenliable	08-03
Shirley Robinson	08-03
Susan Boylan	08-04
Pam Nesseth-Moody	08-05
Cynthia Corogin	08-06
Karen Kuettner	08-06
Gary Brazgel	08-06
Mary Blomgren	08-10
Lana Davis	08-14
Marilyn Knudson	08-15
Bill Hunter	08-15
Joan Kurtz	08-17
Jeff Patterson	08-17
Lucky Lang	08-17
Lorann Rue	08-18
Michael Lien	08-18
Judy Karlin	08-18
Lili Surber	08-18
Gerry Geartz	08-19
Diana Henke	08-20
Regina DeLazzer	08-21
Deb Allen	08-22
RandyAllen	08-22
Betty Koepke	08-25
Robert Pieske	08-25
Joni Lowe	08-28
Dwight Stiehl	08-29
NancyMueller	08-31
Dale Surber	08-31

Laverne Glesmann	09-02
Roy Zito	09-03
Kirk Nestaval	09-03
Jim Heckenliable	09-03
Marilyn Garazin	09-04
Joan Coffey	09-06
Mark Kuhnly	09-06
Pat Heuler	09-06
Chuck Wiley	09-07
Eve Lindgren	09-09
Julie Smiley	09-09
Jacquielynn Wolff	09-09
Conrad Henry	09-09
NancyCarrington	09-10
Ed Silcock	09-11
Peggy Irwin	09-11
Susan Oestreicher	09-14
Warren Leonard	09-14
Melinda Geartz	09-14
Anita Dreyer	09-15
Kay Hunter	09-15
Steven Kahre	09-16
Sue Chapin	09-17
Marsha Schulz	09-17
Michael DeLazzer	09-18
Diane Waltrip	09-19
Mary Ann Lauber	09-19
Phyllis Espegard	09-21
Susan Schadler	09-21
Frank Walter	09-23
Helen Clark	09-25
Kathryn Rickers	09-25
Pat Durinzi	09-26
Tom Williams	09-26
Gwen Nestaval	09-27
Lu Schieferdecker	09-27
Betty Koenig	09-30
Hildegard Leypoldt	09-30
Randy Garden	09-30

MORNING is a
perfect time to Pray,
to love, to care, to
smile, to relax, and
to Thank God for
giving us another
day to live.



Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

Lunch With Friends Over 60!

Sponsored by OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY, this Luncheon takes place on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the Great Room at Marco Lutheran Church. A wonderful meal is provided and there are always plenty of desserts to follow. Entertainment is provided by guest speakers, community leaders & entertainers, along with Food, Friendship, Prizes & Fun!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 & SEPTEMBER 20,
2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

Seating is limited! **You MUST RSVP**
239-259-5188 or
lunchwithfriends-marco@gmail.com



MLC's
Singles
Ministry.

**Join the
fun with
other
active
singles!**

You do not have to be
a member of the
church to participate.

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 lots of good fellowship and fun! Although we don't meet at the church in the summer months, we do meet from May to September at a different restaurant around Marco & Naples. All singles are invited. Be sure to watch for an email from Sue Chapin detailing the location of the current month's restaurant. ***You MUST respond to her email with your RSVP so we can make a timely and accurate reservation with the restaurant.***

WOMEN OF MARCO

By Cindi Kramer

OKTOBERFEST! Yes, we are having Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m. after Worship and need plenty of volunteers for serving, cooking, clean-up, etc. There will be sign up sheets on the Ministry desk in August.

50th ANNIVERSARY COOK BOOK—Thanks to everyone who sent in recipes, we have a good start, but need more!!!

RUMMAGE SALE—Scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024, with set up the week prior. More details to follow.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER! We hope you are staying cool wherever you are spending the summer months, and are looking forward to seeing all of you in the fall. Get ready for a fun-filled 2024 as we celebrate Marco Lutheran Church's 50th Anniversary.

AVOW HOSPICE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

Why not join us on our mission to bring comfort, peace and calm to those we serve! We offer a wide variety of volunteering positions for every interest, schedule, experience level and talent set. Together, we can change moments and change lives.

AVOW HOSPICE

1095 Whipporwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105

239-261-4404—Toll free: 888-484-2869

Avowcares.org - www.avowcares.org/volunteer

YOGA CLASSES

- Gentle Yoga -
Mondays & Thursdays
at 12:30 p.m.

- Chair Yoga -
Mondays & Thursdays
at 2:00 p.m.



\$5 per session



David Contessa

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2023

Beat the heat and stay in for our Free Thrivent Online Events!!

AUGUST 7, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2023 | ON DEMAND ALL WEEK
B.L.E.S.S.: Five Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World
with Dave Ferguson

What if there was a more authentic everyday way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers? Learn five simple, straightforward practices that will allow you to do just that. And by consistently living them out, you can affect not just individual lives but your entire neighborhood and community—one person at a time.

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

AUGUST 8, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET OR 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM ET
Women, Wealth & Wisdom

Hear stories about six women who have figured out a few things about money—and enriched their lives in ways that are about more than money.

- Live the life you want.
- Protect your most valuable asset.
- Pay it forward.

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

CHECK OUT THE THRIVENT SEPTEMBER ONLINE EVENTS AT <https://bit.ly/ThriventEvents> TO CONFIRM FINAL DATES AND TIMES ON OUR EVENT CALENDAR!

First and Second Week of September 2023 – Danny Gokey – American Christian Singer and prior finalist of American Idol.

Mid-September 2023 – Emily Gang - The Medicare Coach.

Later in September 2023 – Tom Hegna – Economist, Author and Retirement Expert.

No products will be sold at our events. For additional disclosures, see [Thrivent.com/social](https://thrivent.com/social). Contact us at SoutheastTMN@thrivent.com or see what's happening at thrivent.com/southeast or at [Facebook.com/SoutheastTMN](https://facebook.com/SoutheastTMN).

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