



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH
2023 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

THE SHIP'S MESSENGER

Thankful

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023



JOIN US!
Thanksgiving Dinner
at MLC 4:30 p.m.
in the Great Room



THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, BUT WE ASK THAT YOU
BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AT THE MINISTRY DESK.

*"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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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GARY KOLTZ



Preface for Bread Bakers

Thank you for your willingness to bake bread for our Eucharist service at Marco Lutheran Church. What a great thing it is to be able to prepare the bread in which Christ will use in His true presence to remind us sinners that he bled and died for us so that we may have freedom from sin.

When following the recipes, please make sure to follow them directly, unless otherwise noted in the comment section of that recipe. However- we ask you to score the bread into approximately half inch squares. Please bring the bread to the church before 8:30am. Thank you again for your service to God's people. If you wish, a bread bakers prayer is provided below before preparation of the bread.

BREAD BAKER'S PRAYER

*Host of the Eternal Feast, bless me now as I prepare the bread for our eucharistic celebration, your most precious gift to us. As I combine wheat and water, fruits of your creation, keep me mindful of your sacrifice that redeemed all.
Knead me to your will as I work the dough; shape me so that I may reflect your will; temper me with the fire of your love.*



*Keep me hungry for your word as I assist our church community to unite in this special way as the living Body of Christ.
Thank you for the honor of serving you and the people of Marco Lutheran Church during this time.
Amen.*

LUTHER'S BREAD RECIPE (#1)

1 & 1/2 C. whole wheat flour
1/2 C. white flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 Tbs. oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 C. warm water
1/4 C. honey

Directions: Mix dry ingredients well and set aside. Dissolve the honey in the warm water, add the oil, then the dry ingredients and mix well. Knead, but don't overdo it (it doesn't take much)

Divide into 4 balls and cover with a tea towel. Let rest for 10 minutes. Now flatten each ball with the palm of your hand or rolling pin to approx 1/4 in. (It will be quite springy, do the best you can)

Bake in preheated at 325° for 20 minutes.



LUTHER'S BREAD RECIPE (#2)

Sift dry ingredients (important!) **together three times:**

- 2 c whole wheat flour
- 1 c white flour
- 1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

- 3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)
- 3 Tbsp honey
- 3 Tbsp molasses

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk.

Lay the loaves on a baking sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil.

Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Each loaf serves 60-70 people, depending upon the size of the piece given. The loaves freeze well.



MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Artist Series 2024

Shows Announced!

Updates and order forms on the website

Ticket Desk opens November 14th

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm

- John Davis & Friends...Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26
- Top of the World – A Carpenters Tribute...Thursday, February 8 and Friday, February 9
- Jenene Caramielo...Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23
- The Olivia Show...Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8

With Special Performances:

Celebrate VI...Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1

The Last Supper...Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22

FOUNDATION

By Karen Kuhnly



The Foundation Board has been accepting Grant Applications for the upcoming 2024 Grant Recipients. The deadline for Grant Applications was October 16, 2023. We have received 25 applications requesting around \$380,000 to further the Christian mission of the 501©3 organizations who sent in their requests. We have Grant requests this year from local organizations in Naples, Marco Island and Immokalee. We received requests to further the mission field in Haiti, Africa, Columbia to name a few.

One of the recipients said this in their email with the Grant Application:

"In the Great Commission, taught in Matthew 28, Jesus tells us to "GO and make disciples of all nations...". He's calling all Christians into *ACTION*. Marco Lutheran is an extremely mission minded church. We know you understand this, and the grants you provide help expand God's Kingdom throughout the world."

Marco Lutheran is so blessed to have the opportunity to have a Foundation that supports Organizations who spread the love of the Jesus by servant people who are the hands and feet of Jesus. We are strictly charged by the Foundation By-Laws to gift our funds to Christian 501©3 organizations. Marco Lutheran has much to be thankful and grateful for with this ministry of outreach opportunity.

Grant Sunday will be February 25, 2024 and we will announce the Grant Recipients and their ministry outreach.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - It's that time of year again; Operation Christmas Child is here! Each year, we join Samaritan's Purse and the local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Each shoebox we fill demonstrates God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Join in the fun and pick up a shoebox to pack. Please return filled shoeboxes to the Welcome Center. ***The final day to return the shoeboxes will be November 12, 2023. Any questions, contact Lili Surber (626) 705-6550. Thank you for your support and generosity.***

WOMEN OF MARCO

By Cindi Kramer

Church decorating will take place on Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to help...pizza to follow!

