# CROSS WALK

#### May 2023

### **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR**

Dear Reformation Nation,

As I noted during worship on April 23rd, the secular world is already done with Easter. We Lutherans, however, are still in Eastertide (the church SEASON of Easter). Indeed, since every Sunday worship service is a "mini-Easter" during which we remember the forgiveness and grace we have been gifted from God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you could say we are an "Easter People" even when the church is observing Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, or Lent. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Most of our "snowbird" members and friends have now departed until fall. If you are one of them, here is your assignment: be on the look-out for ideas and "lessons learned" to share with Reformation from wherever else you participate in Christian community. Those of you who remain in or near Lakeland also have an assignment: keep our congregation's ministries going through your time and/or talent (sign-up sheets for committees and date-specific roles can be found in the narthex). Whether or not you "fly away" for the summer, please put this date on your calendar: October 22<sup>nd</sup> (our synod bishop,

#### "What is God up to here?"

Reverend Pedro M. Suarez, is planning worship with us).

I hope all of you will take advantage of technology to stay connected with Reformation and each other over the summer. Communicate and participate by e-mail, Facebook (including worship attendance), and Vanco (for financial contributions). Let us keep asking and sharing our answers to this question: "What is God "up to" HERE?"

+ Pastor Lois



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#### Special points of interest:

- What is God up to here?
- You can be a Synod Assembly "Voting Member"
- How to share your Talent for God
- Have ideas for GWOH projects?
- What would you add to our "wish list"?

### Message from the President

Well, here we are in May, and I am still wondering where the rain is! People all over the country are inundated with rain and flooding and we are praying for rain down here! As we all know, our prayer lists are always long with so many concerns of our family, friends, and the world. Council is busy acclimating to a new format for our meetings which gives us more opportunity to discuss strategies and ideas for the future and it also allows us to focus on these items in a much timelier fashion. We are also hoping to be able to work on some things during the "lazy days" of summer (if there are such days) including getting our Policies all up to date. Needless to say, there is always a list of things to take care of! We will be busy, but it is always great to get things accomplished!

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### "LET'S DO LUNCH"

Ladies, if you couldn't join us for lunch on April 27<sup>th</sup>, you missed a great time. We had a wonderful experience at Harry's Bar & Grille in downtown Lakeland. Great fellowship and conversation.

It's time to smell the roses. For our last get together before fall, we will visit The Bistro at Hollis Gardens, 614 E Orange, Lakeland. Plan to stay and visit the Gardens. I have put a few brochures on the credenza. We'll meet on Thursday, 12:30 to enjoy

All ladies and



May 25th, at a light lunch.

their female

friends are welcome. Watch for the sign-up sheet on the credenza in the narthex. It's good to take a break and meet with friends for good conversation and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you for lunch.

Karen Hamilton, 863-853-9678

#### **USELESS INFORMATION:**

- There are forty-nine different foods mentioned in the Bible.
- Saint Martha (no, not that Martha) is the patron of cooks. She's the one who "served Jesus."
- Welch's Grape Juice was created in 1869 as a nonalcoholic sacramental wine.

### TIME WITH GOD: DIAKONIA?

(part one of this month's stewardship tips)

Pastor Lois here. We tend to \*with\* God, talent \*for\* God, and approach to expressing our worldly abundance we receive from God is a individuals and together as a

Time \*with\* God includes formation, whether independent study Diakonia -Florida, our synod's school for an individual to deepen and widen and Leslie Pace attended an Milwaukee synod. Ed Atkinson is you?



speak of stewardship in terms of time treasure \*to\*God. This "trinitarian" gratitude in response to the spiritual journey we are all on, both as Christian community.

prayer, worship, and ongoing faith or organized adult education. of lay ministry, is a great opportunity their faith. I graduated from it in 2014 equivalent program in the Greater now starting the program. How about

Diakonia classes can now be taken online in a self-paced, video-based format. Some classes delve into the Bible, church history, or Lutheran theology, whereas others focus on applied ministry (such as visiting shut-ins). If two or more people from Reformation want to take the same class at the same time, we can arrange for you to meet in the conference room. You can also "tap" your pastor for additional conversation or, if there is sufficient interest, to facilitate in-person classes.

