

# BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEWS



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We Grow in Faith, as a Family, Through  
Outreach, Worship and Service



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## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

**"And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved." Matthew 24:12**

This month many will be celebrating Valentine's Day. It is a special day to celebrate love ... at least what little love can be found these days. Matthew tells us in these end times that the love of many will grow cold.

The Bible speaks of a great falling away in the last days. (2 Thessalonians 2) before the end of the age arrives, and it seems as if we are seeing it on a grand scale all around us. Virtually everywhere we look we're watching the decline of morality and ethics – in social culture, entertainment and government. It is hard to deny what we see all around us.

This is not an easy time for those who follow Jesus. The evil around us can be so discouraging and the darkness so oppressive that it really threatens our ability to walk in love. Yet knowing that God loves us and having this love to share with others is ever present in our hearts. There may be little love in the world, yet as believers in Christ our lives are filled with love to overflowing. He is the source of love. It is found at the cross. Though anti-Christ culture is permeating our society but we respond with Christ's supernatural love that we not grow cold and die.

An ancient story in Church history tells of the Apostle John, writer of the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, and Revelation. He would constantly repeat the words, "Little children love one another." And his disciples became weary of the phrase. Finally in his old age, as John was carried to their place of worship, the disciples asked him "Why do you always repeat these same words?" "Because friends," John replied, "it is the Lord's commandment – and if only this one were fulfilled, it would be enough." These are timely words for us, "Little children, love one another."

Take heart and don't be deceived or discouraged, or allow your love to grow cold. God is on His throne and His Word dwells richly in our hearts. Grow in His love. Let His light shine to those around you in this dark world, wherever you are, wherever you go, bring His love. Love will endure. (1 Corinthians 13:7), even forever.

In Christ,

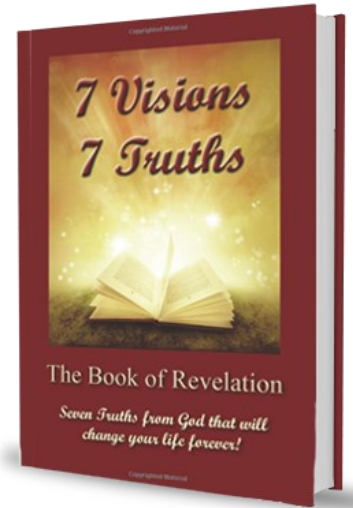
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Pastor Leavitt



# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**7 Visions 7 Truths** is a video Bible study that will change your life. Within the book of Revelation God has recorded seven visions, each containing a message about this world that you need to know. **7 Visions 7 Truths** shows how the seven messages combine to explain what is happening in this world every day and to reveal your purpose within God's master plan. Pastor Scherbarth wrote **7 Visions 7 Truths** to open the book of Revelation to everyone. Whether you are a Bible expert or a Bible novice, **7 Visions 7 Truths** will make it possible for you to read the book Revelation and to understand what God is revealing in this important book. The seven truths of Revelation will change your life forever.



## 7 VISIONS 7 TRUTHS WILL ENABLE YOU TO...

- understand what God is teaching in the Book of Revelation.
  - understand "what" is happening in this world and "why" it is happening.
- be equipped to live everyday with hope and confidence.

It all begins on Wednesday, February 10. Join the Men at 7 a.m. or the Women at 10 a.m. for this 13 week study. For more information you may call the church office.

WEDNESDAYS - Men @ 7 a.m.  
- Women @ 10 a.m.



We will be welcoming new members to our Beautiful Savior Family during the weekend of February 20 & 21 at all services. If you wish to become a member, please call the church office and we will be happy to meet with you! Members, please make sure to say hello to them!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THRIVENT MEMBERS:



**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®**  
**Let's thrive.®**

As a Thrivent benefit member, each year you have "Choice Dollars" you are entitled to direct to a qualifying organization such as Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

The "Choice Dollars" you have in your account to donate for 2020 may be donated in January through March of 2021. . You may direct online or by phone.

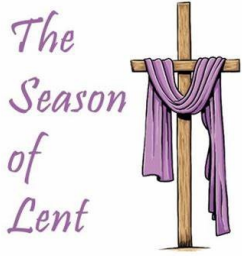
By email, just log into [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com), scroll down to "direct Choice Dollars," and log into your account by entering your User ID and Password.