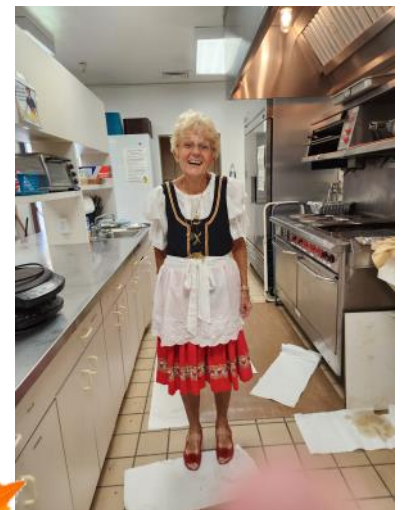
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Women's Christmas lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th. More info to follow!

Any last minute submissions for the 50th Anniversary Cookbook need to be sent to Vicki by November 30th. After that, the book will go to print so that we can have them for distribution in January 2024.

Photos from Oktoberfest 2023



THANKFUL
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A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PASTORS & STAFF
TO THOSE WHO THOUGHTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED US IN OCTOBER FOR
PASTOR & CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH.



WE ARE ALL BLESSED TO SERVE IN THE MINISTRY AT
MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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Mondays & Thursdays: 12:30 p.m.

- chair -

Mondays & Thursdays: 2:00 p.m.


\$5 per session—No registration

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."



BOARD OF HUMAN CARE

By Annette Bertelson



November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Some Facts:

More than **37 million** US adults have diabetes, and 1 in 5 of them don't know they have it.

Diabetes is the **eighth leading cause** of death in the United States.

Diabetes is the **No. 1** cause of kidney failure, lower-limb amputations, and adult blindness.

In the last **20 years**, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than **doubled**.

Reduce Your Risk

Here are recommendations that may help prevent, manage, or lower your risk of developing diabetes:

Work with your primary care physician or medical health professional to help manage your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels.

Develop or maintain a healthy diet. Work with a dietitian or diabetes educator to fine tune an eating plan that will help manage blood sugar.

Get moving. Find activities you love and do them as often as you can.

Stop smoking or using tobacco products.

Learn ways to manage stress.



Our Daily Bread
Food Pantry

Lunch With Friends Over 60!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Seating is limited! **You MUST RSVP**

239-259-5188 or

lunchwithfriends-marco@gmail.com

MUSIC NOTES

By Craig Greusel

I realize we just had Halloween. Yes, then comes All Saints Day, Veterans Day, and of course Turkey Day, but I need you to think seriously about the December Spirit about to creep up on us!

This year's CELEBRATE VI Community Concert is set for November 30 and December 1.

This is a fun way to spread the good news among us and our island friends. Now is the time to prepare. We need all our parishioners to take an active role in this annual project.

So how can you be a part? Please accept one of the following responsibilities:

Come to the November Wednesday Choir rehearsals at 4:00 p.m. and join us as a performer. **WE NEED YOU!!!!!! And it's a lot of FUN!!!!!!**

Get tickets starting on November 1 for you and your family. Invite your neighbors and get tickets for them. Spread the news throughout our island and nearby communities. Show up for the concert and be Jolly!!!

Help us continue to make Marco Lutheran Church the Musical Welcome of the Christmas Island Style Season!

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS: CELEBRATE VI

November 30 & December 1, 2023 (7:30 p.m.)

A Collaborative Grouping of Solo and Ensemble Work to Welcome in the Holiday Season

GUEST ARTISTS:

Mitch Peters
Frankie Ray
Alan & Linda Sandlin
Resound
John Davis
Craig Greusel
The MLC CHOIR



Musical and Dramatic Selections in Sacred and Secular Yuletide Flavors Culminating in a Community Carol Sing-Along

Free Tickets available at:

***Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd. Marco Island, FL 34145
Call 394-0332 for additional information.***