Individual courses or the short version of the diakonia program are suitable for personal enrichment. The long version of the diakonia program can be used to fulfill academic requirements associated with becoming a Synod Parish Deacon. Either version can be used for spiritual discernment (in fact, in synods with an active program, over 25% of candidates for rostered ministry – future ordained pastors and ELCA deacons – were previously exposed to theological education through diakonia).

For more information about diakonia-Florida, please visit https://diakoniafl.org



Guess this is that time of year when I head for the snow country and yes, they are still having a few snow flurries, but hopefully they will be gone when we get there. Any Altar problems please let Doug know so he can take care of them. Don't forget to help whenever you can by volunteering or purchasing flowers or the eternal candle, we appreciate it. The good Lord willing, I should be back sometime in late October. Hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Yvonne Mueller, Altar Ministry

## LET'S INVEST IN AN OUTCOME!

As I say each month, *"Giving to church is an investment in an outcome",* not just paying the

electric bill. Yes, we do need to pay the electric bill but by so doing we are able to provide worship both in-person and online, furnish services to our community, like packing lunches for the homeless, collecting

school supplies, providing Christmas for foster kids, and above all, receiving the spiritual health and blessings we all need.

What enhancements would you like to see at Reformation? The "wish list" is becoming a reality. We already have one project in the works. Pastor Lois is covering some of this in April's Town Hall Meeting. She also has an article in this newsletter addressing the subject. Finances through March are still strong! Our total giving through March is \$53,894 with expenses

of \$46,843. Some of expenses are increasing: liability insurance—an increase of \$1,500 over last year; electricity usage, particularly in the sanctuary.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Since its kickoff on March 5<sup>th</sup>, we have several congregants taking advantage of its use. The last page of this newsletter gives information on how to connect with Vanco, either with your computer or your phone. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Caballero or Karen Hamilton.

#### MAY LECTIONARY (SUNDAY READINGS)

Revised Common Lectionary Year A

DATE	FIRST	PSALM	second	GOSPEL
5/7	Acts	31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
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5/14	Acts 17:22-31	66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
5/21	Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10,32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
5/28	Acts 2:1-21 OR Numbers 11:24-30	104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 OR Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 OR John 7:37-39



## **NEXT STEP -** MAY $7^{TH}$

### (a/k/a Reformation Information)

Are you considering the "next step" in your affiliation with Reformation (in other words, becoming an associate, seasonal, or full member of the congregation)? Do you have a concern about Christianity in

general or Lutheranism in particular, such as how a loved can be baptized or re-baptized, or how you should grow in your faith? Then "Reformation Information" is for you!



Even if you are not a mother, you are invited to celebrate Mother's Day following worship on May 14<sup>th</sup> because you had a mother! We will celebrate with an old-fashioned ice cream social. There will be multiple flavors of ice cream, including some sugar free. You dip it! Put on the toppings – chocolate, caramel, strawberries, whipped topping, nuts, and even a cherry for the top! Don't miss the day! Enjoy the fellowship and show your appreciation for all mothers.



#### **COFFEE HOUR FOR MAY**



What a way to end a worship service — join your friends and fellow worshippers in fellowship with a cup of coffee or glass of tea and a goodie! On May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will commemorate those who lost their lives while in service to the U.S. We thank those men and women who gave their lives so we can have the freedoms that we enjoy. Please plan to attend!



Come to the conference room after worship on Sunday, May 7. It will be brief (15 minutes or so, unless there are a lot of questions) and it will be informal. If you are interested but not able to attend this month, feel free to

contact Pastor Lois to make an appointment. She can be reached at the church during her office hours (or anytime at pastorreformationlakeland@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE! VOTE FOR PEDRO!



