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Sunday worship services with communion: 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

for week of 2-14-2016

from Bishop Schaefer

Bishop Invites you to join 40 Days of Giving for World Hunger

Dear fellow disciples of Jesus,

The discipline of Lent calls the baptized to self-examination and
repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love.

Each year, as a synod, we have been lifting up one priority of the
Campaign for the ELCA. This campaign is our moment as a church
to look toward the future and boldly respond to God's grace.

The focus of the campaign this year is hunger and poverty.

As part of your Lenten discipline, I invite you and every member
and congregation of the Florida-Bahamas Synod to take part in 40
Days of Giving to support ELCA World Hunger.

Ours is a comprehensive approach in 60 countries including the
United States to solve challenges that perpetuate hunger and
poverty.

Throughout the season of Lent, congregations across the ELCA
will join together to raise \$2 million to benefit the ministries of ELCA
World Hunger.

This support will enable crucial work to get underway and help us
kick-start our year of emphasis.

The offerings at all my Lenten Visits as well as an offering at the
Synod Assembly will support this priority.

There is still time to get involved and find resources for your con-
gregation at the ELCA website.

Together we are church for the sake of the world. Together let's
make a difference this Lent.

Peace be yours,
Rev. Robert Schaefer
Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod

First Sunday in Lent
color of the day: purple

Readings for 2-14-2016

Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Psalm 91.1-2,9-16
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4-1-13

Servers for 2-14-2016

Greeters - Dee Ann Daniels
Ushers - Bud & Kathy Keffer
Acolyte/Crucifer - Jack Ryan
Lector - Jackson Upperco
Altar - Linda Greer
Server - Tom Bessa
Teller - Linda Greer
Snacks - Valentine's pot luck
Flowers - from Ammie Stock in
memory of Nicole Franco

Attendance last four Sundays

	a.m.	+	p.m.	=	total
1/17	59	+	10	=	69
1/24	49	+	8	=	57
1/31	69	+	4	=	73
2/07	67	+	7	=	74

Offering for January:

\$16,951
income needed each month to
make budget: \$15,750

February birthdays

02- Theresa Nguyen
04- Linda Greer
05- Delanee Bogan
08- Emily Ryan
10- Velma Dillion
17- Angie Gonzalez
26- Lori Schildwachter

Quilting Group needs help

Recently the Material Girls turned in more than 30 quilts to be shipped to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. They also turned in 68 kids' quilts to Lutheran Services Florida Head Start programs.

They love making the quilts but can use some extra hands, eyes and feet. The hands are to cut, sew, etc.; the eyes are to thread needles and match fabrics, etc.; the feet are to push the sewing machine foot pedal and to stand while pinning the quilts, etc. Manpower (or womanpower) is needed. No sewing experience required. Will train.

The next workday will be 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Come for all or part of the workday. You are welcome to drop in and help for whatever time you can devote. All work contributions (and supplies--thread, sheets, fabric, etc.) are greatly appreciated.

February's Saturday night Pot Luck changed to February 20

This month the regular Saturday night pot luck dinner is rescheduled from February 13 to February 20 at 6 p.m. Change this date on your calendar. You know this is the month for sharing Valentines so bring a great food dish you LOVE to make and you LOVE to share with others. Go ahead—put your "heart" in it and cook up something really good. There are excellent cooks out there as we all know, and good food puts us in a happy mood. The meals are held in the fellowship hall. Call Tom Bessa at 407.859.4327 for more information.

The Souper Bowl of Caring

This national service project utilizes Super Bowl weekend to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving.

Sunday, February 7, was Super Bowl Sunday.

As a church, we collected 62 cans of soup and donated \$116.04 to the Community Food & Outreach Center on Michigan Ave. Thank you all for your generosity.

FOR THE LOVE OF POTLUCK

Our first potluck of the year will be on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) right after the 9:30 a.m. service. This is a wonderful time to enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Please bring a favorite dish--a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread or dessert. All paper products and drinks will be provided.

We will also have a guest speaker who will give us some insight into our community garden we are starting at the back of the property. There may even be prizes! Please plan to attend.

calendar events

Feb. 14, after morning worship - Valentine's pot luck

Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;

6:30 p.m. - Lenten vesper service

Feb. 20, 6 p.m. - monthly pot luck, contact: Tom Bessa;

7 p.m. - concert at St. Luke's Lutheran, Oviedo

Feb. 21, ~ 11 a.m. - Thrivent-sponsored soup and salad lunch

Feb. 24, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - quilting workday, contact: Joan Brown Williams;

5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall;

6:30 p.m. - Lenten vespers

Feb. 28, 6 p.m.- pot luck at the Kaiser's house

Fire, Food and Fun!

Enjoy a night of great fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m., at the home of Mark and Darlene Kaiser, 4972 Southfork Ranch Drive. Bring a dish to share for dinner. There will be a bonfire, yard games and s'mores for everyone!

All are welcome to join in the fun! Call Darlene at 407.382.0871 for directions to their house and for additional information.

Hand Bell practices after morning worship service

The hand bell choir has resumed practices. They meet after the 9:30 service in the adult Sunday school room. Practices are 30-45 minutes.

We are recruiting new members. If you can count, you can play hand bells. Please consider this service opportunity.

Plans for third annual Big Hunt event underway

We are excited to announce that the community outreach event "The Big Hunt in the Big Field" is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. It will be a family fun-filled event with an egg hunt, clowns, photo booth, kids' crafts and games.

Last year the Big Hunt was as successful as it was because of Reformation volunteers. As we gear up for our third annual hunt, we solicit help for the following event activities:

registration helper	bounce house monitor
activities supporter	candy & prize distributor
church coordinator	

An insert in the bulletin can be used to sign up to volunteer for the Big Hunt. After filling out the form, put it in the collection plate or hand it to Linda Greer after the service. Or, of course, you can call the church or send an e-mail (put "volunteer" in the subject line) to reformationlutheran@hotmail.com.

A volunteer event will be held March 5 after the 9:30 a.m. service to go over all the duties, assign specific activities and hand out an event t-shirt.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this wonderful outreach activity for our community. It will not be a success without your help.

Remember additional Wednesday activities from now until March 16

5:30 p.m.- soup, bread and water supper
reservations not required

6:30 p.m.- Lenten Vespers