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David Karlin	11-01
Linda Derleth	11-02
Georgiana Matz	11-02
John Moyer	11-02
Dave Raftis	11-02
Loy Zalecky	11-02
Douglas Knox	11-03
Lynne Holmes	11-04
Shirley McLaughlin	11-04
Keith Baasch	11-05
Louise Hoffman	11-05
Linda Harrison	11-08
Kitty Argobright	11-09
Jere Draper	11-10
Joyce Fenelon	11-10
Grace Herr	11-10
Dennis Johnson	11-10
Darlene Miller	11-10
Roger Boisse	11-11
Granville Thompson	11-11
Sharon Griffith	11-12
Norva Jeanne Rooksberry	11-13
Joyce Maxfield	11-14
Annette Bertelson	11-16
Sandy Draper	11-16
Dan Lange	11-16
John Schadler	11-17
Margit France	11-18
Anika Lapinoja	11-18
Bob Volatile	11-19
Donald Leshar	11-20
Keith Walter	11-20
Joyce Coose	11-21
Wade Keller	11-21
William Greaves	11-23
Walter Jaskiewicz	11-23
Harry Rubash	11-23
Phillip Kostelnik	11-24
Dennis Hess	11-26
Carole Hodgson	11-26
Allan Liebreiz	11-26
Marie Mahr	11-26
Marilyn Kostelnik	11-28
Sandy Anderson	11-29
Gail Cacciola	11-30
Dick Clark	11-30



Dennis & Phyllis Johnson	11-06
John & Mary Moyer	11-06
Walter & Barbra Jaskiewicz	11-08
Gary & Carole Zimmerman	11-11
Bob & Anita Chaney	11-13
Karl & Mary Blomgren	11-19
Kevin & Betsy Sabbides	11-21
Joe & Louise Hoffman	11-24
Dick & Helen Clark	11-26
Bob & Linda Harrison	11-29



School is in session and that means that Grace Place's after-school programs are in full swing! We need a lot more classroom assistants for our elementary and middle school programs, as well as tutors for our high schoolers. In addition to the school age programs, we are still in need of many adult English teachers! Classes are once a week, in either the morning or the evening. No experience necessary!

Do you have a skill that you'd like to teach to a group of middle schoolers? We'd love to have you teach one of our Choice Academies! This is a multi-week opportunity where a volunteer comes in twice a week to teach a class to students, finishing with a showcase!

For more information on volunteering, please reach out to Colleen Durham, Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager at 239-255-7213 or colleen.durham@graceplacenaples.org.

Welcome New Members!



We welcomed new members GERALYNN GREUSEL, DIANE REINIG, JULIE WOHLER and KEVIN SABBIDES into our Marco Lutheran family on October 29. Please make a point to say "Hello / Welcome" and invite them to be involved in the life of MLC!



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!

SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB—November's "Twist"

By Betty Fry

The Sailing Solo Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m...except the November Sailing Solo Book Club attended the Marco Arts Center production of **"The 39 Steps" on November 5**. Then they discussed the play and book over dinner after viewing the book on stage.

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!

VANCO ONLINE UPDATE

Vanco is updating their format for online giving for all churches. As a result, our web page for on-line giving will change at the end of November. This is designed to make donating similar to shopping on-line by putting your contributions in a basket then checking out. Each option will give a description about that fund in words and pictures.

NOTE: **Current on-line users do not need to do anything.** Your contributions **will not** be changed, and any scheduled recurring contributions will continue to process as planned. You may continue to log in using your existing username and password. This new web page will enable you to see all your scheduled contributions in your profile.

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**



David Contessa

November 2023 Thrivent Events

*Sending out a special Thank You to our Veterans this November 11th.
And wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!*

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 12, 2023 | ON DEMAND

Reflections of Bravery: A Celebration of Veterans with J.R. Martinez

Join us for an event honoring military veterans, especially our Thrivent members who have served. J.R. Martinez, bestselling author, motivational speaker, advocate, and wounded U.S. Army veteran, will share some of his inspirational story and tips on living a successful life. Martinez's message revolves around resilience and making the most of every situation.

Together, we want to wish our service members and their families a heartfelt thank you from Thrivent!

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET OR 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM ET

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM ET

Are You a Constrained Investor? (And Why it's Important to Know)

Living a long life is something to strive for. Yet, it's the greatest risk for clients and potential clients is securing retirement since longevity magnifies other risks they may face like inflation and market performance. During this informational event, clients and potential clients will discover from David Macchia, a nationally recognized expert on retirement income planning, how income -- not wealth -- creates your standard of living in retirement, understand why it matters that men and women make money decisions differently, and recognize how timing, inflation and life expectancy can affect your retirement income.

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

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).

Questions about Thrivent or how we can help?

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

...So Much to be Grateful for...

Psalm 23