Then you may direct the "Choice Dollars" to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church or another qualifying recipient of your choice. Last year we received \$1,619.00 from your donations, and the year before we received \$2,605.00. It is a wonderful way to raise money for Beautiful Savior without costing you anything.

If you prefer, you may phone Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and speak to a Thrivent representative who will help you direct your "Choice Dollars."

Remember, the Thrivent "Choice Dollars" not yet designated for 2020 may still be designated through March of 2021. **DESIGNATE NOW — DON'T DELAY**, and please remember to designate Beautiful Savior when you do.

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



The season of Lent in the Christian Church is a 40-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Sunday. (Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent). As in the past, Beautiful Savior will observe the season of Lent with a special worship service on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and these services will also be live-streamed for viewing at home.

**AN 'ASHLESS' ASH WEDNESDAY** - Traditionally on Ash Wednesday, we have observed the tradition of the imposition of ashes on the forehead of each worshiper. This year, because of the continuing need to exercise caution in the transmission of the coronavirus, we will not have the imposition of ashes, but that in no way minimizes the significance of our worship experience as we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Marking our foreheads with ashes is but an outward sign of a much greater reality. Ashes or no ashes, the words of Genesis 3:19, "For dust you are and to dust you shall return," still serve to remind us of our sinfulness, our mortality, and our need to repent and receive God's great mercy for us in Christ Jesus.

And that theme of repentance and sorrow for sin remains with us throughout the entire Lenten season and serves to prepare us for the observance of Christ's suffering, death, and triumphant resurrection on Easter morning.

**'WORDS FROM THE CROSS' SERMON SERIES** - The liturgical color for Lent is purple and is intended to remind us of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation on the cross - and Jesus' last words as He hung on that cross and endured that contempt and scorn, are an amazing testimony of His great love for us and all people - and Jesus' 'Words From the Cross', will be the theme for the sermon messages delivered by Pastor Adams in our mid-week Lenten services this year. Each week we will consider a different Word, or saying, of Jesus from the cross. The schedule is as follows:

2/17 - A Forgiving Word (Ash Wednesday)

2/24 - A Pardoning Word

3/3 - A Loving Word of Concern

3/10 - A Word Asking, 'Why?'

3/17 - A Suffering Word

3/24 - A Trusting Word

4/1 - A Remembering Word (From the Upper Room) (Maundy Thursday)

4/2 - The Word of Climax (Good Friday)

We encourage you to join us for these Lenten worship opportunities, either in person or by watching from home. A video link will be emailed each week and will also be available on our website. And you are encouraged as well to invite a friend to join you or to also tune in.

[Note: Because our fellowship and conversation is such an important part of our lives together as God's people, we regret that because of the need to remain cautious and prudent in regards to the coronavirus, our traditional Lenten Suppers will not be held this year.]





Evangelism will be showing the film "Unplanned" on Sunday, February 21st. Time still to be determined. All members and guests are invited to come see this powerful film.

***Unplanned* is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you're on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey.**

From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of God's Not Dead, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. Unplanned brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation.





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“When a believing person prays, great things happen”

James 5:16b. (NCV)

### **Prayer Partners’ Ministry**

**Your help is needed!**

Each month, Pastor Leavitt and Pastor Todd gives their Prayer Partners specific concerns to pray for. Each person will pray for that concern on their assigned day, where they have quiet time at home to connect with God. If you are seasonal, your service can continue even when you are away.

Prayer Partners is a ministry that focuses on praying for our Pastors, our church, and the overall ministries of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. This ministry is vital to the growth and overall health of our church.

Getting comfortable with praying comes from doing it – God understands that there are no right “words” – He reads the hearts of those who come to Him.

We would like to welcome you, to be part of the Prayer Partners’ Ministry.