Assuming he is re-elected at the upcoming synod assembly (see separate article), the bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Church in America plans to join us for worship on October 22, 2023. Snowbirds: keep this date in mind when making your return-to-Florida plans. Locals: join our fellowship committee NOW to get involved with planning a special "coffee hour" for the bishop and his wife.

Reverend Pedro Manuel Suárez was elected to be our bishop by the rostered ministers and laypeople who attended our synod assembly in October 2017. The mission of the Office of the Bishop is to shepherd and resource rostered ministers and congregations as they proclaim Christ to the world.

Bishop Suárez most recently served as lead pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach. Previously, he served in Texas, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He was born in Venezuela, has an MDiv (Masters in Divinity) from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and is married to ELCA Deacon Aura Suárez. They have 2 adult children.

One of the compensations for age is that you can brag about your youth with less likelihood of being contradicted.

Join these friends as they celebrate their birthday or anniversary in May:

FISK, Richard

RICHARDS, Lora

REHKOPF, Dale

WHIPPLE, Becky

CHAPMAN, Bruce

SWEET, Jeannine

SENGBUSCH. Dennis

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## LAST CHANCE TO VOTE FOR PEDRO!



Are you looking for an opportunity to renew your faith and serve others? Be Reformation's "voting member" at the Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly, June 8-10 in Orlando.

Our theme this year is "Renewed in Christ." Our keynote speaker is Bishop Patricia Davenport from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is the first African American woman to be elected a bishop in the 3.8-million-member ELCA.

We will be electing or re-electing our synod bishop during the synod assembly. The event also includes two worship services (great preaching, wonderful singing, and communion

with 200+ other faithful Lutherans), video and spoken reports on synod and churchwide efforts, opportunities to network with other attendees, and (similar to a congregation's annual meeting) voting on the proposed (synod) budget and (synod) council positions. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a service project benefiting the Harbor House of Central Florida, which provides support and resources to survivors of domestic violence.

Reformation will pay for your hotel room at the Caribe Royale resort, and you are allowed to share it with a spouse or other guest. You are responsible for your own meals, but there is a refrigerator and a microwave in each room, so bringing some food and drinks is certainly an option (Pastor Lois and her husband did that last year).

If you are interested in serving as Reformation's voting member, please contact Pastor Lois (pastorreformationlakeland@gmail.com) as soon as possible!

### FLOWERS—ETERNAL CANDLES

The sanctuary always looks nicer when we have live flowers on the altar on Sunday morning. Plus, you can take the flowers home with you or designate them to be delivered to one of our shut-ins or someone on the prayer list. Please sign up for a Sunday or two for flowers or dish gardens or the eternal candle. The flowers/gardens are \$25.00 each and the candle is \$7.00 a Sunday. I know there must be some special event or person you need to remember or honor for one Sunday. Sign-up in the book in the narthex and put your payment in your regular offering envelope and mark it "flowers" or "eternal candle"

Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary and for remembering that special someone or event in your life.



### **LUTHERANISM 101: WORSHIP "GATHERING"**

(a summary of half of the "narration" from our worship service on Sunday, April 16)

The Evangelical Lutheran Christian tradition. The term word meaning "work of the not simply a performance we talk; we participate.

The exact contents of congregation to congregation and all of our liturgical settings (we <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – basic 4-part pattern: Gathering,



Church in America is a "liturgical" "liturgy" comes from a Greek people." Our worship service is attend like a concert or a "TED"

worship service can vary from from season to season. However, have ten to choose from in the "cranberry" hymnal) follow a Word, Meal, and Sending.

"Gathering" generally starts with prelude music and ends with a prayer right before the first Bible reading. At Reformation, we usually have a pre-prelude (extra instrumental music before 10 a.m.) to accompany private prayer. When the music switches from the piano (pre-prelude) to the organ (prelude), this is our queue that corporate worship is beginning.

