

August 2, 2026

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

www.marcolutheran.org/foundation

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Our Mission Statement:

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

WORSHIP HOURS:

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.



THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ☩ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

A special welcome to our guests today. May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.

HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE



In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should “examine ourselves” ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † **Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?**
- † **Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?**
- † **Am I trusting in Jesus’ promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?**
- † **Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?**
- † **Finally, with the Lord’s help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?**

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, **white grape juice is in the center of the tray**. There are also **gluten free wafers** by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have **difficulty coming to the front**, please **inform an usher** so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

AS WE GATHER

In Genesis, God speaks—and life begins. As we journey through these early chapters of Scripture, we see creation, the fall into sin, the flood, Babel, and the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Through broken people and difficult moments, God remains faithful to His promises. As we gather, we are reminded that the God who created, called, and carried His people in Genesis is still at work today—bringing grace, hope, and new life to us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Please Stand and Face the Cross

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



OPENING HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Please be Seated

PSALM 139:1-16

Leader: O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

People: You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

Leader: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

People: You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

Leader: You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!**

Leader: I can never escape from your Spirit. I can never get away from your presence!

People: **If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.**

Leader: If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

People: **even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.**

Leader: I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

People: **but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.**

Leader: You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: **Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous how well I know it.**

Leader: You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

People: **You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:21-26a

Leader: ²¹Isaac pleaded with the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The LORD answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. ²²But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the LORD about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked. ²³And the LORD told her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son." ²⁴And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! ²⁵The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him Esau. ²⁶Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

OPEN OUR EYES LORD

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: ²⁵ A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, ²⁶ "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ²⁹ Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!' ³¹ "Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? ³² And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

After the cross is returned, please be Seated

HYMN

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

BLESSED ASSURANCE

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Please be Seated

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

People: **Lord God, open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ SACRAMENT ☩

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we bless Your Holy Name! In Your mercy, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to take on our flesh, bear our sin, and be our Savior. With thankful and repentant hearts, we receive the salvation He won for us through His body and blood given on the cross. Gathered in Jesus' name, we ask You to forgive us, renew us, and strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit. Help us faithfully receive His body and blood as He has given us to do. Keep us in Your care, hear our prayers, and bring us at last to the eternal feast of the Lamb in Your kingdom. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and after He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

COME EXPECTING JESUS

Refrain: I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place
I come expecting to receive
His mercy and His grace
When I eat the bread and drink the wine
It will be a holy moment in time
I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place (Repeat)

Before us the table is spread
Here awaits the wine
And here ere awaits the bread
This passage of hope
The bread and the cup
Here where our souls are fed **Ref.**

Remember the price that He paid
This beautiful gift that He gave
Come and receive
The healing He freely gives
Here where His love awaits **Ref.**

I come expecting Jesus
To meet me in this place...
I come expecting Jesus...
To meet me in this place

