



Life Lines

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a message from our pastor

Who is this woman? A Pastor? A financial wizard? A pretty good golfer? She is all three!!



Meet **Pr. Ana Lugo** who will be coming to our fair city to lead workshops on Legacy Giving.... and as an added bonus, she will preach Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5. Such a deal. You have questions and she has answers. And while Amy and I were walking around Portugal, Pr. Lugo was hard at work preparing to come to Fairfield Glade!!

I am a native of Puerto Rico. I graduated in 1981 from the University of Puerto Rico in Mayagüez with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry (Cum Laude) and received my Master of Divinity in 1985 from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA. I was ordained by the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) in 1986.

I served as Co-Pastor and Pastor of two congregations in Denver, CO and have served in numerous committees and task forces of Presbyterian Church USA. Outside the church, I served as Translator/Interpreter for the Justice Information Center in Denver, CO, a non-profit agency meeting legal and immigration needs. While a Texas resident, I was the translator for the Juvenile, County and District Courts in Dumas, TX.

For twenty (20) years I served the PCUSA as a Capital Campaign Consultant working for Church Financial Campaign Service, now Church Campaign Services, LLC. On June 2013, I accepted the position of Regional Gift Planner for the FL-BH Synod. Since November of 2020 I also serve the Southeastern Synod. I sing in my church choir and two community choirs. I am the proud mother of twin sons and "abuela" to Ana Mae.

Leaving lasting gifts to the people, places and causes you love the most.

There will come a time when you will no longer have need of anything. When that day comes, what will become of all the things you worked your whole life for? And how will you be remembered?

Legacy giving is a way to prepare for that day in a way that assures you leave not just valuables, but values. Your final gift will be your final testimony about who and what was most important to you. Make it count!

As a Gift Planner I can help you think through these important decisions and give shape to your final testimony. Your gift plan should do more than assign names to your remaining assets. Your gift plan should tell a story or paint a picture.

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From our President.....

The month of April slowed down, giving us a break from the busy first quarter of 2024. However, going into May, things will pick up with many important meetings and activities.

On May 2 our new staff member, Kelly McEvilly, will start training with Vickie to be her replacement on September 1.

Also on the 2nd, the National Day of Prayer ceremony will be held at Robin Hood Park at 11:00 a.m.

On May 4 and 5 Rev. Ana Lugo with the ELCA will be here to discuss Legacy Giving and other financial plans. She will deliver sermons on both Saturday and Sunday.

Town Hall Meetings are set for May 18 and 19.

There will be a Inquirer's Coffee on Sunday May 26.

Remember that the team and Council meetings held during the month are all open for you to attend should you desire to do so.

I thank you as always for your positive comments and I graciously accept your constructive criticisms. Have a great month and stay safe and well.

God Bless,
Gary Deierlein

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It all starts with a simple phone call and confidential conversation. I will not try to sell you anything or ask you to give a donation anywhere. You already know what you want. I can help you make sure your wishes are carried out.

And this is will be straight-talk and practical applications. Here are a couple of examples:

Making A Plan for Leaving Your Legacy

It all starts with a plan. Everyone is unique and so there is no one-size-fits-all pattern. Instead I will listen to your story, your concerns, your priorities. Together we will build *your* plan.

Starting Simple: Beneficiary Designations

Most of us have a life insurance policy, a retirement account or other assets that allow you to name a beneficiary. When the time comes the asset simply passes to whomever you name. Have you named the church or other charities that are important to you? It doesn't cost you a dime and you can do it today.

Being Cautious: Income-producing Gifts

Maybe you're not sure your wealth will last as long as you do. Did you know you can make a gift that actually pays you a guaranteed income for as long as you live? Also known as life-estate gifts, you enter into a contract with the charity. They receive your gift in exchange for a guaranteed stream of income for you to live on.

Perpetual Giving: A Gift That Literally Never Stops Giving

Did you know you can give a gift that lives on even after you are gone? Your gift can be endowed or set aside and managed for you in perpetuity. From it gifts will go to your favorite charity for ever (or at least till Jesus comes).

I hope you will come out Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or Sunday at 11:00 a.m. ... or both! We are certainly grateful to Pr. Lugo for traveling up here from sunny Florida! See you in worship!!

