

Sun Sep 20	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
MON Sep 21	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
TUE Sep 22	9:00 am	Hope Seeds Packing
	5:30 pm	Book Club—Office
	7:00 pm	LDA— Spanish Church
WED Sep 23	9:30 am	Family Music Class—FH
	12:15 pm	Next Gen Music - FH
THU Sep 24	7:00 pm	LDA—Spanish Church
	7:00 pm	N/A Recovery Group
FRI Sep 25	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
SAT Sep 26		
Sun Sep 27	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Church Info Meeting
	9:45 am	Bible Study
	10:45 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	LDA—Spanish Church



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Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. James M. Krach
Music Ministry: Dorothy J. Feldman
 Aaron Schiavone
Ministry Support: Alicia Schiavone
Office Admin: Cindy Stewart



Altar Flowers
 FROM Pete Labrenz in
 memory of wife, Cathy

Blessings & Blooms for 2026

Our 2026 Flower Chart is full! If you have sponsored a floral arrangement, please remember to take it home with you following the 10:45 am service. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the church office.

We are grateful to **Scarlett's Flowers**, for providing our church with a beautiful floral arrangement each week at a very reasonable price! If you're looking for flowers for a special occasion—or just because—please consider supporting Scarlett's Flowers at **4225 26th St. West** or call **941-289-2269**.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit doesn't just make you dance, shout, and *speak in tongues*. He also makes you hold your tongue, apologize, and examine yourself.

Words of hope

**Making Disciples
 by Sharing God's
 Compassionate Love**



September 20, 2026

**MAY THE GOD OF HOPE
 FILL YOU
 WITH ALL JOY
 AND PEACE
 AS YOU TRUST IN HIM,
 SO THAT YOU MAY
 OVERFLOW WITH HOPE
 BY THE POWER
 OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

ROMANS 15:13
 NIV

Dear Heavenly Father,
 Today, I come to You recognizing that You are the true and steady source of all life's stability, not my changing circumstances. Please fill my heart completely. Fill me with all joy and all peace as I choose to put my trust in You. When life feels heavy or uncertain, help me to lean on Your unchanging character rather than my own strength. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let my life not just contain a little hope, but overflow with confident hope that touches the people around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Joy vs. Happiness

- ✿ Happiness relies on good external events, smooth days, and pleasant feelings.
- ✿ Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) rooted deeply in God's unchanging presence and love.



BRIEF MEETING

**Congregational Information
 Sunday, Sep 27 @ 9:45
 in the fellowship hall
 Bible Study WILL follow**

ATTENDANCE Sep 13, 2026	
WORSHIP	60 / 34
BIBLE STUDY	33

Let's worship
Together

Faithful Stewards ✝ God's Gifts

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. **Amen.**

faith and
finances

Financial Summary Through 8/31/2026			
	MTD	YTD	
Contribution Income	30,321	343,605	
Facility Usage	9,395	55,565	
Total Income	39,716	399,170	
Expenses	42,551	372,059	
Net income	(2,835)	27,111	

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GIVING
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Support our church through secure weekly or monthly automatic giving with LCEF. To learn more, contact the church office at **941-755-3256**.

PRAYER AND CARE MINISTRY

Please help us keep our prayer list current and meaningful. Names on the **Health/Healing and Cancer lists** remain for three weeks; please resubmit if continued prayer is needed. We will continue to pray weekly for those serving in the military. If you have a prayer need, **we want to know and pray with you.** Thank you for being a caring church family that faithfully prays for one another.

HEALING/GENERAL:

Lindsey
The Family of Joe DeLaRosa
Fabienne, Marc and Family
Joe Cahill Diane Burnett
Carol Kirk Mike Drummond
Alex & Family Ann Wood
Ray Winter Polly Pearce
Walter & Barbara Mitchell

PRAYER OF THANKS:

CANCER:

Dan Lee Jessi Holland
Nancy Hooker Marisa Scarbrough
Luella Franke Thaissa
Sally Cario Becca
Suzanne Spanoudakis

MILITARY:

Sean Keene Hannah Balsbaugh
Tyler Zielinski Rusty Howe
Brandon Soto-Fernandez

Church Directory

Updated copies of our church directory are available in the narthex. Please let the office know of any updates! Thank you!

Being a Servant of Christ

	8:30	10:45
GREETERS	Sylvia Borland Judy Baehman	Ann Wood
READERS	Jennifer Krach	Ann Wood
USHERS	David Dockery Joyce Labrenz Paul Maechtle Ken Phelps	Gene & Sue Wilson
ELDERS	Jeff Richards Dan McCallum Bob Bellittera	Steve Wentling Wayne Tyrrell Doug Wilson

OKTOBERFEST POTLUCK!!

October 25th—Following our 10:45 AM Worship Service
Get ready for **Good Food, Good Friends, and Great Fellowship—** with a little Oktoberfest flair!
Join us as we celebrate **Pastor Jim, Reformation Sunday**, and, because every good celebration deserves good food, an **Oktoberfest Potluck!**
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wonderful time together.
More details are coming in the weeks ahead. Neighbors and friends are welcome, invite them to worship with us and join our fellowship afterward for the food and fun.

REMINDER:

"God hears the prayers we cannot find the words to say." - Oswald Chambers

Sometimes, the most powerful prayers are the ones we cannot find the words to speak. When your heart is too heavy or your mind is too overwhelmed, silent prayers are completely heard and understood.

THANK YOU
FOR SERVING WITH A
*willing heart &
joyful spirit.*
YOU ARE A BLESSING!

2 COR 9:7-8

PORTALS
of PRAYER

Pick up the Latest
PORTALS OF PRAYER

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX