



Spirit of Life Lutheran Church

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We spread the gospel through love, acceptance,
and giving of ourselves for Jesus.



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I hope you were as glad as I was to see the temperature in the 80s today. I know it is too early to call it Spring but, tell it to my trees that are covering my vehicles with pollen!

As you may have noticed the church Modular Building has been painted this past week. At the same time building skirting was installed. It really is shaping up nice. Our contractor says, soon and very soon, we will have electric and water service.... I will let you know when it is really completed.

Debby has received several bids to do the concrete pad and extend the sidewalk into a small pad behind church. We were informed to hold on the work until after city inspected electric and water hookup. So, this is on hold for now. We will be using the aluminum ramp and step with platforms in the front. Kind of like it its now and we will build a wooden platform with steps by the door in the back.

The Food Pantry team is assembling the shelving purchased a few weeks ago and the new upright freezers are looking really good in the building. We will be making arrangements to complete the coverings on the floor, wall and ceiling seams soon.

I would like to personally thank everyone for your generous increase in offerings so we will meet our monthly financial obligations. Remember that even a small weekly increase will add up quickly. Thank You.

Our weekly church worship attendance is growing! Last Sunday was a new high since COVID-19 hit our country. Continue to pray for our church. IT IS WORKING.

Please remember to bring your spring closet cleaning items to the Church for our Spring Clothes Give-a-Way. Please contact Debby Speicher for details.

Blessings, peace and grace to everyone,
Al Speicher
Leadership Team President

eCommunication

Leadership Team Member: Kristina Aldred – kaldred@bellsouth.net 678-761-6387

I often wonder how many people actually read this Newsletter. Some, I am sure, read a bit here or there. Do you really need or want it? Is it helpful? Is there something you would like to see in the Newsletter? I await your response.

Peace,
Kristina

Community Food Pantry and Garden

Leadership Team Member: Gary Stryck - jstryck@yahoo.com

The new freezers are here!!!!



FOOD PANTRY.

February 22, 2021

Month of February

We have had a few slow days, mostly weather related.

With the food pantry only operating 1 day a week now. For this month so far we are still adding people and numbers are coming. Sorry we don't have the whole month at this time.

Total number of bags handed out thru our pantry so far this month has been 1103.

Breaking that down further gives a better idea of how many people we are really helping.

Remember this is only for 3 weeks.

The total number of people in those households is 3104.

Of those 1042 were over 60 years old.

Number of children under 18 in those households is 942.

The number of disabled people is 615.

This month we have had 145 new clients come thru.

We have not had any problems with delivery's and looks like we will be alright till the end of march.

We have been receiving food donations that has allowed us to provide extra for those whom we serve, which helps greatly with our ministry of helping those in need.

We are grateful for all the donations and help we have had to keep this food pantry going, not only from the congregation, but also from those outside our church.

Remember our task at the food pantry and the church is to feed the lambs which at times is not only with food.

Fellowship and Outreach Ministries

Outreach Leadership Team Member: Debby Speicher - yayasis@comcast.net

Fellowship Team Member: JoAnn Strynick - jstrynick@yahoo.com

Outreach is planning a Garage Sale in April. Donations can be brought to church before Service or contact Debby for another time. I also need help to sort items and getting ready for the Sale. Please let me now if you can help sorting or during the Sale itself.

Debby

Financial Corner

Leadership Team Member: Peggy Williams - pegsha1@gmail.com

FINANCIAL CORNER FOR FEBRUARY 2021	
Envelope Offerings (TIAA)	\$ 6,713.70
Food Pantry xfer for JEA bill	\$ 404.56
Interest Income	\$ 0.92
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,185.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,471.13
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Feb operating carryover BALANCE	\$ 1,075.27
Food Pantry Income	\$ 781.00
Food Pantry Expense	\$ 474.56
Food Pantry BALANCE	\$ 6,509.58
BALANCES	
Mission Investment (mortgage)	\$ 241,471.77
Bldg Expansion (CF)	\$ 28,634.84

Bldg Expansion expenses \$752.50 skirting, & ext painting \$584

Property

Leadership Team Member: Dan Nichols - r.daneel.nichols@gmail.com

Please contact Dan helping keep our church beautiful inside and out.

Ruth Circle (WELCA)

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Dawn Martin (904)518-6903

We are starting a new project of "Collecting new and gently used children's books". They will become part of the "Free Lending Library" by our church garden. Please drop off your donations of both children and adult books in the office.

God's Blessings on All,
Dawn Martin

Worship & Music

Leadership Team Member: Vonda Miller - ontrey64@gmail.com



YOU ARE INVITED

Bring a friend, God never meant for his children to raise themselves.

Please join us **WEDNESDAY AT 6 P.M.** (March 3, 10, 17 & 24) for

BIBLE STUDY.

Bring your copy of God's word.

Fellowship and refreshments provided.

ATTENDANCE

Feb 7	37
Feb 14	40
Ash Weds	14 – 12 PM
Ash Weds	8 – 7 PM
Feb 21	35
Feb 24	12 – Lent Bible Study
Feb 28	29


<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
6 Keira Hood 8 Maggie Spruill 13 Roland Biggerstaff 16 Carol Payne 23 Catherine Spottswood 30 Herbert Roziers	15 Al & Debby Speicher (18) 16 Gene & Vonda Miller (30) 18 Shaun & Jessica Hayman (5) <div data-bbox="938 394 1312 562" data-label="Image"> </div>

Beverly Eckes Celebrates 90th Birthday



Beverly Eckes was born February 23, 1931 in Hawley, Pennsylvania. She has been resident of Florida since 1978; and she moved to Callahan, God's county in 1998. She has been blessed with three children; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She faithfully walks with Christ and continues to be active in the women's group at her church, Spirit of Life Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She can be found almost every Tuesday, volunteering at her church's Food Pantry doing God's work by bagging food or doing whatever is needed.

 **Look for us on Facebook!**

Call to Care (Prayer List)

Our Loved Ones: Larry, Mike, Karen, Margaret, Mariam, Healthcare workers

Our Military members: Branden, Jeff, Nathan & Anthony

Chronic Prayers: Judd Stevenson, Fred Covalt, Mary Elwood, June and John Hanson (Moorman family members), Rita Hays, Betty Mallard, Amanda Bennett, Cathy Edwards, Dorothy Cook, Mary Ellen Sanders (Brenda Murray's Mom, Hood family's grandmother & great), Larissa Hinman, Jimmy & Faye Carter, Jackie Corderio (Maggie Spruill's sister), Ruth Vega (Kassi Delarosa's mother)

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This is Christ's Church.
There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a
living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace
you as a whole person—
questions, complexities and all.
Join us as we do God's work in Christ's
name for the life of the World!