God's Peace-
Pr. Groce

READINGS MAY 2024

May 4 & 5, 2024

Sixth Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm: Psalm 98
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17

May 18 & 19

Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 11 & 12

Seventh Weekend of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm: Psalm 1
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel: John 17:6-19

May 25 & 26

The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm: Psalm 29
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

FAIRFIELD GLADE RESIDENT SERVICES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Honoring our own Sue Litman
Proceeds to support FGRS and Sue's favorite charity, Friends of the Library

Get your teams together.

There's a chance to win a car for your hole-in-one!

Also many other prizes, a dinner at the church after plus raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle

Entry forms are available at the FGRS office and Christ Lutheran Church

If you know of a company that would like to help sponsor this event please contact:
Linda LeBreux at 508 243-3144 or j.lebreux@comcast.net

Picnic Tables, Stairs, Bad Weather

What do these all have in common you ask?

The old Marina brunch! The new brunch is now called "Welcome to Summer" and will combine Mothers Day, Fathers Day and the Marina brunch and will now be held at Christ Lutheran. The "new" Fortes will continue to cater the event which will be held on June 2nd right after the service. The cost remains \$13, which is a bargain. Sign up on the bulletin board and put your payment in the folder in the office.



Thank You - The Fellowship Team

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for YOU!

Training is underway to equip Stephen Ministers for caring opportunities. Two will be commissioned in June. Now we're looking for Care Receivers. Ask God if this is something that could be beneficial for you and then contact Pastor Groce or Beverly Olin to determine the next step. You'll be glad you did.

Room at the Inn?

Christ Lutheran is fast becoming a sought after facility for various clubs, Bible studies, knitters, veterans, bands, card players, etc.

In order to accommodate everyone it is essential that you fill out a property usage form (in the office) and hand it in.

These procedures are necessary to accommodate all the various groups.

Thank you for cooperating.

BARREL MINISTRY for May

“Emergency Buckets” for Cumberland County Schools

Cumberland County Schools is in need of supplies for classroom “emergency buckets.” The schools have emergency buckets for each classroom, to be filled with supplies to be ready in case of an emergency, from inclement weather to active shooters. They need rubber pool noodles, toilet paper, and small \$3 blankets for children who may go into shock. The buckets have been donated by Lowe’s and The Dairy Alliance. Thank you for helping our schools.

Plateau Pregnancy Services

Plateau Pregnancy Services offers young women facing life changing decisions, such as whether to continue a pregnancy or how to support a family. Sherri Nichols is executive director of Plateau Pregnancy Services. The Center offers support, counseling and assistance to pregnant and new mothers and serves between 15-25 families per week. The organization is funded through donations, and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Baby Bottles will be left at CLC in May, around Mother’s Day and returned to the Center around Father’s Day. Please consider picking up a baby bottle and filling it with your pocket change every day or writing a check to Plateau Pregnancy Services.

BREAD OF LIFE

Recently, the congregation donated money to cover the cost of the April meal for Bread of Life. The generosity of this congregation knows no bounds! The amount collected was \$729. Although I was “under the weather” so to speak, Linda Vance stepped up to the plate and provided a meal of lasagna for \$190. She asked to be reimbursed for \$150. The remaining amount of \$579 has been put into a savings account for use in future meals.

We have recently received word that the BOL food cupboard is bare (yes, they have a food pantry for distributing food based on need). Our Service Committee has already delivered a check to BOL, and a collection is on-going. The \$579 that is in the savings account will remain there for use in the monthly meals unless the Service Team (Glen House, Leader) determines that it is necessary to divert some of the funds to the BOL food cupboard.

As always thank you for sharing with others!

Jo Borges

C5 Christian Counseling Center

C5 Christian Counseling Center is a nonprofit agency founded by seven local churches in 2002. With the mission of “Healing Hearts and Minds” the original founders intended for C5 to meet the needs of the community beyond what the Pastors could provide for the congregations. For the past 22 years, the agency has provided Professional Counseling to those in need for the client’s ability to pay, based on income. All are welcome.