Julie Robinson, Prayer Partner Coordinator

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## SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODES

<b>ATD</b>	At The Door
<b>BFF</b>	Best Friend Fell
<b>BTW</b>	Bring The Wheelchair
<b>BYOT</b>	Bring Your Own Teeth
<b>FWIW</b>	Forget Where I Was
<b>GGPBL</b>	Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
<b>GHA</b>	Got Heartburn Again
<b>LMDO</b>	Laughing My Denture Out
<b>OMMR</b>	On My Massage Recliner
<b>OMSG</b>	Oh My! Sorry, Gas
<b>ROFLACGU</b>	Rolling On Floor Laughing And Can't Get Up
<b>TTYL</b>	Talk To You Louder



**Sunday School for Pre-K to 5th Grade is ready to begin again on Sunday, February 7th. Cassie Davis is looking forward to teaching the children in this age group Bible lessons to help them grow in their faith.**

**The class will meet from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. Hopefully in the near future we will add a class for those in the 5th through 12th grade. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions.**

# February Birthdays



2/01 Cheryl Flynn  
 2/01 Rick Moore  
 2/01 Jana Flick  
 2/04 Robert Cascio  
 2/09 Sandy Hoffmeister  
 2/09 Connor Flick  
 2/10 Linda Walker

2/12 Harold Schiferl  
 2/12 Norm Kurtz  
 2/14 Roger Race  
 2/14 Chris Andersen  
 2/17 Mary Jean Wilson  
 2/25 Don Andersen  
 2/26 Pat Barlow  
 2/27 Bob Graham  
 2/27 Miranda Daley  
 2/28 Judy Kalkwarf

# February Anniversaries



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2/02/1969 Don & Chris Andersen  
 2/05/2001 Linda & Chris Daley  
 2/07/1969 Norm & Luise Chastain  
 2/10/1973 Len & Elsie Najjar  
 2/10/2000 Alan & Billi Miller  
 2/15/1992 Julie & Warren Robinson  
 2/20/2015 George & Judy Kartsounes  
 2/29/1992 Robyn & James Robison



## Explaining the Vision 2025 Campaign Envelope

**The new Vision 2025 Campaign Envelope in your envelope box, serves as a physical reminder and tool for the financial responsibility we as members have to the securing of Beautiful Savior's future. The 2025 Committee has created a list of goals and recommendations such as unfunded facility maintenance and to provide for the expansion, enhancement and program development for our Church. Stewardship Board**



# EVANGELISM

**Exciting how God links us all together for his LIFE Saving work. As HE taught us through your last "baby shower" we always are provided with what we need! If it is someone's heart, then its the donation we need.**



**We are really good on small size diapers (Newborn - 3) at this time. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 are harder to keep on hand. Lotions, soaps, shampoo, baby care items and baby wipes never go out of style :)**

**Gift Cards are wonderful and easy to store and can meet specific individual needs. (Prenatal vitamins, special formulas, food, infant medications). We sometimes will combine gift cards and go purchase a specific item (like a car seat) that is needed. We evaluate every situation before using gift cards. (Walmart and Target are good examples because you can get supplies as well as food and formula)**

**We provided a pair of hand crocheted or knitted baby booties to every client that comes in for an Ultrasound - it makes that baby so real. So these are especially important if anyone wants to share that talent!**

**In His Love,  
Patty  
Patty Madsen, RN**



The Evangelism Board is hosting another "Baby Shower" in March for the Community Pregnancy Clinic, located in Sarasota.

We will have a crib set up the first and second weekend in March if you wish to donate any items. They are happy for anything you wish to donate, but see above for specifics.



Thank you for helping us help them!

## FEBRUARY CARD MAKING MINISTRY!



Come and join the fun on Monday, February 15, when the Card Making Ministry will meet in the Still Building at 10:00 AM. We will make 4 Thinking of You cards – two for BSLC Shut-Ins and two for personal use. A \$5 contribution is asked to cover the cost of materials. Designs for the cards, all the materials needed, and step-by-step instructions for making the cards will be provided. No experience necessary!!

We will be social distancing and wearing masks, as necessary. Due to these practices, the number of participants will be limited to 8. Please RSVP to Joyce Adams (curjoy2@gmail.com; 517-317-2303), or sign up on

the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, February 14. Advance notice is needed to make sure we do not exceed the participant limit of 8 and the needed supplies will be ready.

