

POINSETTIAS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS SIGNUP

Find the signup sheet at the back of the church in memory and honor of your loved ones. Help bring beauty to our sanctuary for the Season of Advent and Christmas.

\$7.00 per plant.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The Altar Flower Chart for 2017 can be found in the robe room for you to sign for donations in honor or memory of loved ones. Altar flowers are donated by Avant Gardens as long as we use the money for Social Ministries. Flowers are kept on the altar for the Spanish service and the weekly BASCP chapel services.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

February 2-4, 2018

Speaker: Bill Yonke---Band: Bread of Stone

Marriott Sawgrass Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

START PRAYING AND PLANNING—IT WILL BE FUN!

Contact Jeff and Serena Lowman: 305 786 493 4910

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CALENDAR:

Midweek Advent Services:

At 11am and 7pm Wednesdays—20th

Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, Dec 24th at 9pm

Christmas Day Service: Monday Dec 25th at 10am

**Remember the poor and refugees this Christmas,
for Christ as an infant was both. This is the love of God.**

ELDERS' CONTACT NUMBERS:

Anyone in our congregation may contact any of the Elders at anytime for issues related to ministry, spiritual concerns, and counseling. Please use this roster as your guide. You may elect to contact any Elder you like.

Mike Parages: 305 525 9904 Gus Navarro 305 951 8828

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St Paul Touchpoint

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

English Service—Sundays	9:00 AM	
Spanish Service—Sundays	11:00 AM	
Sunday School--Sundays	10:45 AM	
Lutheran Hour Ministries--Sundays	9:00 AM	9:40 WINZ AM Radio
LWML Monthly--1 st Tuesday	6:30 PM	Women's
Lifelight Bible Study—Mondays	7:30 PM	Rm. 10
Men's Bible Study—Thursdays	7:00 PM	Upper Room
Book of the Month—		Until further notice
ELDERS' MEETING	Second Tuesday, 7 PM	Next 01/09
CHURCH COUNCIL	Fourth Tuesday, 7 PM	Next 01/23

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES

Preschool 2/3/4	Room # 5
Kindergarten/Grades 1-2	Room # 12
Grades 3-5	Room # 1
Grades 6-8	Room # 8
Grades 9-12	Upper Room
Adults	Room # 6
Senior Adults	Room # 10
College/Young Adult	Office Conference Room

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Offering Receive Sunday 12/10/2017: 1215.00
Offering Pledges Commitments: 1923.00

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not Reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN PRAYER and PRAISE:

Please do keep us updated on the status of your prayer requests. Call or email the church office to confirm or modify your requests for prayer or praise. From time to time we will change the prayer list according to our best knowledge.

Gisela Iglesias: "Lord I praise you for you are the giver of life. You created Derek, and you know every hair on his head. You love him and you have a plan for him. May he see your hope, your love, and your truth. Protect him now and always. In Jesus name."

Cinara Navarro: Pray for Jade who is dealings with tonsillitis and also for help in focusing on her school work.

Maria Rivera: Please pray for Luz Rivera who is having surgery; pray for success and fast recovery.

Gigi Graff: Pray for strength and efficacy of treatment as she faces an intense regiment of chemo therapy. We love you, Gigi.

Tim Graff: Continue to pray for Tim Graff--Pray for all health issues and for the Graff family.

Joan Neal (fried of Patricia Rakow): do pray as she in in the hospital dealing with heart issues.

Katrina Jones: Pray for Katrina's mother as she faces serious health issues. Pray for healing and the peace of God in all things.

Bill Krashaar: Pray his son Jeff who is battling serious health concerns cancer related; and brother Don dealing with heart issues.

Tim Robert: Friend of Michael Schwabe, pray as he is dealing with brain cancer diagnosis and treatments.

George Brown: As he is dealing with issues related to melanoma. Pray for healing and best treatment.

Evelyn Fredrickson: Pray for health related issues.

Elizabeth Wenzel: Always pray for Elizabeth as she deals with health and living situation issues.

Shut-Ins: Always pray for the members of our community who are unable to join us for worship but whom we always miss among us.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PUERTO RICO, TEXAS, MEXICO, AND FLORIDA, AND THE CALIFORNIA FIRES, AS NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE SEVERELY AFFECTED THESE AREAS RECENTLY. AND DON'T FORGET TO ACTUALLY HELP WITH PROVISIONS AND OTHER MEANS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Pray for those who are still looking for employment

Lord Hear Us Now!

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

ST PAUL'S YOUTH, EVERGLADES TRIP!

To be determined (call Nelson or Jeff)

Join us for a day of fun at the Everglades!

Airboats-Hiking/Exploring-with-lunch provided-

AND A GREAT DEVOTIONAL

Contact: Nelson (786 318 8038) or Jeffery (786 493 4910)

\$10.00 cost RSVP by November 29th—space is limited

LWML SPRING RALLY AT NASSAU, BAHAMAS

For the upcoming Spring Rally, there will be a cruise from April 13-16, leaving out of Miami or Ft. Lauderdale. The cost begins at \$349 plus fees and gratuity for an inside room. You can make your own arrangements to fly if you don't want to cruise. This is a very busy time of year, but we do need to make cruise reservations by December 31.

PLEASE CONTACT Daniel Garcia

"We love children as they can remind us of the simple fact of love's openness and embrace of new life and communion of one person with another. Children can open up our hearts to this. That our society now treats children the way it does is a dark shame, another sign of its separation from God. Regardless, we confess that Jesus Christ, Son of God, has come in the flesh and preach these glad tidings to all." James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James - A Life*

Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

MARY REED'S CAR FUND:

Anyone wishing to help Mary raise money for a new used car can google "gofundme" online and search for Mary Reed's Car fund: [vhttps://www.gofundme.com/mary-reeds-car-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/mary-reeds-car-fund) or they can make a donation directly to Mary. She has a little bit of savings, but not near enough to buy a car that is less than 10 years old.