After the prelude, we usually offer spoken announcements; their purpose is not Biblical but practical: communicating church-related information to those gathered for worship. After a moment of silence, we then offer one of two prayers: either "Confession and Forgiveness" or "Thanksgiving for Baptism." Since we are currently in Eastertide (the church season of Easter), we are using the joyful "thanksgiving" instead of the more solemn "confession." These and other prayers used during the service end with everyone saying "Amen" (a Hebrew word meaning "confirmed" or "this is reliably true").

One or more "gathering songs" are then used to draw people (body, mind, and soul) into the worship experience. In a traditional service (such as ours) there is usually a congregation-sung hymn and then a kyrie, a canticle, or both.

Congregational singing has an important theological purpose: when people sing together (especially if they harmonize), their breaths and their heart beats get "in sync" with each other. This helps participants experience the unity associated with being members of the Body of Christ (different parts with distinct functions, all contributing to the health of their Christian community).

The "Kyrie" is a solemn piece of service music in which the Biblical phrase "Lord, have mercy" is used ("Kyrie" is the Greek work for "Lord"). The Canticle is a joyful piece of service music in which the Biblical phrase "Glory (be) to God" is used; it is sometimes called the "Gloria" (because "Gloria" is the Greek word for "Glory").

The "Gathering" also typically includes a Biblical greeting, such as variation on 2 Corinthians 13:13. The "Gathering" ends with the "Prayer of the Day" (which serves as a spoken bridge to the "Word" portion of the service by using at least one phrase or image from the day's Bible readings).

## TALENT FOR GOD: ONE MORE THING?

### (part two of this month's stewardship tips)

Pastor Lois here. We tend to speak of stewardship in terms of time \*with\* God, talent \*for\* God, and treasure \*to\*God. This "trinitarian" approach to expressing our worldly gratitude in response to the spiritual abundance we receive from God is a journey we are all on, both as individuals and together as a Christian community.

Talent \*for\* God means applying knowledge, skill, experience, and/or "gumption" to the Kingdom of God here on earth. An hour or two of effort each week is a great goal, whether to get started or to add to your existing volunteer commitments. If you are away over the summer or find it difficult to come to Reformation's campus, here are some options:

- If you are on Facebook, keep our social media presence active: share posts from our Facebook page, comment on our posts, and use #lovinglutherans or #reformationlutheranlakeland when you (re)post something about Reformation.
- If you are not on Facebook, reach-out and contact a different member or friend of Reformation once a week by phone, text, e-mail, or "snail mail." You could also do the same thing with some other person you know, especially a shut-in or someone who may be un(der)churched. Be sure to tell them this is one way you live-out your Kingdom citizenship.
- Learn more about our denomination's advocacy efforts (visit https://www.elca.org/ advocacy). Pick an issue you are enthusiastic about, then call or write to your elected officials and take other appropriate action to promote mercy and justice.

Are you local, mobile, and able? Here are more options for you:



• Over the summer, there are plenty of openings for lectors (readers), Altar Guild (communion clean-up) and other Sunday worship roles. Training is provided! Sign-up in the narthex.

• Do you live in a condominium or senior facility, but miss gardening? Ask the property committee (chaired by Phil Zelazny) about adopting a specific landscape bed or other area to maintain.

• If none of the opportunities at Reformation "tickle your fancy" volunteer for one of our local ministry partners. Register to help in the office, library,

or a classroom at Padgett Elementary or some other Polk County school. Serve the staff and clients of Talbot House. Become a guardian ad litem for the sake of an abused or neglected child. Or explore volunteer opportunities at other community non-profits.



## SAVE THE DATE! GOT A PROJECT?

It is more than a tagline found on many Evangelical Lutheran Church in America materials! "God's work. Our hands." (GWOH) is also the name of our annual, nationwide day of service.

This year, the designated day is Sunday, September 10.

Reformation has already posted a "join us" event for that date on Facebook. Now we need at least two projects for people to work on!