## SuperSeniorS

Hey! It's time for Mardi Gras 🎉. Please join the SuperSeniorS at 1pm on or anytime after February 16th ( Fat Tuesday ). Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to join your host Chester the Jester 🎭 for mediocre humor and outstanding Christian Fellowship and enjoy the humor and music 🎵 of James Albritton. Look 👁👁 for livemusiclive Beautiful Savior SuperSeniorS on YouTube on your smart tv 📺 or computer. The link for MardiGras is

<https://youtu.be/zV WXI9zGEw>



Sunday, February 21st 2021 will be the next Youth Group meeting night at 7pm in the youth building.

Please call Cassie Davis or text her at (618) 402-1827 if you are interested or able to attend.

# SUPERBOWL CHILI FOR SUPER SUNDAY



Sponsored by the Beautiful Savior Service Guild

On sale after the Worship Service on  
Saturday, February 6th and on Sun-  
day, February 7th after all Worship  
Services.

\$10 a quart



## Manasota Operation Troop Support MOTS - 2021



The Evangelism Board, in conjunction with MOTS, will be conducting a drive to collect supplies for our troops.  
*MOTS is a local organization that send monthly C.A.R.E boxes to overseas military personnel from our area.*

**Bins will be set up in the Narthex, February 6-7, 13-14**

Please look over the following WISH LIST and consider donating a few of the items listed for our troops.

### WISH LIST:

- Single Serve flavored drink mixes
- Sudoku books, crossword puzzle books
- Chapstick
- AA and AAA batteries
- Oatmeal packets
- Hot chocolate packets
- Clif Bars, meal replacement bars
- Canned pastas and meals
- Cookies
- Peanut Butter
- Wet wipes
- Zip lock bags
- Tuna or chicken in foil packets
- Black Athletic Socks
- Twizzlers
- Encouraging Letters



## PRAYER REQUESTS



## REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

- The family of Martha FitzGerald—who went to her eternal home, sister of Martha & John FitzGerald
- Jane Schneeberger—heart procedure on February 12th
- Francis Reinert—in rehab after hospital stay, then to assisted living in PA with Doris
- Doug Rose—strength and healing from heart valve replacement on January 26th
- The staff and students of Concordia University NY—pray for a smooth transition moving forward
- Ozzie Hauswald—recent fall, has back pain
- Russ Wiltshire—strength and healing from stroke
- Barb Christensen—undergoing testing
- Joyce Brown—broke knee after fall
- Pat McInerney—in hospital with COVID-19
- Virginia Johnson—cancer in colon and lymph nodes, in need of strength and healing
- Julie—strength and healing for upcoming brain tumor surgery, friend of Charles & Ann King
- Lois Leavitt—broken wrist, mother of Pastor Leavitt
- Marilyn—diabetes and now cancer has metastasized, friend of Celeste Yee
- Mary—battling cancer, sister of Martha FitzGerald
- Deb Bahnson—in assisted living facility, sister of Darci Allison and DeeAnn Gores
- Becky Harris—strength and healing from hip replacement
- Margie Thompson—going through testing for neck and back pain
- Bill Sloman—undergoing radiation, in need of strength and healing
- Glenn Latta, Jr.—four year old coping with Leukemia, hospitalized with aggressive chemo, friends of George & Judy Koegel
- Kim—breast cancer, daughter of Ken & Mary Laxton
- Luise Chastain—undergoing second round of chemo treatments
- Carol Miller—healing from two spine surgeries
- Carl Albrecht—autoimmune disease causing eye problems, going thru treatment
- Jaycee—has 2 spots of cancer on spine in addition to brain stem, starting more chemo/radiation, granddaughter of Rick & Karen Vallier
- Lynn—under hospice care, and Marilyn—complications from diabetes, friends of Celeste Yee
- Jim Callanan—strength and healing while going through lung cancer treatment, uncle of Jerry Dalton
- Cindy—needs prayers of strength and healing, daughter of Carl & Mary Lou Albrecht
- Harold Banker, Jr.—stage 4 lung cancer with lymph node involvement, surgery not an option, brother of Cheryl Kail
- Weston Hermann,—13 year old son of Jared, undergoing extensive chemo for brain cancer, friend of Darci Allison
- Naomi—in need of diagnoses of health problems, friend of Jane Schneeberger
- Sue Bennett—strength and healing
- Curtis Collins—strength and healing, son of Bud & Liz Collins
- Harold Morris—Prostrate cancer, responding to treatment, brother-in-law of Dolly Morris
- Jamie Leavitt—laid off because of COVID-19, looking for teaching position in Jupiter, FL area (K-6th Grade) Son of Pastor & Lynn Leavitt
- Guy Montes—cancer, tumor in his brain, nephew of Willie Gwyn
- Rob Graham—cancer has spread throughout lungs, son of Bob Graham
- Elaine Grom—prayers for less pain until the Lord brings her home



