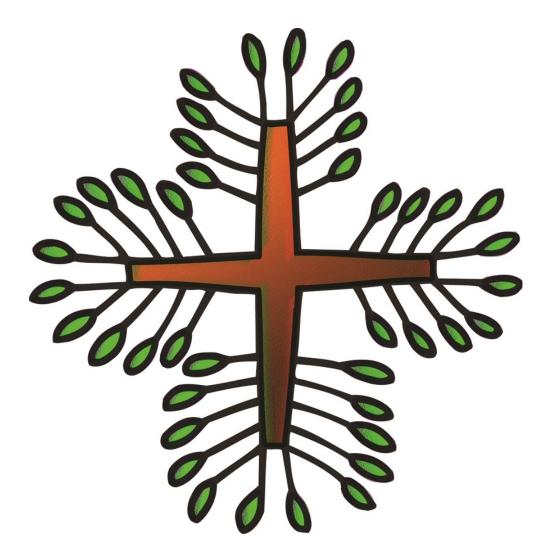


"Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom"



Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 Pastor Scott Lindner ps@discoveralc.com 29617 State Road 54 Wesley Chapel, FL 33543



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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday** and discover God's love.

SERVICE TIMES

9:30 A.M. TRADITONAL WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP w/SUNDAY SCHOOL

Masks are optional.

Grape Juice and Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Watch us on the Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

Today's Worship Leaders

Preaching & Presiding Assisting Minister Communion Assistants

Readers

Ushers

Keyboardist Contemporary Music Director

Celebration Choir Director

IT/ Live Stream Music Technician Pastor Scott Lindner Walt Frank Robert Pope

Rose Henry

Rich Etringer, Roy Caffey, Nils Lenz, Mark Gamble Robert Pope

Ken Hanks Brian Lindner

Sally Schaefer

Scott Giesking Su Lindner

WELCOME: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE:

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 4 one God,

the wellspring of grace,

our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

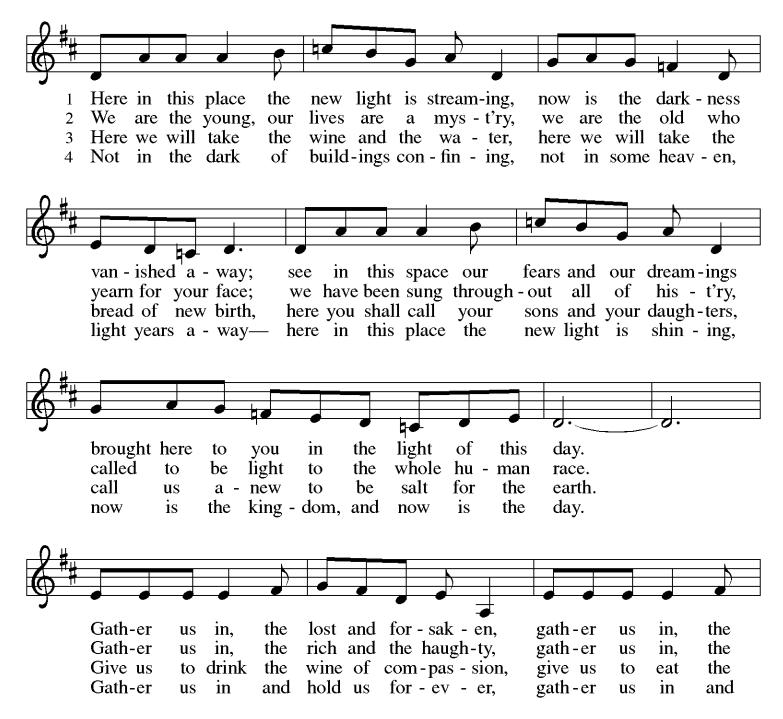
giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

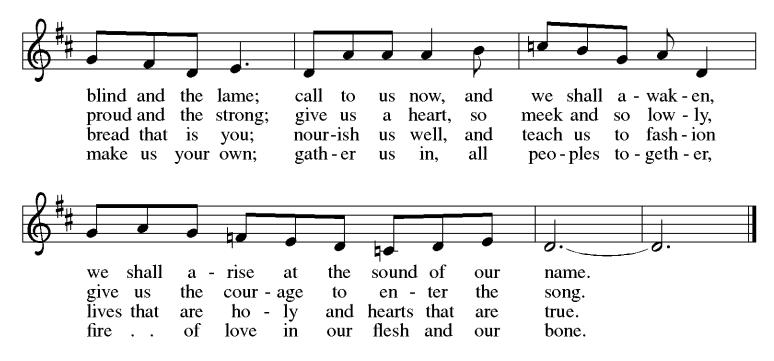
Amen.

