



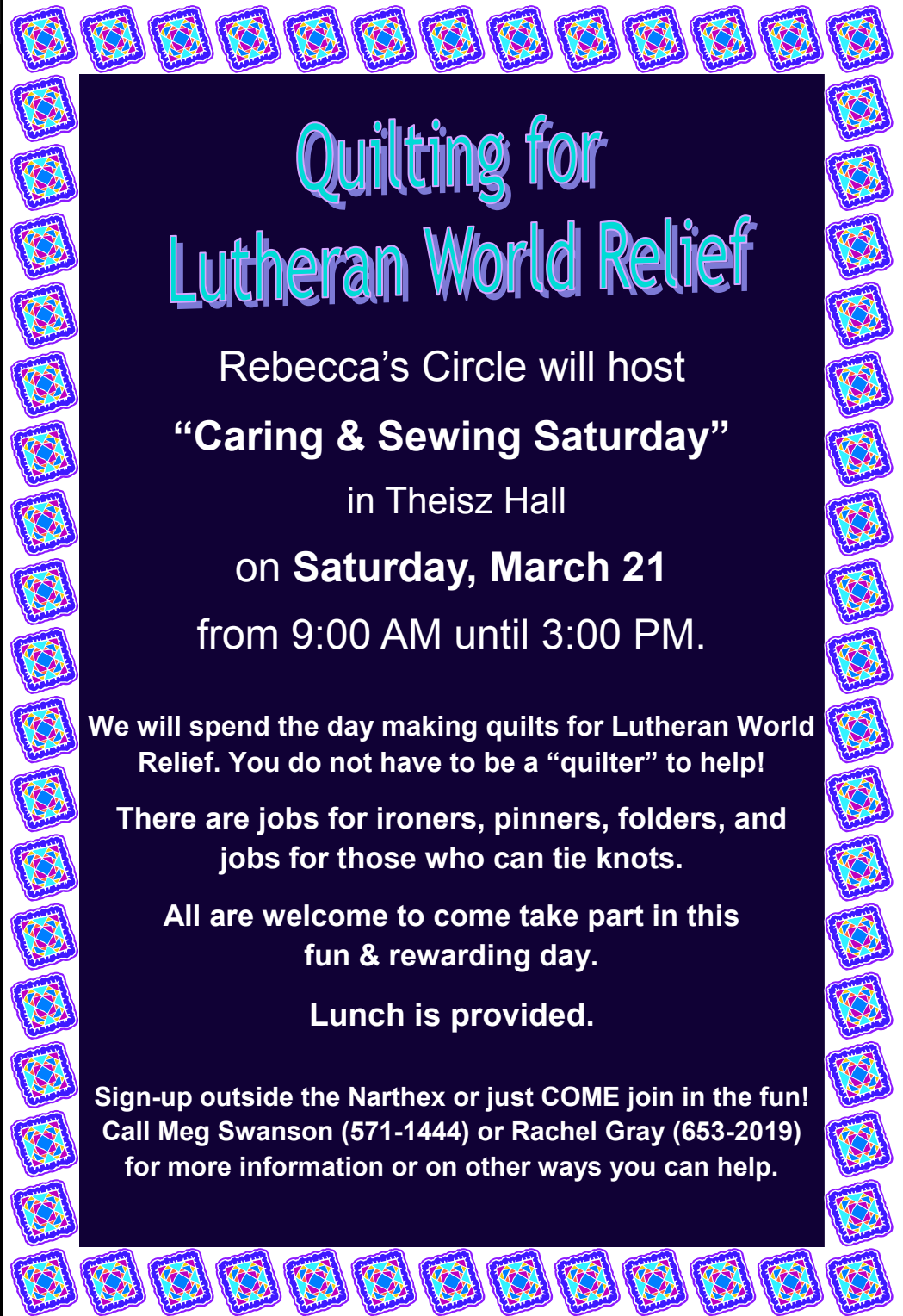
# APOSTLES EPISTLE

The Monthly Newsletter, March 2015  
Apostles Lutheran Church, ELCA

*The mission of Apostles Lutheran Church  
is to be and make disciples for Christ.*

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## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Rebecca's Circle will host  
**"Caring & Sewing Saturday"**  
in Theisz Hall  
on **Saturday, March 21**  
from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

