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THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - NO DOUBTS

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NEWS

- We will resume our monthly **Taizé Service** on **Wednesday, October 1st** at **7:00 PM**. Please join us for a time of quiet reflection, candlelight, and meditative song. This peaceful and contemplative gathering offers a sacred space to pause, pray, and be renewed. All are welcome.



Calling All Young Adults!

- Join us on **Friday, October 10th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** at **Christ the King** for an evening of great food and even better conversation. Pastor Callie (from Christ the King) and Pastor Wynemah are hosting a relaxed gathering for young adults (*ages 18–34*) to share a delicious Italian meal, connect, and dream together about starting a regular young adult group centered on fun, faith, and fellowship.



- **Martha's Mondays** continues this month on **October 13th**. If you're a woman in need of some spiritual renewal, come join us at **7:00 PM** in **Christ the King Lutheran Church** as we will continue our discussion on the book "*It's All Under Control*" by Jennifer Lee. Chapters 4, 5, & 6 will be the focus of this month's gathering. *Please let Roberta Stokes know if you plan on attending at rstokes5@yahoo.com*

PASTOR'S CORNER

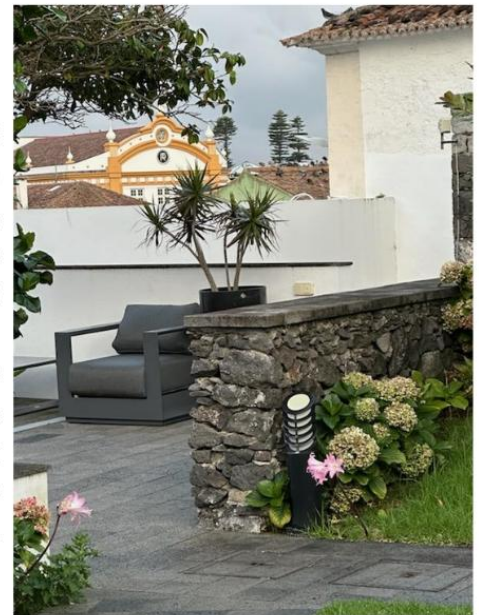
By: Rev. Wynemah K. Hinlicky

Stat crux dum volvitu orbis is a Latin motto which means "The Cross is steady while the world turns".



Though nearing the end of the season, the hydrangeas on Sao Miguel Island in the Azores are still blooming here and there. Planted by hand, they flank the roads as well as delineate borders throughout the vineyards. In the parks, their vibrant blue and enormous blossoms extend an invitation to pause for a moment, rest and take it all in. During a visit at "The Bay of Silence" I did just that; pausing to rest for a moment while taking in the beautiful surroundings.

God's creative force is very apparent here. So, it didn't surprise me that one of our lodging places was on Rua do Espirito Santo (Holy Spirit Street). And furthermore, it sits on a site that dates back to the 17th century; once the Monastery of Alpendorada. Back then, it was the largest property in the parish and included several adjacent quintas, which have all undergone changes throughout the centuries. Even today the Holy Spirit is breathing new life into the old bricks and mortar that surround the modern accommodations we are enjoying.



Strong and steady as the world around it changes, the cross, however, remains the same; well worn but looming still as a focal point. Like the hydrangeas, it extends an invitation to pause and rest and take it all in. Naturally, that is exactly what I did.

In the midst of a constantly changing world, may you also find rest in the constancy of the cross of Christ, whose Spirit is still alive and at work all around and in us.

Blessings,
Pastor Wynemah +

MINISTRY MOMENTS

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

On Sunday, September 14th, members of our congregation came together to share Christ's love in a tangible way. Through your generosity, both in donations and time, we were able to **assemble 120 bags of non-perishable food** to be shared with individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

Each bag also included a card with John 6:35:

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" a simple but powerful reminder of God's promise.

We are deeply thankful for every helping hand and joyful heart that made this outreach possible, and we extend special appreciation to *Dawn Marlar* for generously using a Thrivent Action Team card to support this effort.

As we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, may we remain open to opportunities to serve and uplift those in need.

If you would like to take part in distributing the food bags, feel free to pick up one or two after service.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN NEED

This month, we were blessed to deliver two wagons full of donations to a counselor at **Southridge High School**, supporting their food pantry and students experiencing unstable living situations. These donations directly benefit those in the Project UP-START program, which provides assistance to students in need. This is an ongoing food drive, and your continued generosity makes a real difference. Our flyer includes drop-off locations and images of some accepted non-perishable food and toiletry items. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!



MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Food & Toiletry Donations

IN SUPPORT OF
PROJECT UP-START

Accepting non-perishable food items
and toiletries to stock the pantry
available on campus for students
living in unstable housing.

COLLECTED IN THE NARTHEX BINS





OUTREACH



Mission Statement: *To share God's light by offering inspiration, hope, and affirmation to those in need within our community, nation, and world.*

Join us on **October 26th** after service as we come together to **create heartfelt cards for our veterans**. These cards will be sent to the VA Medical Center in honor of Veterans Day, showing our gratitude and love to those who have served. All ages are welcome. Let's bless others with a simple act of kindness!

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** for a half hour study prior to worship at 10:00 a.m., led by Pastor Wynemah. Together we will explore "The Parables of King Jesus." We hope you will join us!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Highschool and college age young adults are invited to join Cedric Mar for group bible study each

Sunday before service, **from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** in our youth room.