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Please Stand

APOSTLES CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

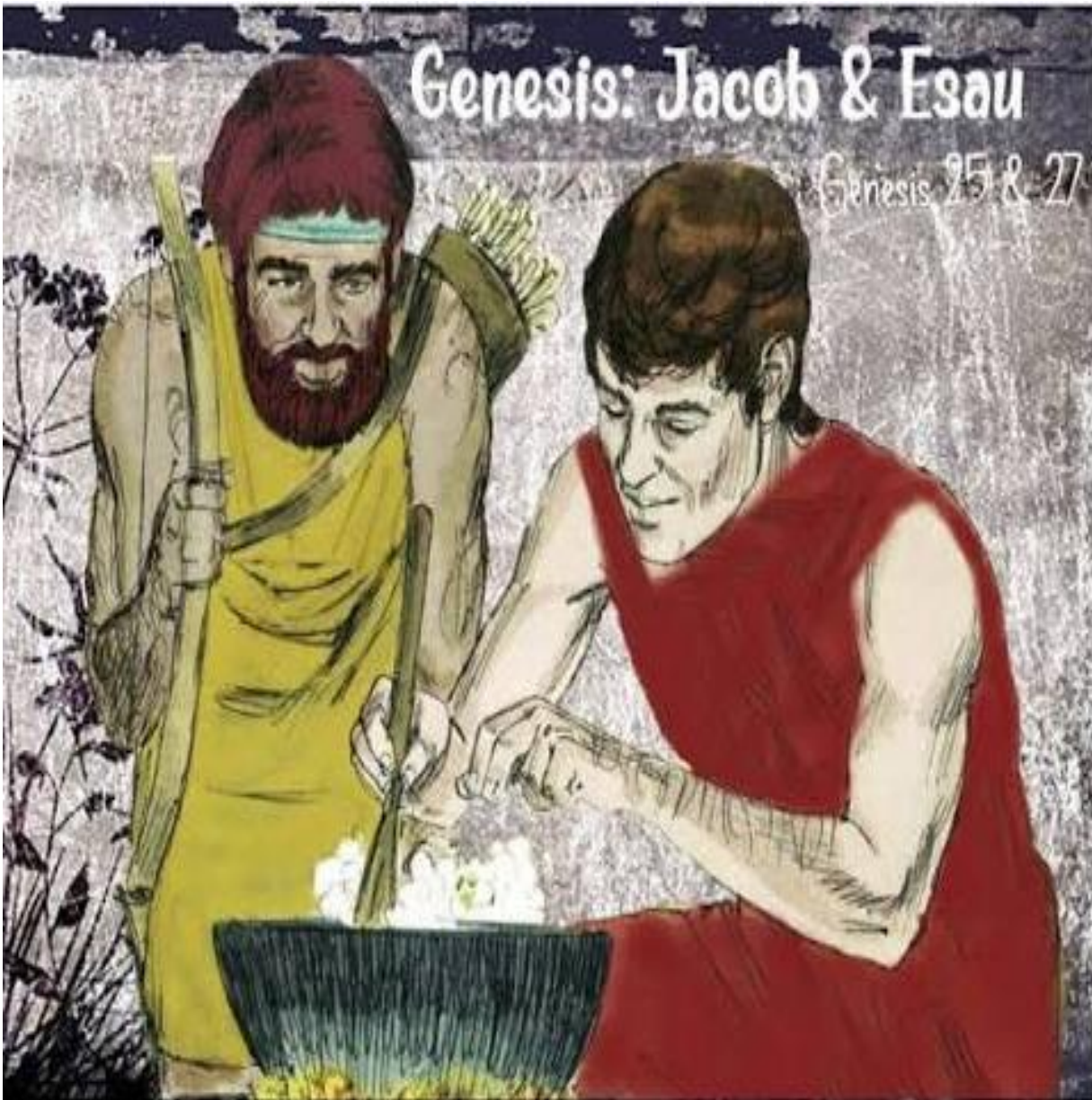
JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

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| <p>1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.</p> | <p>3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:</p> |
| <p>2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.</p> | |

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS: Joyce Maxfield, Bob Volatile, Kitty Argobright, Bob Kelley, Don Terry, Lana Davis, Al Wilke, Hal Heidtman, Conrad Henry, Marilyn Nervig, Donnie Rooksberry, Mirella Brache

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY: Andrea Sager (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Rene & Terry Maurer (Anne Rozite) Woody Barnette (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), John SchenckII (Lydia Krueger), Judy Resler (Dick and Vicki Ross), Don Clark Jr. (Betty Clark), Cecilia Popoff (Vicki Williams), Family Member (Judy Volker), Charlie Darr (Patti Naughton), Kevin Carr (Marie Mahr), Ruth Naughton (Patti Naughton), Jean Holland, Lynn & Jeremy Schroeder, Jack & Connie Hawkins (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Darlene Kent, Shane Silver (Nancy Carrington), Jim Cookfair, John & John Brewitt Jr. (Doug & Sandy Alger), Fran Hall (Linda Harrison), Patricia Willey, Ryan Degen(David & Judy Karlin), Rosanda Olivia (Vicki Ross), Antonella (anonymous), Frank Alterio (Marge Alterio), Tracy Rusinyak (Patti Naughton), Shirley Rhodes (Sybil Fleming), Cathy Pruden, David Pagano(Mike B.),David Hill(Pamela Hill), Dave Stiffler & Pam Harger(Dave & Connie Wuellner) and those we name in our hearts.name in our hearts.

***PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN REMOVE ANY NAMES
FROM OUR PRAYER LISTS!***

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For the family and friends of Marlene Walter

ALTAR FLOWERS - In loving memory of Ruthann Terry. Love, Don Terry

ANNIVERSARIES: Mike & Cheryl Mueller, Dennis & Joan Johnson, Dale & Lili Surber

BIRTHDAYS: Georgia Hess, Mel Wessler, Kerry Heckenliable, Pam Moody, Cynthia Corogin, Karen Kuettner, Carol Siadak

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - 119 ONLINE - 106 GATHERING - 11 TOTAL - 236

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Total July Target: **\$56,100**

Total July to-date (4 Sundays): **\$76,460 (136%)**

Year-to-date Target: **\$596,300**

Actual Year-to-date: **\$608,297 (102%)**

IN HOME VISITATIONS: If you, or someone you know, would like to have a visit from Pastor Jim, please call the office and we can make the arrangements. Thank you!
(239) 394-0332

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

WAYS TO GIVE:

1. **You can place your offerings in the offering boxes** on either side at the front of the chancel and in the back center aisle
2. **You can mail your offerings** to the church.
3. **Using the instructions on our website under the SHARING tab you can give ONLINE.** Either as a one-time donation or regular weekly/monthly donation. All transactions are secure and confidential.
4. **You can give using your phone via the Vanco APP.** You can also **text 8339401468** and enter the amount you wish to donate to the general fund. If you aren't registered, you will receive a link. If you have any difficulty or questions, please email **financialsec@marcolutheran.org**.