**We will spend the day making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not have to be a "quilter" to help!**

**There are jobs for ironers, pinners, folders, and jobs for those who can tie knots.**

**All are welcome to come take part in this fun & rewarding day.**

**Lunch is provided.**

**Sign-up outside the Narthex or just COME join in the fun!  
Call Meg Swanson (571-1444) or Rachel Gray (653-2019)  
for more information or on other ways you can help.**

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

March 15, 2015

## *What's that on your forehead?*



Dear Friends in Christ,

When I arrived home from our Ash Wednesday service just over a week ago, the first words from my granddaughter were, “Grandpa, *what's that on your forehead?*” The smudged cross on my forehead was still visible. We talked a bit about the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent that leads to Holy Week and Easter.

*“What's that on your forehead?”* Perhaps you have received the same question. Ashes are placed on the foreheads of Christians throughout the world on Ash Wednesday as an outward sign signifying the importance of inner repentance. The Lord God spoke these words to Adam and Eve after they ate of the forbidden fruit: ***“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”*** [Gen. 3:19]. We quote these words as a cross is made on the forehead with ashes.

These ashes, the marking of the cross and the spoken words remind each penitent worshipper of our sinfulness and our mortality. We acknowledge that we are human and that we will one day die, and therefore, that we need to repent and be honest (“come clean”) with God. Yet, the cross itself also reminds us of the good news that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness of sins and redemption.

You and I are now in our journey through the 40-day season of Lent (Sundays are considered “mini-Easter celebrations” and are not counted in the forty days before Easter). We remember that our Lord was led into the wilderness for forty days during which He fasted and prayed, and was tempted by Satan. Lent helps us to reflect upon areas of our own lives that could use amendment and correction. To “repent” means to turn away from sin and turn back toward God. Jesus models for us the importance of prayer and fasting and devotion to God.

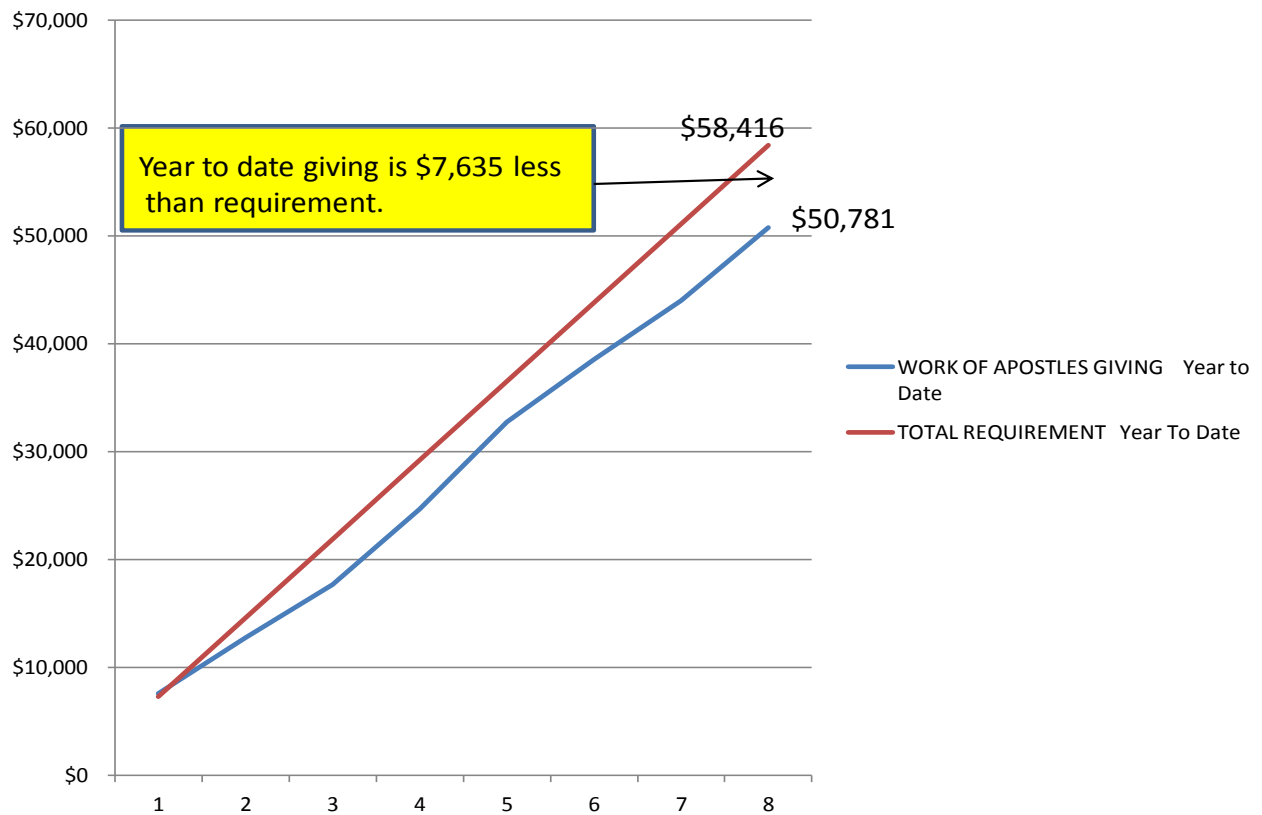
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You are invited and encouraged to strengthen your own devotional practices: setting aside regular time for reading and reflection on the words of Scripture; time for prayer and meditation; and faithfulness in worship.