## The Beautiful Savior Quilters

have been working diligently to complete as many quilts as they can for Lutheran World Relief before the February 6 pick-up date for the quilts. Some of the completed quilts will be displayed in the Sanctuary the weekend of January 30/31, and Pastor will have a blessing for our quilts before we send them on their way in the world. The Quilters find making the quilts a labor of love, and invite anyone interested in joining them in their work to come to the Wayman Stills Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. The quilts are simple to make. It involves cutting fabric, pinning fabric pieces together, tying layers of the quilts together, sewing the edges of the quilts by machine and several other easy jobs. The ladies wear their masks and practice social distancing, and welcome anyone interested in joining them to come and help.





**The Evangelism Board will be standing and praying outside of the PP Clinic on Tuesday, February 23rd from 10—Noon. If you would like to join us please let us know. You can call the Church Office or see one of the members of Evangelism if you have any questions. Thank you!**



February 17 - March 28

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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## **HELP SAVE LIVES IN Sarasota!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- 18,000 babies saved from abortion
- 211 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Ave, Sarasota
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Rich, 941-923-0752, 40DFLSarasota@gmail.com
- **Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up** for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

**[40daysforlife.com/Sarasota](http://40daysforlife.com/Sarasota)**





## COVID-19 Vaccination Update

### Latest COVID-19 Vaccination instructions for Manatee County

As of 1 February, the latest instructions for residents of Manatee County seeking COVID-19 vaccines are as follows. Please keep in mind that the Parish Health Ministry team will be working on informing members of changes in the COVID-19 immunization information and process as it becomes available.

Residents will still need to be registered with the county's standby vaccine pool. When vaccines become available, the system randomly selects people to receive a vaccine. Manatee county residents can register at [vax.mymanatee.org](https://vax.mymanatee.org). The other option is to call 311 to receive assistance from a county employee.

The new system allows them to save their place in the que by preregistering so they can be notified when appointments are available on at state run vaccine sites. Those who can join the que at this time are people aged 65 and older, residents and staff at long term health care facilities, front line health care workers, or those with health conditions that a doctor has deemed them to be at higher risk for contracting the virus.

When appointments become available, those with cell phones will receive a text with an appointment date and time. Those with cell phones will respond with "1" to confirm the appointment.

Those with land lines will get a call or voicemail message. These people will dial "1" to confirm the appointment.

Anyone who does not reply to the appointment assignments will be later contacted by staff at the 311 service.

The Parish Health Ministry Team is available to assist as needed. Please contact the church office and a member of the team will contact you to make arrangements for assistance.

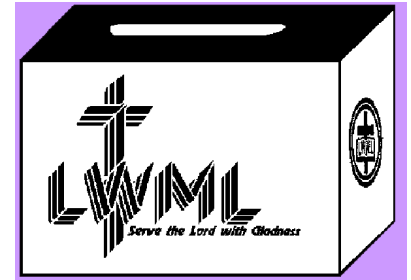


Many thanks for our Church family's prayers, visits, cards, foods, gifts and best wishes. My leg is healing well, cast/brace off, getting around, but still home bound for a while. Joyce Brown



**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,  
not for men.” Colossians 3:23**

When mentioning mission projects that our mites are supporting we sometimes give you a dollar figure used for scholarships. For this biennium (2020-2022) the FL/GA District has allocated \$30,000 for scholarships for young men and women studying to enter the Lord’s work. I thought you might like to know a little about how they are doing. At this moment I’m not sure how many we are helping but there are several in different years of study. We have notes from three of them who are in the fourth year.