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GATHERING HYMN: "Gather Us In" ELW 532





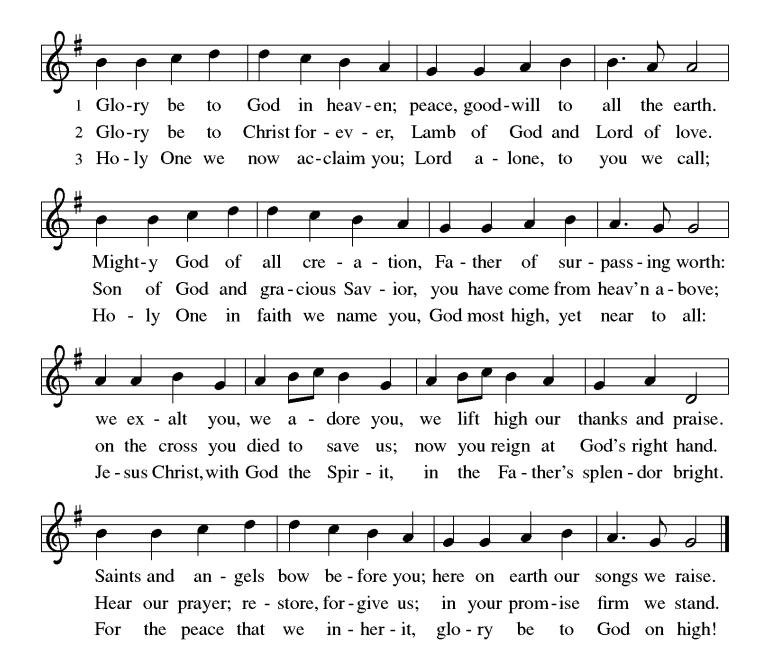
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW SETTING 10)



GLORIA (ELW SETTING 10)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

The first reading is from the 8th Chapter of Acts.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all

The Word of the Lord.

the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (Read Responsively)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. R ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" **R**

SECOND READING:1 John 4:7-21

The second reading is from the 4th chapter of 1 John

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Gospel: John 15:1-8 The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM: "Love Grows Here"- Don Besig

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (especially Patricia Marie, Connie Algire, Malane Bottles, Petra Chiaramonte, Maryanne Cromarty, Kay Edwards, Willie Escribano, Jeff Glawe, Mabello Jones, Franklin Kuzmenko, Sonny Lefstead, Guy Lynn, Jordy Lynn, Violet Moore, Ginny Morris, Bev Pearsall, Wilfredo Rivera, Lucy Rodriguez, Rueben Rymer, Viva Symonette, Barb Turner, Patti Wallace, Marcia Weil, Yvette Williams, Dee Cooper-Rooney, Kathy Stripe, Sherl Lemke, Rev. Roger Lemke, Beth Tepe, Les Tepe, Detlev Aeppel, Alice Etringer, Steve Colson, Macie Anderson, Cindy Zirkler and those we name aloud or in our hearts). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Precious Lord, you make the renewal of our lives and loves possible through your grace. Be with those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Kathy Alvare, Tedra Kostialik, Charlie Lenz. And those celebrating anniversaries. May they continue to know your joy and presence in all that the years may bring. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

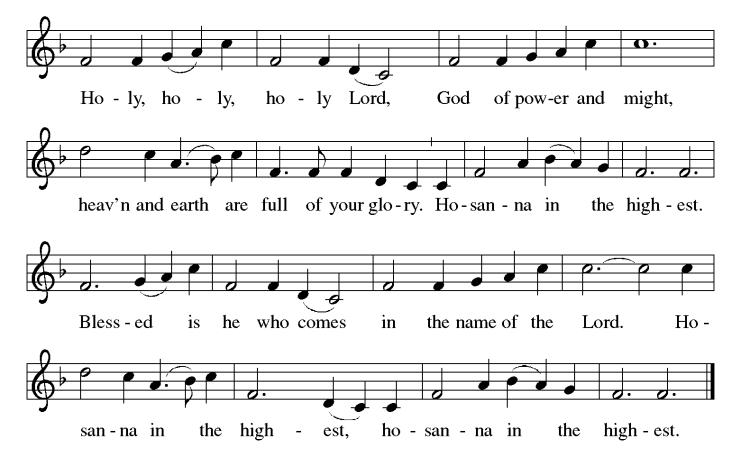
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY HOLY HOLY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;