May God bless your Lenten journey and the Holy Spirit prepare you for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of our Lord's resurrection!

In Christ and His Love,  
Pastor Ed Benoway+  
Interim Pastor

### Apostles Lutheran Church Member Giving Versus Budget February 24, 2015



**Something for Everyone!**



The Synod has sent us a new list of candidates to interview and consider for our recommendation to the Council as a primary candidate to be our next Pastor.

We have scheduled interviews with all of these candidates. There will be an update as to our progress by the end of March.

As always, we appreciate your prayers for the Spirit's work with your committee and with our new Pastor.

As a reminder the Call Committee members are: Marcella Benner, Ron Croone, Jim Gray, Julio Jimenez, Sasi Karthaka, Joel Rentz, Holly Smith, and Michele Van Epps.



**Order Your Easter Flowers Now!**

It is time to order Easter Flowers to decorate the Altar on Easter morning. Order forms are also in the bulletins and on the table in the Narthex.

**Be sure to get your order forms in early.**

**The LAST DAY to ORDER your flowers for Easter is Sunday, March 22!**

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Use envelopes located in the pew racks or your green Designated Giving envelopes.

Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00

Mums \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50

Peace Lily \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00

Begonia Basket \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00

Hydrangea \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00

Please Print all information CLEARLY

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God! \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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### *Lenten Midweek Schedule*

**Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25**  
**Soup & Bread Supper in Theisz Hall from 6:00 PM;**  
**Worship at 7:00 PM.**

Confirmation and the 5th & 6th grade classes will be held from 7:30—8:00 PM.  
 All Youth will come together at 8:00 PM for some fun & fellowship.



## *Holy Week Worship*

*Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 and 10:30 AM*  
 Apostles' Children's Choir will take part in both Worship services.

*Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM*

We celebrate with young people who have been prepared to receive their First Communion.

*Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM*

We gather to worship and remember the sacrifice Christ Jesus made for us.

*Easter Sunday Services – April 5<sup>h</sup>,*

*9:00 and 10:30 AM*

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We celebrate the risen Christ in these beautiful services.

*Holy Communion is celebrated at all Holy Week Worship services except Good Friday.*

*Nursery is available during all Holy Week Worship services.*

## Something for Everyone! cont.

### *St. Patty's Keenagers*

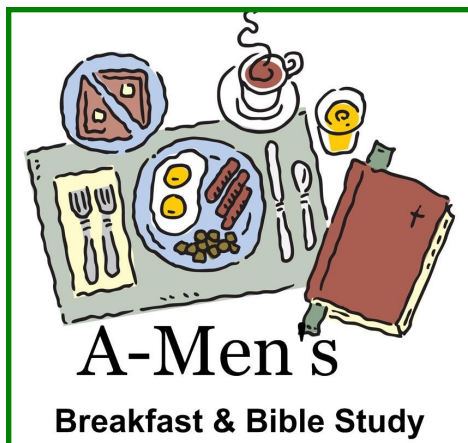
Join us for Keenagers' luncheon on Thursday, March 19 at 11:45 AM in Theisz Hall.