Given our congregation's demographics, one of the projects should be something that people can work on at home or in the fellowship hall. For example, last year, one of our projects involved writing encouraging notes to local law



enforcement officers.

What should we do this year? Although intended as a one-day project, don't be shy about suggesting something that we might want to continue. For example, our monthly project packing lunches for local homeless people began as a

GWOH project two years ago.

Reformation's community outreach committee will meet on May 11<sup>th</sup> to start planning back-to-school and GWOH projects. Please email your ideas to lovinglutherans@gmail.com or talk to Karen Hamilton, Vickey Zelazny, or Pastor Lois.



Contrary to what many people think, Easter is not a single day. It is actually a season that begins on Easter Sunday and continues for seven full weeks. This seven-week cycle is known historically as the Great Fifty Days or the Week of Weeks. During this time, the church celebrates the Lord's resurrection, His appearances to the disciples after Easter, His post-resurrection teachings, His ascension into heaven, and the disciples' eager anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Ascension Day, the 40<sup>th</sup> of the

Great Fifty Days, is frequently commemorated with a special evening worship service since it always falls on a Thursday.

#### A BIG THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL

Our 2023 Lenten Project, *Amazing Grace in Action*, was a complete success. The total of all items was \$2441. The Community Outreach Committee wants to thank you all for contributing so generously to this project.

## LUTHERANISM 101: WORSHIP "WORD"

(a summary of the rest of the "narration" during worship on Sunday, April 16)

"Word" is the name of the worship on Sunday. <u>Evangelical</u> hymnal) describes it this way: "God reading, preaching, and song."

We generally do not select our on the Holy Spirit to work through the Common Lectionary (a three-year list Lutherans and other denominations).



second part of our 4-part pattern of <u>Lutheran Worship</u> (our "cranberry" speaks to the assembly in scripture

scripture readings. Instead, we rely ones assigned by the Revised of key readings developed by

The first scripture reading is usually from the Old Testament. This helps us appreciate the continuity of God's love and fulfillment of God's promises through time. However, at certain times of the year, we instead hear from the Book of Acts to help us to understand our faith through the actions of the early church. A psalm, or portion of one, is then read or sung "in response" to the first reading.

The second reading is usually from the New Testament (specifically, one of the epistles, or letters). It "bears witness" to the early church: the challenges faced by the faithful and the theology they articulated in response.

When it is time for the third reading, the Gospel reading, we announce or "acclaim" it by standing (and usually singing). This reading deserves extra attention because it focuses on Jesus, who we acknowledge as "the Word made flesh." Except for services during the season of Lent, the sung acclamation starts "Alleluia" (a Greek word meaning "praise the Lord").

After we hear the Gospel reading, the preacher delivers the "message" (a/k/a sermon or homily). Preaching is intended to awaken and nourish our faith by helping us interpret God's Word for our time and place. Generally, the preacher will focus on one reading (usually, but not always, the Gospel reading) and then "put it in conversation" with the other readings, with the rest of the book it came from, and the preaching context (including the congregation itself).

Next, we sing the "Hymn of the Day" (a song meant to either coordinate with the Gospel reading or amplify some aspect of the preacher's message) and "confess" (recite) a "creed" (a summary of what we believe). Lutherans officially accept three creeds: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We typically use one of the first two.

After the creed, we offer "Prayers of Intercession" (also referred to as "Prayers of the People"). Reformation uses "Hear Our Prayer" (or some other short song) to separate the creed from these prayers. The word "intercession" means we are generally requesting God to intercede ("do something"). We start with the most universal requests and, in accordance with scripture, pray for others before we pray for ourselves. Each week, words and phrases from the readings are incorporated and references to current events are added. (continued on page14)

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS**

Summer will soon be upon us, and our numbers will be smaller, but we still have ongoing projects to keep us busy and involved with our community.