Today, we have nine Sponsor churches, and need additional Sponsor churches to continue our mission. (please call Donna at (248) 921-2708 if interested.) We are supported by Sponsor Churches, individual donors, a generous grant from United Fund and small grants from Project Hometown Help, Fairfield Glade Ladies, VEC, and Rotary Clubs,. Please keep us in prayers as we enter our Annual Campaign this week to see more funding.

To refer someone for Counseling, brochures are available. The potential client should call our office (931) 707-8200. If the answer machine is on, please leave a message. Calls are returned promptly.

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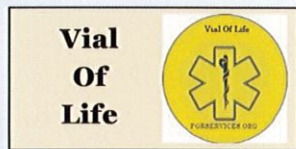
Our Services



- Provides information about home health care and related services.
- Helps with coordinating services.
- Maintains ongoing contact with referrals.



- Provides door-to-door services for FG residents who can't or don't drive.
- Dispatches FGRS volunteers to run errands for shut-ins.



- Provides first responders vital medical and contact information.
- Provides home, luggage, and wallet-sized information cards.
- Provides vial kits to organizations.



- Welcomes new residents and introduces them to Fairfield Glade.
- Follow-ups by *Welcome Home Team* to answer any questions about services.



- Helps residents with items related to home safety improvements.
- Allows residents to safely maintain their lifestyle in their own home, by providing volunteers with skills to perform needed safety-related tasks.

For additional information about other FGRS Programs, please visit our website:
fgrservices.org

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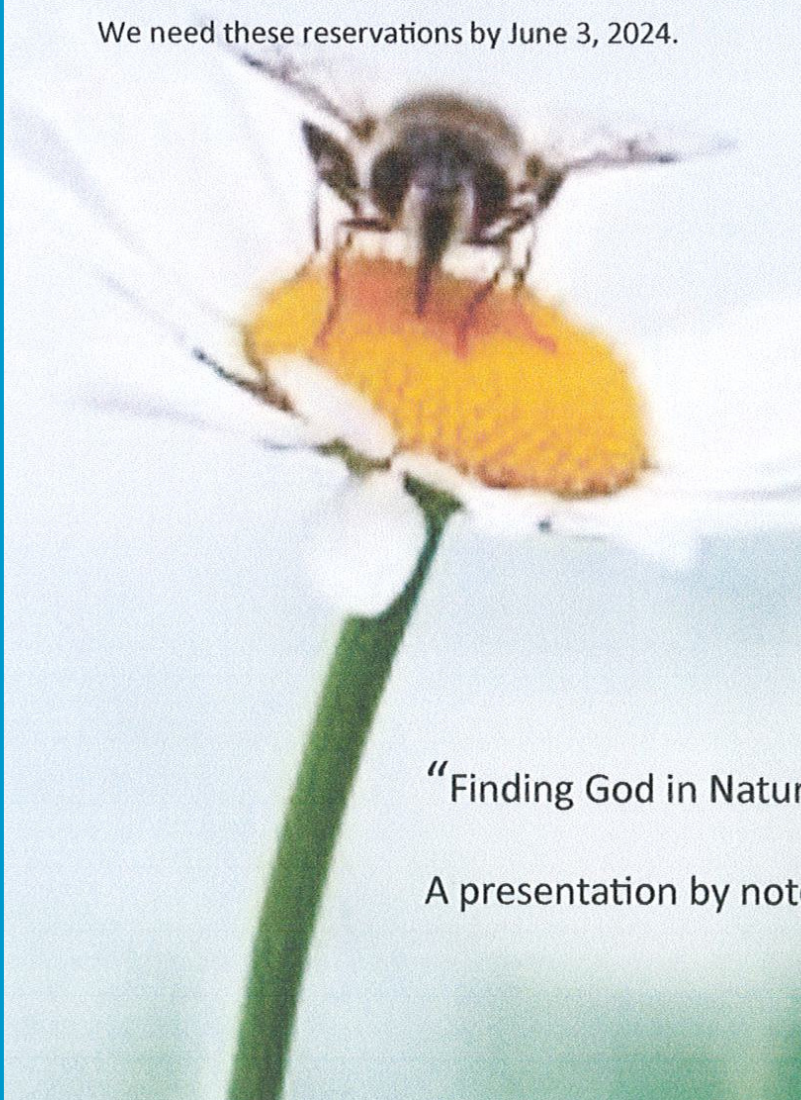
ECUMENICAL

LUNCH **June 12, 2024 11:00 a.m.**

The Women's Fellowship of Community Church is pleased to host this annual Fairfield Glade Ecumenical celebration. It will be held at Fairfield Glade Community Church, 521 Snead Drive. The price is \$15, and includes chicken salad and fruit, croissant, dessert, and beverage.