Liz O'Jimenez & Lillian O'Davis will host a traditional St. Patty's Day meal of Cuban Pork and black beans & rice.

All you have to do is bring a side dish or dessert to share and come be part of the fun.

Call Jane Brown (671-4571) or Cynthia Haas (677-8448) for more information.

*All are welcome.*



### **A-Men Breakfast & Bible Study**

**Saturday, February & March 7**

**at 8:00 AM.**

Men of Apostles - Come and join A-Men for breakfast, Bible Study and fellowship time together.

They meet the first Saturday of each month.

A-Men is open to any and ALL men over the age of 18.

You do not have to be a member of Apostles.

**Call Howard McNair (643-8655) if you have any questions.**



## *Rotation of Restaurants for Women's Night Out*

Ladies of Apostles and your friends: Here is the list of *Women's Night Out* Restaurants for 2015. Please note that there are several nights that are the 2nd Sunday of the month.

March 8, 2015 – *Shrimp Boat Grill* -- 1020 Bloomingdale Ave.

April 12, 2015 – *Acropolis Greek Taverna* -- 6108 Winthrop Main St., Riverview

May 3, 2015 – *Kobe Japanese Steakhouse*—2210 West Brandon Blvd.

June 7, 2015 is our video & pot luck in Social Room or Theisz Hall \*\*\* Starts at 5:30 PM.

Bring food to share and come ready to eat and watch a funny video.

July 12, 2015 – *Miguel's Mexican Seafood and Grill* 3035 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa

August 2, 2015 – *Ulele (You-lay-lee)* 1810 North Highland Ave. Tampa (in Tampa Heights)

**In January Ulele was chosen as one of the top 10 restaurants in Tampa Bay!**

\*\*\* For both July & August we will meet at the church parking lot at 5:30 to carpool.\*\*\*

September 13, 2015 – *Fred's Market Restaurant* 6501 US Hwy. 301 S, Riverview

October 4, 2015 – *Sunset Grill*, 611 Destiny Dr., Ruskin

\*\*\*Meet at the church parking lot at 5:30 to carpool.\*\*\*

November 1, 2015 – *Jesse's Steak & Seafood* -- 524 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon

December 6, 2015 – *Jasmine Thai* --1947 W Lumsden Rd, Brandon

January 3, 2016 – *Old Towne Pizzeria & Pasta* 115 W Bloomingdale Ave

CONTACT PERSON – DEBBIE NICKESON 684-8587 (h) or 220-0694 (c)

If for some reason one of our restaurants is not available some alternate choices are:

Italian Kitchen Café in Riverview, Ruby Tuesday in Valrico & The Cheesecake Factory, Brandon Mall.

## *Updating Women's Night Out Contacts & More*

**Ladies—Don't forget to send Debbie Nickeson your updated contact information.**

She is updating the **Women's Night Out** list. If you want to receive email reminders for **Women's Night Out** please email Debbie (DebKN44@aol.com) with your information. She will remove your name from the current list if she does not hear from you. You do not want to miss out on this fun night out with the girls. So send Debbie your information as soon as possible.

Hope to see you all at **Women's Night Out!**

All women of Apostles and their friends are welcome.



## GRANDPARENTS!

Join us at Luther Springs for  
GRANDS WEEKEND,  
March 20 - 22, 2015!

Bring your grandchildren for a weekend of spiritual growth and fun. Each day includes worship, intergenerational Bible study, exploring creativity, sharing stories, and growing together in Christ.

You'll enjoy campfires, canoeing, cookie baking, crafts, hiking, and plenty of family free time.

Children may stay with grandparent in the Kuehner Center or in Morgan Village Cabins with a Luther Springs counselor. Each cabin is carpeted, heated/air-conditioned, and has its own restroom.

TO REGISTER contact our registrar, Jessica at 828-684-2361. <http://www.novusway.com/our-programs/family/luthersprings/>

Presented in cooperation with ALOA (Adult Lutherans Organized for Action)

LEADERS: Rev. Dick Hafer, Rev. Dave and Debby Kruger, Margo Walbolt & Luther Springs staff.