MIDWEEK STUDY

Our midweek Bible Study will meet in the Red Room at Christ the King Lutheran Church (located at 11295 SW 57th Ave) **weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** We will continue our study of the minor Prophets, led by Deacon Carol Petrusky.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Story of Redemption is a four-volume study that walks through the entire Bible. The study highlights how each chapter of the Bible points to Jesus Christ and where it fits in the big picture story of Scripture, the story of redemption. Each lesson includes written content that covers an average of three chapters to help you understand and apply the text, as well as daily reflection questions. This study will help you understand the big picture of Scripture and how each individual book, chapter, and verse fits into it. **We are currently studying the book of Job. Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Pastor John Roth at 786-403-5030.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Dawn Marlar
10/2 Shay Scofield
10/11 Shanda Mazzorana
10/12 Chris McKinley
10/13 Theresa Hoffmann
10/14 Florian Hoffmann
10/17 Kelli Marlar
10/28 Grace Engler
10/29 Hiro Smith



On the first Sunday of every month, we will recognize those celebrating birthdays. We offer the following birthday blessing, sung to the tune of "We Gather Together."

"We celebrate with you the life that God gave you. We thank you for letting us share in your joy. God bless you and keep you, and shine his light upon you. With love we sing together Happy Birthday to you."

PRAYERS

Prayer lists are updated weekly. Please email stthomaschr@aol.com, noting the person's name and need, if you would like to add or remove a friend or family member's name from the list. Please ensure you have the person's permission to publish his/her name and need.



ETERNAL CANDLE

Burns this month
to the glory of God.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

10/5 In celebration of Shanda's birthday.
by Dan Mazzorana
10/12 In celebration of Chris' birthday.
by Annemarie Roberts
10/19 In celebration of Kelli's Birthday.
by Dawn Marlar
10/26 In celebration of Grace's Birthday.
by Al Engler



Sign-up sheet for the Sanctuary Flower & Eternal Candle dedications are available in the Fellowship Hall. You may also call the office at **(305) 232-1227** to reserve a dedication slot.

COMMUNITY CHURCHES HAVE INVITED US TO:



MUSIC INSIDE OUT

Fundraiser

Saturday
October 4, 2025
4:30pm - 6:30pm

at the home of
Roberta Stokes
Location Provided with RSVP

RSVP
careteam@ctkmiami.org
or 786-325-5781

CHRIST THE KING



SOUTH MIAMI LUTHERAN CHURCH

7190 Sunset Drive
Miami, Florida 33143

ANNUAL FALL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

Saturday

October 25th, 2025
8:00 am to 2:00pm

Food Booth

Fresh Baked Goods

Blood Mobile

Vendors are Welcome for a \$30.00 per space donation.
Church Office (305)665-2562



at Christ the King Oktoberfest

October 18, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$45 Adults & \$30 Youth
Sign-ups End: October 12

On-site childcare will not be
available for this event.



FOOD, MUSIC & FUN!

Spiritual Rx



**Baptist
Health**

Spiritual Rx is provided to Baptist Health employees
by Pastoral Care in support of our faith-based mission.



"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Rom. 12:16-18 ESV

"I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a staunch opponent of the Nazi regime and a resistance member leading up to and during WWII. He was imprisoned and executed in 1945 as he fearlessly spoke for peace and called out the atrocities of war. Life together is difficult, especially in our diverse global village. If we're not to harm one another, it will take constant work for the maintenance peace, and intentional nurturing of relationships between all tribes. Peace and justice require flexibility and the willingness to think and care beyond ourselves.

Poet Gwendolyn Brooks said, *"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond."* In the end, we may reap a harvest of peace and harmony when the equity of love matches the fervor of our prayers. Whether in the quiet of our private moments or the collective expressions of our assemblies, let us pray for one another. Let us pray that love will overcome hatred. Let us pray, whatever prayer looks like for each of us, for our brothers and sisters facing the scourge of war and violence today; for our brothers and sisters who redefine courage as they place their lives, livelihoods, on the line to speak the truth and for justice in our world. Let us pray that true leaders may hold sway, and demagogues may fade away. Let us pray for our adversaries so that they may experience and learn about grace and love, that evil may be eradicated, and peace may prevail. Let us pray and match action to our words so that in the end, love may win. Amen.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matt. 5:9 NIV

**Chaplain Renato Santos
Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10 am Bible Study (CTK) 7pm Taizé Service	2 10 am Bible Study (St. Thomas)	3	4
5 9 am Adult Faith Formation 10 am Worship Service	6	7	8 10 am Bible Study (CTK)	9 10 am Bible Study (St. Thomas)	10 6:30 pm Young Adults Dinner (CTK)	11
12 9 am Adult Faith Formation 10 am Worship Service	13 7 pm Martha's Monday @ CTK	14 2 pm Council Meeting	15 10 am Bible Study (CTK)	16 10 am Bible Study (St. Thomas)	17	18
19 9 am Adult Faith Formation 10 am Worship Service	20	21	22 10 am Bible Study (CTK)	23 10 am Bible Study (St. Thomas)	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday 9 am Adult Faith Formation 10 am Worship Service	27	28	29 10 am Bible Study (CTK)	30 10 am Bible Study (St. Thomas)	31 Happy Halloween!	

Happy
October

May the Lord bless
your heart with His
peace as we welcome
the harvest season.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

A Christ centered Church dedicated to spreading the word of God through traditional worship, Bible based education, and service to the community.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Adult Faith Formation **9:00 a.m.**

Service of Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**

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Sexton: Ned Roberts

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~Deacon Carol Petrusky ~Cedric Mar
~Vicki Ross ~Richard Thompson

