

**THANKS TO ST. PAUL FROM THE VA HEATH SYSTEM**

We received a very nice ‘Thank You’ letter from the Miami VA Health System due St. Paul’s contributions of socks, snacks, toiletries, and hygiene items which were donated by our congregation with a calculated valued of \$4000.

**Well done brothers and sisters! And thanks for your generosity!**

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**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

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**ANH DO’s** sister has a **set of bunk beds**, solid wood and in good condition to donate. It separates into two twin beds. If anyone should need it or knows a person who would, please contact Anh at: **786 553 5930** If no one wants it, she will donate it to Goodwill or Salvation Army.

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

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“My heart goes out to those struggling with guilt from the secret sin of abortion—a burden carried by millions. These women and men should not be deprived of the forgiveness Jesus earned for them when they have a repentant heart. We need to speak up and let them know they can have the forgiveness Jesus bought for them through His life, death, and resurrection.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life’s post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*

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**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  
Bill Kraushaar 305 274 3782      Ralph Brugal 305 491 9517  
Robert Kelley: 305 300 5774

**St Paul Touchpoint**

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Bulletin Board of

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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<sup>st</sup> 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 02/06  
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 01/07/2018: 900.00**

**Offering Pledges Commitments: 1923.00**

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*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:**

*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.*

**George Torres:** Pray for Coach who is expecting a heart procedure but is dealing with scheduling issues from the VA. All our love, amigo!

**Gus and Cinara Navarro:** Now settling in Inverness, FL. in their new house. Continue to pray for them as they adapt to the area.

**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. Now still in hospital with swelling in one leg.

**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 going through the chemo now; 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.*

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**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—space is limited**

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**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 Danielle Garcia**

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**MARY REED'S CAR FUND:**

**PRAISES! MARY HAS A NEW CAR! THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT!**

**MARY IS VERY GRATEFUL!**

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**DAVID GERHOLDT**

Please pray and show support for David who is now stationed in South Korea with the US Army. You may do so by writing or seeding a care package to:

David Gerholdt  
CMR 388 Box 376  
APO AP 96208000

*This would be a concrete way of showing support for our troops.  
Requested by Michelle Simone*