Cost: Kushner Center/Morgan Village: \$95.00 per adult (13+); \$65.00 per child (2-12) - 4th grandchild is free! RV Site: \$55.00 per adult (13+); \$35.00 per child

## Campus Clean-up Saturday



**March 14**  
**8:30- Noon**

### *Apostles Campus Clean-up Day*

*Saturday, March 14*

*8:30 AM—Noon.*

There is plenty of inside and outside work for everyone. We will clean pews, gutters, sidewalks and gardens. Bring your rags, gloves, rakes and trimmers as we get Apostles shiny and clean for Easter.

*Sign up outside the narthex*



A-Men recently hosted our Fellowship Hour to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Apostles raised over \$500.00 for this charity. Here is their response:



**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**

Dear Caring Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$563.71 to Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). I cannot thank you enough for your support of

the thousands of truly deserving servicemen and women who have been wounded in our current military conflicts.

Our work begins at the bedsides of injured warriors as they undergo rehabilitation and return to civilian life, but it certainly doesn't stop there. As a result of their injuries, these brave heroes face greater challenges finding assistance and jobs that enable them to provide for themselves and their families. Their battle

against the long-term effects of combat will continue throughout their lives.

Only with your continued support is WWP able to reach these wounded service members. Through your generosity, WWP provides them with the assistance they need in order to regain their independence and begin rebuilding their lives. You give these injured warriors and their families hope for a brighter future.

Wounded Warrior Project is dedicated to assisting this new generation of injured heroes. These men and women have served with honor deserve our respect and support.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for your partnership with WWP.

Sincerely,

Steven Nardizzi

CEO of WWP

## Apostles' SOUPER BOWL of CARING 2015 Update



**Matthew 25: 40** —The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

On Sunday, February 1st, while billions of people all over the world got ready to watch the 2015 Super Bowl we here at Apostles celebrated with our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring Tailgate**.

Everyone enjoyed brats, hotdogs and hamburgers & fellowship while getting to vote for their favorite team. While Seattle was the clear favorite here, the Patriots took the coveted trophy. But...

**The clear winner was — Apostles' Meals on Wheels**

**A total of \$ 172.00 was raised & over 50 pounds of food collected.**












Meals on Wheels provides hot, balanced meals for those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Apostles MOW cooks and delivers 50+ meals every Tuesday morning.

God bless and thank you for your help in Tackling Hunger! Together we do make a difference.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>1</b>  <b>WORSHIP at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 AM</b>            Children's Education, 9:00 &amp; 10:30 AM (Cafe)            Confirmation Class, 9:15 or 10:30 AM (NT)            Children's Choir, 10:00 AM (MR)            7:30 PM A.A. (TH)</p>	<p><b>2</b>            6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe)            7:00 PM Book Study (Vestry)</p>  <p>7:00 PM Pack 110 Cub Scouts &amp; Weblos (TH)</p>	<p><b>3</b>            6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe)            9:00 AM M.O.W.            6:30 PM Daisy Troop 3200 (PS &amp; Vestry)            6:30 PM Men's OA (GR)            7:00 PM Faith Cultivation Team Meeting (Cafe)            7:30 PM BSA Troop 110 (TH)            7:30 PM ICHTHUS (WC)</p>	<p><b>4</b>            6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe)            9:00 AM Sew On &amp; Sew F            9:30 AM Hallelujah Quilte            6:15 PM Soup &amp; Bread Sup            7:00 PM Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:30 PM 5th &amp; 6th Grade            7:30 PM Confirmation (TH)</p>
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outh (TH) ers (NT) Hunt & Party Mtg. (Cafe)	<b>2</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe) 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship With the Celebration of First Communion	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe) 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship 8:00 PM A.A. (Cafe)	<b>4</b> <b>Easter "Eggstravaganza" in Theisz Hall at 10:00 AM</b>  6:30 AM A.A. (Cafe) 8:00 AM A-Men Breakfast & Bible Study - (N. Theisz) 9:00 AM <b>Set-up Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary</b>

## Discipleship Opportunities

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Apostles Village

On Friday March 27th, from 5 - 9 PM, the Community Outreach Ministry team is hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise money for handicap accessible garden boxes at Apostles Village.

The menu includes: **Spaghetti with meatballs or sausage, salad, garlic bread & dessert. The meal is Free-will Offering.**

Meals will be available for take-out or dine-in. You can even call ahead and have your meal ready for you to pick up.