We ask that your treasurer collect the money, and send one check to Fairfield Glade Community Church Women's Fellowship, along with a list of the women that have paid.

We need these reservations by June 3, 2024.



We look forward to a time of Christian fellowship and good food. We will be entertained by our accomplished pianist, John Turner, and then inspired by a beautiful photographic presentation.

Questions? Contact:

Kathryn Rydz (708) 712-6444

or

call the church office (931) 484-7412

“Finding God in Nature”

A presentation by noted photographer Glenn Baja.

PLEASE HELP US FILL THESE SHOES!

Please help local school children whose families won't be able to buy them new school shoes this year.



We Are One is a multi-denominational Christian, non-profit, organization in Crossville. One of the ways they glorify God is through outreach to the poor and most vulnerable in our community.

On July 13, 2024, **We Are One** will sponsor a Back-To-School give-away event that will include shoes for local children in need. Did you know that there are more than 5,700 children in Cumberland County who live at or below the poverty level?



Children are overjoyed at the sight of a new pair of shoes to mark the beginning of a new school year. Let's bring that joy to children whose families are not able to buy them new shoes!



Please help us achieve this goal!

Your donation will guarantee that a child will have new school shoes this year.

Donations are tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to

We Are One

and given to a volunteer or mailed to

First National Bank of Tennessee

1386 North Main Street

Crossville TN 38555



Promoting hope by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Meet Kelly McEvilly, CLC's Parish Administrator In Training. Kelly will start May 2 with limited hours. She will replace Vickie Hodge, who is retiring September 1, 2024.



Presentation of the checks from the Council of Churches from the offering received at the Easter Sunrise Service. Each check was for \$712. The recipients were Rachel Bruning, Executive Director of the Avalon Center (pictured above in the center) and Donna Cielma, Executive Director of the Christian Counseling Center (pictured below in the center). The checks were presented by Gary Deierlein and Laura Dumez.



The David Dendy Comedy Show on April 13 & 14 was enjoyed by all who attended. David is pictured above.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- o Betty Anderson
- o Jo Borges
- o Jude Dzibinski
- o John Garvey
- o Richard Queen
- o Duane Schiller, visitors welcome
- o ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL
- o Kiswahili Lutheran Mission Church, Nashville, our mission partner
- o ELCA Global Mission
- o Barbara Bejcek, sister of Kay Wode
- o Darlene DelRe, cousin of Joan Teister
- o Roz Kerr, mother of Bill Kerr
- o Rich Lindemann, brother-in-law of Joan Teister
- o Delainey Niec, granddaughter of Al & Cindy Love
- o Sandi Page, friend of Glen and Betty House,
- o Kathy Pulley, friend of Larry & Diane Camp
- o Connie Reagan, Bread of Life
- o Ben Welch III, son of Ben & Kathleen Welch, has major complications from chronic illness



Birthdays

2	Mac McFadden
3	Bonnie Irvin
3	Marilyn Mercer
12	Sue Carter
12	Paul Smith
13	Barbara Christiansen
14	Tom Brown
18	Terilu Christen
18	Sallie Garvey
18	Darby O'Hara
19	Irene Paul
20	Glen Goergen
20	Greg Paul
25	Ruth Lazur
27	Richard Moreland
28	Marilynn Nilsen

Life Lines submissions are due
 May 23 for publication in
 the June issue.
 Items can be submitted
 by email to Vickie at
info@christlutheranffg.org



CLC UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

To view the current calendar of activities, please visit the church website at christlutheranchurchffg.org and click the calendar tab at the top of the home page.

Anniversaries

14	Rick & Deb Tenny	41 years
17	Bill & Mary Ann Brown	37 years
22	Doug & Mary Cooper	53 years
24	Jim & Joyce Reemts	49 years
25	Bill & Melinda Stran	61 years