**Josh Leborious**, a fourth year seminarian at St. Louis writes: “I have been elected class president for this year’s graduating class at the Seminary. I would covet your prayers in this endeavor. I am looking forward most to a class called Making Christian Counseling More Christ Centered and to Systematics II. These classes already have provided awesome insights and new understanding.” **Christian Einertson**, a fourth year seminarian, St. Louis, tells us: “Since returning in the fall, I’m settling into a new position as research assistant at Concordia Historical Institute, assisting callers researching people and events from the nearly two century long history of the Synod. I’ve already been involved in some really fun projects, from cataloging blueprints of Missouri Synod seminaries in India and China to working with the handwritten sermon manuscripts of C.F.W. Walther. My classes are going well.” **Hannah Engwall** in her final year at Concordia Wisconsin shares: “I am taking 19 credits, working about 14-18 hours a week between two on-campus jobs-Student Worker in the library and Music Theory Tutor for music students looking for extra help understanding certain music concepts (It’s always nice seeing that light bulb moment when the information clicks)! I also fill in as organist on different occasions. As a Parish Music major, I often help out with services on campus and have served as a substitute organist at two different churches in the Milwaukee area. Thank you all for your support and prayers.” **Mighty Mites!**



Here at Beautiful Savior we will once again be helping **“Hope Seeds”** by packaging seeds to be sent where needed. We will be meeting here in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, March 1 from 10am until 12 noon.** There is a sign-up sheet on the LWML table in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining us.

**Our next LWML meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, in the Conference Room at 10 am. We are planning the Spring Rally to be held here on Saturday, April 17. Hope to see you there.**

***“Serve the Lord with gladness” Psalm 100:2***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. It is the traditional start of the Lenten season but is also the start of the pro-life campaign 40 Days for Life. This organization began in 2007 in an attempt to counteract the pro-abortion movement that has dominated the scene not only here in America but around the world. Their “weapons of war” are the most powerful weapons known to mankind! Those being, prayer and fasting to God our Heavenly Father.

The evangelism board has decided to show the movie *Unplanned* on Sunday February 21 sometime after church. If you haven’t seen this movie, then you need to come and join us. It is a powerful testament to what really happens in these abortion clinics. When you hear the account of the barbaric and brutal treatment of what happens in the womb of a pregnant woman that is getting an abortion is like being punched in the gut.

Around the world today there are very few countries whose laws prohibit abortions. Matter of fact, only six nations in the world today completely prohibit abortions no matter what. After that, about a dozen nations prohibit abortions unless the mother’s life is at risk. This leaves an awful lot of nations that allow on-demand abortions for almost any reason. But the pressure is on by the pro-choice movement to allow abortion at any time for any reason throughout the whole world. Listen to what is happening in Honduras.

*February 1, 2021 The Honduran National Congress strengthened pro-life laws last week by amending the national constitution to declare that unborn babies have the same rights as born human beings under the law.*

*Breitbart reports lawmakers passed the reforms Thursday in response to growing international pressure on pro-life countries to legalize abortions.*

*They amended the Honduran Constitution to read: “The unborn shall be considered as born for all rights accorded within the limits established by law. It is prohibited and illegal for the mother or a third party to practice any form of interruption of life on the unborn, whose life must be respected from conception.”*

*“All human beings have a right to life from the moment of conception,” said Mario Pérez, the lawmaker who sponsored the legislation.*

*After the vote last week, international pro-abortion groups and agencies, including the United Nations and European Union, slammed Honduras for protecting unborn babies.*

*“The move doubles down on draconian reproductive rights laws in a country with some of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy and sexual violence in Latin America,” according to The Lancet.*

*Abortion activists with the UN also criticized Honduras for even considering a measure to strengthen protections for unborn babies.*

*“This bill is alarming. Instead of taking a step towards fulfilling the fundamental rights of women and girls, the country is moving backwards,” they said in a statement earlier this month.*

*Other critics included Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Oxfam, according to the report*

[https://www.lifenews.com/2021/02/01/honduras-makes-its-abortion-ban-permanent-all-human-beings-have-a-right-to-life/?fbclid=IwAR0FWHbZzSEIT\\_efRV1HzrpIS3Ya5XuZjkFCNcjneowPorxwZV7hrtAKXJA](https://www.lifenews.com/2021/02/01/honduras-makes-its-abortion-ban-permanent-all-human-beings-have-a-right-to-life/?fbclid=IwAR0FWHbZzSEIT_efRV1HzrpIS3Ya5XuZjkFCNcjneowPorxwZV7hrtAKXJA)

The battle to protect life around the world rages on and unfortunately women can get an abortion just about anywhere. Who knows what wonderful minds and personalities have been lost over the years due to pregnancy termination? Perhaps you would like to join us during this 40 Days for Life campaign and go to Planned Parenthood to pray for the most vulnerable lives of them all.

