

September Events

Sept. 18: Attitudes About Aging: A Lunchtime Workshop for Women at Christ the King: "How You Communicate Says A Lot; Did you hear what I said?" Presenter: Billie W. Gimenez, LMFT. 11:00am to 1:00pm; \$10 for program and lunch. Reservations must be made by noon on Monday, September 15. Email care@ctkmiami.org or call 305-665-5063.

Sept. 20: Thrivent Family Night at the Marlins. Tailgate party starts at 5:00pm in West Lot 2. Game starts at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$20 for Thrivent members and \$30 for non-members. Price includes seat and BBQ dinner.

Sept. 27: Miami-Dade Conference Annual Picnic at A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72nd Av., Shelter #3, 11:00am to 3:00pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.



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St. James worships every Sunday at 10:30am, with a bilingual service mostly in English but with some Spanish. The entire liturgy is presented in both languages in the weekly bulletin, so that one may follow along in the language one prefers. Pastor Boudon preaches the sermon in English, followed by a brief summary in Spanish.

Sunday school. St. James offers a full Sunday school program for adults and children immediately after worship every Sunday morning. There is Bible study for adults and Christian education for children.

Monthly Healing. St. James offers a healing liturgy as a part of our normal worship service on the third Sunday of the month, replacing the Prayers of Intercession.

From the Pastor

Recently I preached on the need for Christians to proclaim Christ in a way that is accurate so that people who are unchurched might hear the gospel message. While I have no influence on what other denominations say or do, as a called and ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) it is my responsibility to ensure that the message that emanates from our church reflects the Jesus that is depicted in the four gospels, even though these differ to some degree. As Lutherans, we adhere to Martin Luther's principle that our faith is based upon *sola scriptura*, or scripture only. One's personal faith may be strengthened by personal encounters with the risen Christ, but what we say about him publicly should be based solely on what was written about him the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, as well as the various letters that follow in the Bible. Consequently, we need to proclaim Jesus as the risen Son of the living God, who revealed his Father fully to us in word and deed. We need to portray Jesus as someone who incarnated himself with the poor, the outcast, the marginalized and, yes, the sinner. We need to talk about Jesus as a man who put the needs of others ahead of his own, to the point that he willingly gave his life so that the entire world might have a second chance. Finally, we need to tell about what Jesus did in providing us all a model to follow. He healed the sick, cast out demons, fed the hungry, taught about love, and cared for the outcast. Jesus prayed for his enemies, even as he hung on the cross, and urged us to love one another as he loved us. If we Lutherans can get this gospel message out to those who are searching, I have little doubt that we will see the negative trends in church attendance reverse.

ELCA News

[ELCA to provide humanitarian assistance for victims of violence in Gaza](#)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will provide \$100,000 in humanitarian assistance to Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem to help support the operation of the healthcare system in the midst of the current violence in the Middle East. The funds will be disbursed through Lutheran Disaster Response to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

[LSF Programs Help Children to Be Ready for School](#)

Getting the children back in school makes for a busy time at Lutheran Services Florida. LSF is the largest provider of Head Start and Early Head Start services in Florida, serving more than 6,000 low-income families with children ages 0 to 5. These children are fed a nutritious breakfast, lunch and healthy snack as they prepare to enter kindergarten on an equal footing with children born in to more fortunate economic circumstances. Many churches, groups and individuals from around the state are supporting this work by gathering needed items, volunteering their time at the centers, and lifting these families up in prayer. To learn more about LSF Head Start, please go to www.lsfnet.org or call Steve Cecchetti at [407-878-8397](tel:407-878-8397).