DISCOVER MARCO: If you are interested in becoming a member of Marco Lutheran Church or are already a member and just want to "refresh," we invite you to attend a one on-one session of the ***Discover Marco Lutheran Class*** with Pastor Jim. If you have any questions about "Discover Marco" please contact Amy at the church office
(239) 394-0332

BECOME PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING AT MARCO LUTHERAN

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Please join us for the following Bible Studies.

TUESDAYS:	8:30AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS:	10:00AM WOMEN OF THE WORD - Resumes October 14, 2026
THURSDAYS:	10:00AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS:	10:45AM IN THE "GREAT ROOM" FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP

Thank You to Our Helpful Servants For:

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Worship Leader: Jack Lustila

Pastor Jim Thelen

Music: Craig Greusel

Keyboardist: John Davis

A very special **THANK YOU** to **Ann Rozite, Vicki Ross, and Lili Serber** for the **GORGEIOUS** new Altar flower arrangements! They are **BEAUTIFUL!!**

SUMMER SHOWING OF 'THE CHOSEN'

Please join us for dinner and a movie where we will be showing Season 3, 8 episodes of The Chosen this summer at 5:00 pm.in the Great Room.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex:

AUGUST 12 AUGUST 26
SEPTEMBER 9 SEPTEMBER 23

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY
THE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES.

As recovery will take months, if not longer, Marco Lutheran will be taking up contributions at a later date to support the ongoing efforts of the Lutheran World Relief Organization. Their emergency response team is already at work on the ground, coordinating with their network of local and regional partners.

Dear Friends,

I wanted to thank everybody for remembering our family during this time of loss with lots of beautiful Christian messages, memorials, and flowers. But most of all remembering that the reality of heaven's joy brings deep comfort to our hearts. God Bless and see you in our forever home. **Love, Greta Eckerle**

THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE'S 3RD QUARTER MISSION –

A pallet drive for Our daily Bread Food Pantry. ODB has indicated the organization is able to provide more food for those in need when they are able to purchase full pallets at a discount. Last year's drive was greatly appreciated and successful. We accept monetary donations via **Vanco** on the **MLC website** under giving as well as **checks and cash** in envelopes and placed in the offering boxes or given to the church office.

Be sure to write **ODB in the memo** line on the check.

TOTAL TO DATE: \$ 6345.00

ANNOUNCING THE ARTIST SERIES

For the 2027 Season!!

Thursday, **January 21** & Friday, **January 22**

Thursday, **February 4** & Friday, **February 5**

Thursday, **February 18** & Friday, **February 19**

Thursday, **March 4** & Friday, **March 5**

Thursday, **March 18** & Friday, **March 19**

All Shows at 7:30pm

Brochures will be mailed in late August!

Please send updates to:
ArtistSeries@Marcolutheran.org

CALENDAR AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 22						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 5	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 7	AUGUST 8
9:30A WORSHIP				8:00A GLOBAL LEADERSHIP	8:00A GLOBAL LEADERSHIP	
10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION		10:00A WOM		10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY		
1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK	12:30P GENTLE YOGA			12:30P GENTLE YOGA		
3:00P GATHERING @ DISCOVERY VILLAGE	1:00P OUTREACH			2:00P CHAIR YOGA		
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AUGUST 9	AUGUST 10	AUGUST 11	AUGUST 12	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 15
9:30A WORSHIP		10:00A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY		
10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	12:30P GENTLE YOGA			12:30P GENTLE YOGA		
1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK				2:00P CHAIR YOGA		
3:00P GATHERING @ DISCOVERY VILLAGE	2:00P CHAIR YOGA		5:00P THE CHOSEN			
AUGUST 16	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 22
9:30A WORSHIP		10:00A COUNCIL		10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY		
10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	12:30P GENTLE YOGA		11:00A LUNCH W/ FRIENDS	12:30P GENTLE YOGA		
1:00P GATHERING @ THE WATERMARK	1:00P OUTREACH		1:00P BOHC			
3:00P GATHERING @ DISCOVERY VILLAGE	2:00P CHAIR YOGA			2:00P CHAIR YOGA		