**Tell your friends – the meal is open to the public.**



Would you like to be part of this outreach to our neighbors? Help is needed with set up, serving and clean up. See Don Desmarais or Will for information or to volunteer.



### Living Christ's Love

Living Christ's Love is Apostles' food pantry. The food pantry at Apostles allows us to help members of our Apostles family and others in our community. Each week we ask for donations of specific non-perishables. Offerings can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Children may drop off their donations in Children's Education Classes.

**Mar. 1 – Canned fruits**

**Mar. 8 – Canned meats**

**Mar. 15 – Snack Crackers – peanut butter, cheese, etc.**

**Mar. 22 – Canned potatoes**

**Mar. 29 – Egg Noodles**

As always we will accept, with grateful hearts, whatever you donate.

**Thank you to those of you who faithfully support "Living Christ's Love."**

You have truly shown Christ's love to the world.

*An Invitation from Bishop Schaefer:*

We are a people who are claimed in Baptism, grounded in word and meal, and sent to live and replicate the servant way of Christ. **Being and making disciples** is what the church is all about! We do that in congregations, but we also need to do that together beyond congregations.

We are church together. Part of not living in isolation from one another means we worship, learn, grow and are shaped by our relationship with others on the journey together as synod.

At Our Annual Bishop's Lenten Visitations and Discipleship Days we will gather together around word and sacrament at the Chrism Eucharist and then reflect together on what it means to be and make disciples. Make it a point this Lent to sign up and attend one of these Saturdays in Lent as we continue to grow into what it means to be church together.

More information and registration can be found here: <http://www.fbsynod.com/events2/lenten-visits> and scroll down.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

+ Robert

Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod

This is the opportunity for Bishop's Lenten visitations that is the most accessible to those of us from Apostles:

**March 14, 2015 – Trinity, Kissimmee - [www.trinitychurchofhandsschool.com](http://www.trinitychurchofhandsschool.com). The day begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 1:30 PM.**

Call the church office (813-689-2571) if you are interested in attending Bishop Schaefer's Lenten Visitation. We may be able to arrange carpool.

## Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Will Bartelt, Coordinator



### Valentine's Cards to Residents of Apostles Village

During Wednesday night activities, our youth made Valentine's cards to be delivered to residents of Apostles Village. Thank you to everyone who took part in the making and delivering. You helped bring a smile to many faces.



## Changes for Wednesday Night Youth during Lent



Beginning on Wednesday, February 25 and continuing through Wednesday, March 25\*\*, 5th & 6th graders and Confirmation students will meet at a new time.



7:30 pm—8 pm - **CONFIRMATION** class will meet in Theisz Hall immediately following Worship.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will meet in the Garden Room

8:00 PM- **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** (Grades 5-8) gather for fun, fellowship, refreshments, and planning for youth outings & service projects.

\*\* There are NO Wednesday classes during Spring Break (March 9-13)\*\*

All Apostles youth in grades 5-8 and their friends are welcome.



## Youth Movie Outing - Do You Believe?

March 22, 2015 at AMC Brandon

From the creators of *God's Not Dead* comes the movie *Do You Believe?*

You will meet a dozen different people, all moving in different directions, and all longing for something more. Their lives unexpectedly intersect, as they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ... even if they don't believe it, yet.

The movie is rated PG-13. There will be a parental waiver for youth under 13 years of age.

This movie outing is for ALL Jr. and Sr. Youth and their friends.  
Time TBD. Sign up Today!!!

# Apostles Preschool News

Apostles Lutheran Church Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year. This includes the 4 yr. old VPK & 3 yr. old programs.

## 4 year old VPK Program:

If your child will be 4 prior to September 1, 2015, he/she may qualify for our VPK program financed by the State of Florida. Classes are from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is no tuition for this program. There is a registration fee to ensure your child's place, as well as a nominal \$50.00/month fee for this extra hour/day of instruction. Your child must attend 5 days a week for the entire school year to remain in this program.

## 3 year old PK:

A limited enrollment is available for children who will be 3 prior to September 1, 2015. Three-year-olds attend class on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a registration fee to ensure your child's place. Tuition is \$170.00 per month for three-year-old students.

