



The Reformation Herald

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Lutheran
Church
Orlando, FL

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

*Set your clocks forward an hour
so you are not late for church.*



*Sunrise on Cocoa Beach
by GOD
photograph by Sue Cosmas*

for week of 3-13-2016

MINISTERS:
+ ALL THE BAPTIZED +

OUR STAFF

Rev. Robert L. Cosmas, pastor
vacancy, music director
Linda Greer, administrative assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL+

Shay Harold, president
Pam Ridgeway, vice president
Brenda Erwin, secretary
Steve Hilgen
Bill Parker
Mary Reis

+ If you have an idea or concern, please
contact Pr. Rob, Shay Harold, or another
council member.

Pastor Rob is available Sunday through
Thursday. If you have an emergency
on a Friday or Saturday, please call the
church office at 407.425.7771.

To submit articles for consideration in
this weekly newsletter, send to
ReformationLutheran@hotmail.com,
subject line: to Herald editor, by **Tues-
day noon** each week.

The purpose of this newsletter is *to
inform*. All articles will be edited, but
please check your spelling of proper
nouns and verify your facts before
submitting.

Hello, Friends,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our soup chefs. Sharing comfort food and fellowship has, once again, added to our Lenten journey. Darlene is doing a marvelous job with children's sharing time as well.

This week we will turn to the wooden manger where the infant Jesus was laid. *The carpenter and his son would know well the texture of wood in their hands. Laid in a manger, Jesus knows the feel of its knotty grain on his back from birth. The creche' prepares us to see Him prostrate against another piece of wood. Through the Tree, the Great Carpenter gives life to dead wood. We join him from creche' to cross as the angels sing his glory.*

I hope to see you on Saturday morning at our annual Big Hunt. We need all hands to make light work of serving our community. I look forward to reconnecting with local families and making new friends as well. Let your neighbors know. I've been given a beautiful bookmark inscribed with Helen Steiner Rice's poem "Good Morning God" to hand out to visitors. The reverse has a picture of our bell tower with all of our contact info.

I hope you're having a great week. I remember a Ziggy cartoon with him standing before a fabulous sunrise clapping. He cheered, "Go, God!" God is Good, all the time! Have a great week.

Pastor Rob+

Fifth Sunday in Lent
color of the day: purple

Readings for 3-13-2016

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8

Servers for 3-13-2016

Greeters - Mary Reis
Ushers -
Acolyte/Crucifer -
Lector - Donia Bessa
Altar - Chris Robinson,
Brenda Erwin
Server - Linda Greer
Teller - Bob Greer, Jr.
Snacks - RELC
Flowers - from the Greer family in
honor of Lindsay's birthday

Attendance during Lent

	a.m.	+	p.m.	=	total
2/10			35		
2/14	72	+	9	=	81
2/17			20		
2/21	62	+	7	=	69
2/24			21		
2/28	73	+	8	=	81
3/2			20		
3/6	60	+	6	=	66
3/9					

Offering for February:

\$14,043
income needed each month to
make budget: \$15,750

March birthdays

01- Tiffany Hagerman
02- Julianne Meyer
03- Brian Fernandez
04- Sarah Cosmas
05- Savel Wise
07- Franklin Sharpe
10- Christy Colson, Cindy Griffin
11- Bob Greer, Jr.
13- Ruth Sharpe
16- Kim Bergstresser
17- Lindsay Greer
19- Deb Nalley
20- Tom Bessa
23- Jackson Upperco, John Bessa
30- David Stock

Fellowship Sponsors Needed

Several Sundays are available for folks to sponsor our fellowship time after the 9:30 a.m. service. The coffee, juice and paper products are supplied by the church. If you have any questions about what might be involved, please contact the church office at 407.425.7771 or talk to Linda Greer on Sunday. The sign-up chart is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your consideration of this great ministry.

VOTING NEXT WEEK

This is a friendly reminder that the social hall will not be available for use on Monday, 3-14, and Tuesday, 3-15. Our primary election will be on that Tuesday and the equipment will be delivered on Monday.

To all the poll workers--please remember to be at the church Tuesday by 6 a.m. Thank you!

Last Vesper Service is Wednesday, March 16

The following week is Holy Week. Evening services are all at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, is Maundy Thursday and Friday, March 25, is Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, services will be at 7 a.m. in the garden and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. (There will not be a 5 p.m. service.) Please bring fresh-cut flowers from your garden to add to the cross.

Busy Saturday on March 12

1. This is the third annual Big Hunt in the big field. Invite your family and neighbors to the activities, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The egg hunt is scheduled for 11 a.m. and many other activities thereafter. A sincere thank you to the volunteers for this event.
 2. The Saturday night pot luck will be at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Contact Tom Bessa at 407.859.4327 for additional information.
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Another star in our midst

Our organist, Steve Furo, also acts. He will appear as the flower shop owner in Wekiva High School's performance of "Little Shop of Horrors" April 6-9 at 7 p.m. and also at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Tickets are \$10 each. Wekiva HS is located at 2501 N. Hiawassee.

Steve is an English teacher and organization sponsor at Wekiva High School.

March events

Mar. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - the Big Hunt; 6 p.m. - monthly pot luck, contact: Tom Bessa
Mar. 13, 2 a.m. - Set your clocks forward an hour or you will be late to church.
Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m. - soup, bread, water supper in social hall; 6:30 p.m. - Lenten vespers
Mar. 21, 6:30 p.m. - council meeting, contact: Shay Harold or Pr. Rob
Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service
Mar. 25, 6:30 p.m. - Good Friday service
Mar. 27, 7 a.m. - sunrise Easter service; 9:30 a.m. - Easter service
Mar. 30, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - quilting workday, contact: Joan Brown Williams