- The Third Sunday of each month, we collect donations to help Talbot House feed their clients and the poor in our community.
- The Disaster Relief Jar is available each Sunday as you pick up your bulletin. This money goes to help those who have been impacted by a disaster, both locally and outside our area. Drop in your loose change (bills are also acceptable). You never know you might be the next recipient of funds from this endeavor.
- In July, we collect school supplies for the benefit of Padgett Elementary school in our local neighborhood
- The Third Sunday of each month, we pack lunches for the homeless in North Lakeland as well as their doggie companions. Your monthly donation purchases the supplies for the lunches but we also need donations of both dry and canned dog food (must have pull tab openings) as well as treats. We also collect travel size personal care items to be distributed as needed.

#### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT (DON'T LET THEM KEEP YOU AWAKE ALL NIGHT)

- Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you, and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse, and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

### TREASURE TO GOD: WHAT ABOUT OUTREACH? (part three of this month's stewardship tips)

Pastor Lois here. We tend to speak of stewardship in terms of time \*with\* God, talent \*for\* God, and treasure \*to\*God. This "trinitarian" approach to expressing our worldly gratitude in response to the spiritual abundance we receive from God is a journey we are all on, both as individuals and together as a Christian community.

Treasure \*to\* God refers to monetary and in-kind donations to the church and its ministry partners. This includes Reformation's year-round community outreach efforts!

Please make another donation to the monthly lunch-packing project for homeless people and their dogs. The costs of our supplies have gone up in recent months, so additional or more frequent donations are encouraged. Remember that it is easier than ever to support this effort, because now you can do so online through Vanco! You can also deliver donations of dog food and dog treats.

Talbot House also has never-ending needs. If you are away, you can give a monetary donation to Reformation for our monthly "food barrel" drive. If you are local, remember that commercial size (for the feeding kitchen) AND consumer size (for the client pantry) canned food, boxed food, and cooking spices are welcome. Also, remember that new or gently-used twin-size bed linens are "always" needed.

In addition, "be on the lookout" for sales on things like backpacks, Legos, and other timeless items for our upcoming collections for Padgett Elementary (school supplies) and Guardian ad Litem (Christmas presents). And be ready to bring-in your "spare change" for disaster relief and other time-sensitive special collections!

### "MARK YOUR CALENDARS"

**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>** — We're going to have a potluck indoor picnic with hot dogs and hamburgers done on the grill. Each of you will be asked to bring a dish to share. We'll enjoy good food and fellowship and maybe even a game or two. There will be a \$3-5 donation per person to cover the cost of the sandwiches and sodas. Sign-up sheets will be available in June. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.



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### **"TOWN HALL" MEETING: WISH LIST**

When a month has a "fifth Sunday", we hold a "town hall" meeting in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Each of these meetings is intended as an informal chance for lay and ordained leadership to hear directly from members and friends of the congregation.

If you are reading this before April 30, what questions and concerns do you have about Reformation? Bring them to the "town hall" meeting!

If you are reading this after April 30, please use a "praise and pinch" form (found in the narthex) or an email (send to lovinglutherans@gmail.com) to continue giving us feedback.

Whether you are reading this continue to provide "wish list" member of council. These are congregation's operational budget current need or support the For example, we need to replace windows in the sanctuary failing; this is causing glare that fading of our silk flowers, and cause camera performance



before or after April 30, please ideas to Pastor Lois or any items which are not part of the but which either address a congregation's future vitality. the tint in the two quarter-circle because the current film is bothers our musician and choir, ambient light extremes which issues.

#### LUTHERANISM 101: WORSHIP "WORD"

#### (continued from page11)

The "Word" portion of the service ends with "the peace" (also known as the "passing of the peace"). The presiding minister initiates "the peace" with a variation on the words that Jesus used to greets his disciples. Corporate worship includes "the peace" to assure that participants are reconciled with each other in accordance with Matthew 5:23-24 before they receive communion.



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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

(in-person and Facebook Live)

#### **Lectionary Bible Study**

(3 online devotions/week)

Liturgical Worship Congregational Singing Weekly Communion Mostly "55+" Members

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