you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come

and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,

the people of your promise:

the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,

the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,

and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup

we remember the incarnation of your Son:

his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly [on this day] we remember his rising from the tomb,

his ascension to the seat of power,

and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,

when Christ will come again in beauty and power

to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,

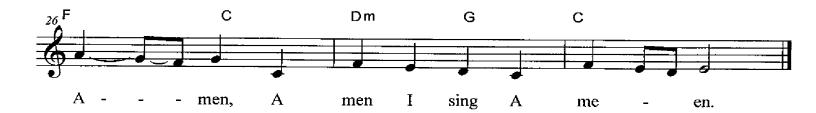
that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

LORD'S PRAYER



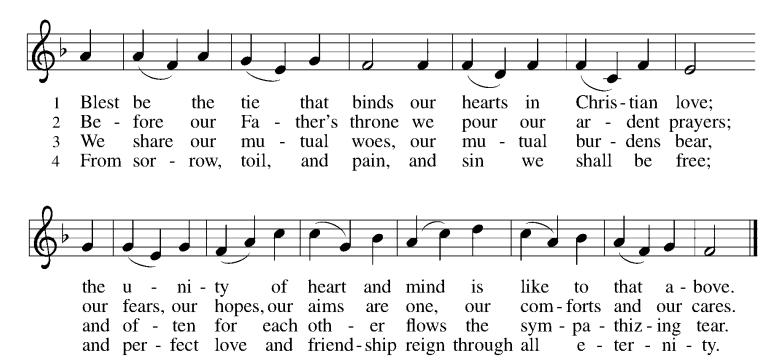


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COMMUNION HYMN: 'Blest Be The Tie That Binds'' ELW 656



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"





DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Men's Ministry Join us for Fellowship Every 3rd Saturday Monthly

Breakfast @ 10am

Happy Hangar Café

May 18, 2024



ALL HANDS ON DECK Saturday, May 11th.

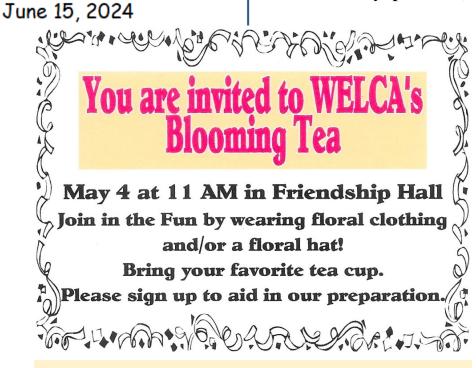


ANNUAL LETTERS CARRIER DRIVE

Donations arrive 1:00-6:30pm

SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX

Any questions, See Carla.



Fellowship Events Schedule May – June 2024

May 13th, June 10th

Seniors Every 2nd Monday 11am-1pm Bring your own lunch Socialize, lunch and learn, sing-a-longs, Board games

Church Family Night from 6pm-8pm

CANCELLED May 18th- Potluck dinner and board games CANCELLED June 15th



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH "POISED TO SOAR"

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

Noon

LITE LUNCH INCLUDED

As we continue our "Poised to Soar" journey, we invite our congregation to become involved as we realign our Ministries, add some new ones and focus on ways to be disciples of Christ and serve our community.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



More...SAVE THE DATE

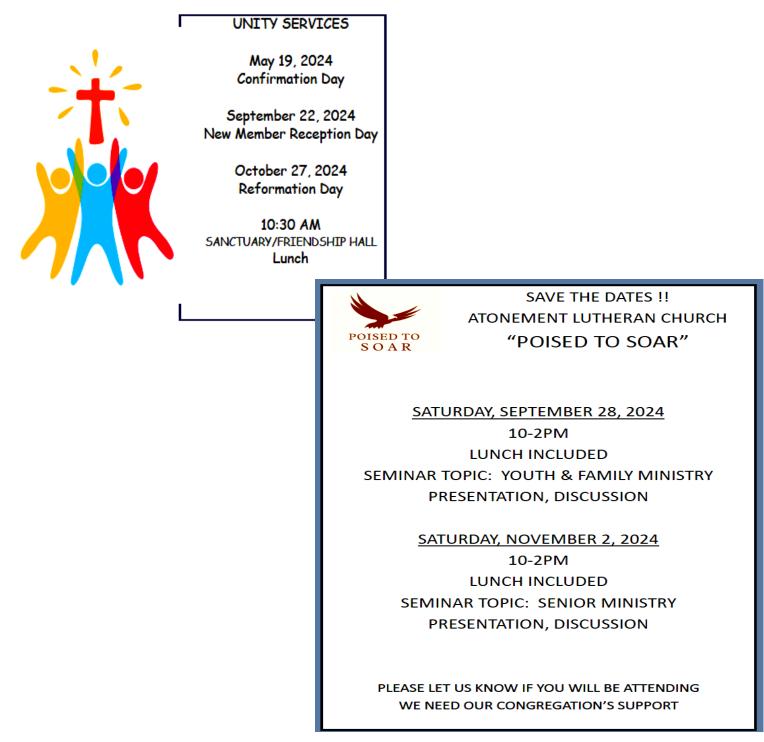
Oct. 19, 2024 Golf Outing Lake Bernadette (See Jim Turner)