In Christ,

*Pastor Todd*





# Serving The Lord Schedule-February

Date	Elders & Ushers		Hosts & Hostesses
<b>FEB 7</b>	<b>Elders:</b> Bill Sloman, Dave Taylor <b>Ushers:</b> 8 a.m. Dan Najjar, Julie Motycka, Tom Goering, Randy Thies, Carol Miller 10:30 a.m. Dave Engelhardt, Wayne Koepke, Andrew Fenton		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           No greeters at this time, but hopefully soon we will be back to greeting people!         </div>
<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>Elders:</b> Bill Sloman, Dave Taylor <b>Ushers:</b> 8 a.m. Dan Najjar, Julie Motycka, Tom Goering, Randy Thies, Carol Miller 10:30 a.m. Dave Engelhardt, Wayne Koepke, Andrew Fenton		
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>Elders:</b> Bill Sloman, Dave Taylor <b>Ushers:</b> 8 a.m. Dan Najjar, Julie Motycka, Tom Goering, Randy Thies, Carol Miller 10:30 a.m. Dave Engelhardt, Wayne Koepke, Andrew Fenton		
<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>Elders:</b> Bill Sloman, Dave Taylor <b>Ushers:</b> 8 a.m. Dan Najjar, Julie Motycka, Tom Goering, Randy Thies, Carol Miller 10:30 a.m. Dave Engelhardt, Wayne Koepke, Andrew Fenton		

## Lenten Prayer

**GOD OF GOODNESS AND MERCY,**

**HEAR MY PRAYER AS I BEGIN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY WITH YOU.  
 LET ME BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AS I LOOK INTO MY HEART AND SOUL,  
 NOTICING THE TIMES I TURN AWAY FROM YOU. GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
 TO REPENT AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVE.**












**MAY HUMILITY GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE RECONCILED WITH YOU AND LIVE FOREVER  
 IN YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE.**

**TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT, HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO  
 COMMIT MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER TO YOU EACH DAY.**

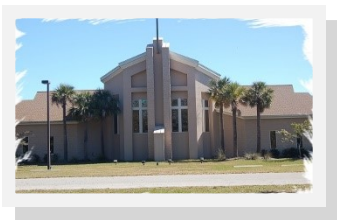
**AMEN.**



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 4:30 PM Worship Service Chili—Service Guild MOTS Collection 
7 8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services* 9:15 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service Chili—Service Guild MOTS Collection 	8 10 AM LWML Mtg 1:30 PM Evangelism Meeting 	9 10 AM Service Guild Mtg 7 PM Council Mtg 	10 7 AM Men's Bible Study 8 AM Men's Fellowship & Yardcare 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6 PM Confirmation Class 7 PM Book Club Online	11 10 AM Quilting	12	13 4:30 PM Worship Service* MOTS Collection 
14 8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:15 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service* MOTS Collection 	15 10 AM Card Ministry 	16 10 AM Crafting 1 PM SuperSeniors Mardi Gras (on-line) 	17 7 AM Men's Bible Study 8 AM Men's Fellowship & Yardcare 10 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6 PM Confirmation Class 	18 10 AM Quilting	19	20 4:30 PM Worship Service
21 8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services* 9:15 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 7 PM Youth Group Meeting	22 7 PM Elder's Mtg	23 10 AM Crafting Prayer Vigil from 10-12 in Sarasota 	24 7 AM Men's Bible Study 8 AM Men's Fellowship & Yardcare 10 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Lenten Worship 6 PM Confirmation Class 	25 10 AM Quilting	26	27 4:30 PM Worship Service*
28 8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services 9:15 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service*	Drive-Up Communion will be Sunday, February 7th starting at noon. A link was sent out for you to sign-up, if you have any problems please see one of the Pastors or call the Church Office.					

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