**Children MUST be COMPLETELY Potty Trained by AUGUST 2015 to attend Apostles Lutheran Church Preschool.**

Our preschool offers an environment that nurtures the whole child. If you are looking for a preschool **that:**

- ♥ believes that children learn by doing
- ♥ places an emphasis on an environment that nurtures the whole child by providing opportunities for interaction & socialization through play, hands-on experiences, and creative expression
- ♥ provides a curriculum and environment designed and implemented to meet the Florida VPK Education Standards
- ♥ highlights weekly Chapel services and basic Christian values in the classroom.

**Then Apostles Lutheran Preschool is for you and your family.**

More information and registration forms can be found on our website, [www.apostleslutheran.net](http://www.apostleslutheran.net). Call Sandra Sornson, Apostles' Preschool director, at 813-541-9425 or 813-684-5328, if you would like more information or to schedule a visit to the preschool.



## Children, Family & Education Ministries

Kit O'Rourke, Coordinator

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Apostles' Easter Celebration for children 5th grade and younger, and their families, will be **Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 AM to Noon** in Theisz Hall.

There will be games, crafts, snacks, stories, and of course hunting Easter eggs. Mark your calendar and plan to come enjoy this fun filled morning.

**\*\*\* 6th grade & older children can volunteer to help with the Eggstravaganza.\*\*\***

**There will be a Cross hunt for the older youth!**

**Would you like to help with the Eggstravagnaza?** We need helpers for the day, snacks, undecorated cookies or cupcakes, icing, Easter sprinkles, decorations or small toys for stuffing the eggs. See or call Kit O'Rourke, at 689-2571, if you are able to help in any way.

**Confirmation Students:** Watch your emails for ways in which you can serve.

# Apostles Goes Bowling







## ***First Communion Class***

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 PM**

For families with children who are 7 or older and are interested in preparing to receive communion for the first time.

The children meet with Kit O'Rourke in the Preschool classrooms and parents meet with Pastor Benoway in the Cafe.

After class, families paint a chalice together that will be used on the altar during one of our Worship services and then taken home to keep as a remembrance of this wonderful milestone in their faith journey.

**First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday Worship  
on Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM.**



## **Martin Luther: the fastest selling Playmobil figure ever!**

In 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, he changed the history of the world. Now, just two years before the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, a tiny model of the Great Reformer has made history - in the world of toys!

Known for its sets of little plastic figures, Playmobil, the German toy manufacturer, has created a miniature Luther. Dressed in a cloak and hat, he holds a quill in his right hand and a copy of the Bible in the other. The Good Book is, of course, in German: one of Luther's many achievements was translating the scriptures into the vernacular, so that all German-speakers could read it.

In a mere 72 hours, all 34,000 of Luther figures had sold. "That's the fastest-selling toy of all time," according to a Playmobil spokesperson. Now their factory has dropped everything to make more of these highly-collectible mini-Luthers. Created as an educational toy for Germany's Evangelical Lutheran Church, almost all of the figures have been sold in Germany. The next batch won't be released until the end of April.

There have even been requests for Playmobil to design a miniature Wartburg Castle. Famous as the place where Luther translated the Bible into German, this castle is outside the city of Eisenach in LutherCountry.

For the past eight years, the German federal states of Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia have been building up to 2017 and the world-wide celebrations of Martin Luther and his achievements.

But, even though the first batch has sold out, you can win a Playmobil Luther!

LutherCountry ([www.visit-luther.com](http://www.visit-luther.com)) has 5 of these "Little Luthers" to give away.

For a chance to win a "miniature ambassador for the Reformation," go to the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LutherCountry](http://www.facebook.com/LutherCountry).

# Apostles' Business Directory

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If we missed your birthday, or if there are any corrections, please call the office at 813-689-2571 or email to [Office@apostleslutheran.net](mailto:Office@apostleslutheran.net).



It is time to "Spring-Ahead". Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

If you forget, you will be very late for church!

The next  
*Church Council Meeting* is on  
Tues., March 10  
at 7PM in the Vestry.

The meeting is  
open to all.

OFFICE STAFF

Edward Benoway	Interim Pastor
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Our Vision

The Vision of Apostles Lutheran Church is to:

- 1) Introduce people to Jesus Christ
- 2) Disciple members, and
- 3) Serve the needs of people in our community and the world.

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Sunday Worship Services  
9:00 am Traditional  
10:30 am Contemporary  
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