Oct. 26, 2024 Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

details to follow at a later date

Nov. 16, 2024 Joint WELCA/Men's Group "Rummage Sale" 8-1

Nov. 16, 2024 Men's Chili Cook Off 4pm details to follow at a later date



Atonement Lutheran Church	"TEAR OUT FORM"	
Nametag Order Form		
DATE:		
Please PRINT name as you would like it t	appear on the nametag:	
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Payment: \$5.00—Cash or Check payable to ALC w/note in memo "Nametag", please deposit form into the clear box labeled "Completed Nametag Order" located by CareNotes/Office Wall in Narthex. You will be called when Nametags are available and a payment of \$5.00 can be made at that time as well.		
Caring Ministries provide CARE For anyone in the congregation, I	Know About	

Feel free to take any for yourself or to share with a friend.



*We need grocery bags (please lay flat if you can)/egg cartons!

Non Perishable Donations Always Needed God Bless you all for your help!

HHFP RECORDS FOR 2024:

4/10/24 703 Families/2,519 Individuals

4/3/24 693 Families/2,518 Individuals



USED CLOTHING DROP OFF



Atonement Lutheran Church

ONLY ITEMS ACCEPTED:

ALL CLOTHING, SHOES, SNEAKERS, BELTS, PURSES, BLANKETS, TOWELS, SHEETS, PILLOWCASES, CURTAINS, STUFFED TOYS (YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED AS WHOLE GARMENT)

Any Bulletin/Calendar/Prayer Requests updates need to be emailed to office@discoveralc.com by NOON every Wednesday.

Don't worry...if you send after the deadline we will place your ad in the following week bulletin/ calendar. This includes ads, meetings, prayers, etc.

PASTOR SCOTT 2024 SABBATICAL FUND

LOVELY GREETING CARDS ARE BEING OFFERED BY THE "CARING MINISTRY TEAM" IN THE NARTHEX AFTER SERVICES.

FEEL FREE TO TAKE THE CARDS YOU NEED AND PLEASE LEAVE A "THANK OFFERING" IN THE GLASS BOWL.

THE DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 2024 SABBATICAL FUND FOR PASTOR SCOTT.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday—AA (FR)	7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Celebration Choir Rehearsal THRU 5/26/24	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday—Boy Scouts Troop 2 (FR)	6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Wednesday—Food Pantry (Drive Thru)	8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Friday—Drive Thru Prayer	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Friday—Al-Anon (SS)	12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Monthly 2nd Mon. Senior Meet & Greet (FR)	11:00 am.—1:00 p.m.
Monthly 1st Wed. GFWC Woman's Club (FR)	6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Monthly 1st Saturday-Faith Formation Check Calendar	10:30 a.m.
Monthly 2nd Saturday—WELCA (FR) Resumes Sept	10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monthly 3rd Saturday—Men's Group Breakfast See Ad	10:00 a.m. — Noon

5/4/24 WELCA "Blooming Tea" All Invited FR	11am		
5/11/24 Annual Letters Carrier Food Drive SIGN UP IN NARTHEX (Any questions, See Carla)			
5/18/24 "Congregational Forum" w/Lite Lunch FR	NOON		
5/18/24 Men's Group Breakfast @ Happy Hangar Ca	fe 10am		
5/18/24 CANCELLED Family Night FR			
5/19/24 UNITY SERVICE (CONFIRMATION DAY)	10:30		
6/15/24 CANCELLED Family Night			
June 17-21, 2024 VBS FORMS IN NARTHEX	(See Julie Kaufmann for more details)		