

Keynotes

News for the spiritual family and friends of
St. Armands Key Lutheran Church

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From Reverend Mark A. Bernthal....

January 2012

A friend recently shared this story via email:

"Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged, and the mother said, 'I love you, and I pray you enough.'

The daughter replied, 'Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I pray you enough, too, Mom.'

They kissed, and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy, but she welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'Well...I'm not as young as I once was, she lives so far away & has her own busy life. I have some challenges ahead, and the reality is - her next trip back will be for my funeral,' she said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I pray you enough.' May I ask what that means?'

She began to smile. 'That's a prayer that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.' She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and she smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I pray you enough,' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.'

Then, turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory.

'I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.'

As we enter into a New Year still basking in the glow of the gift of Emmanuel, God with us, I offer this sincere pastoral prayer for each of you: "I pray you enough." And I offer that prayer filled with the confidence in Christ who promises us, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**St. Armands Key
Lutheran Church
Staff**

Rev. Mark A. Bernthal
Senior Pastor

Pamela Becker
Administrative Assistant

Tracey Rzepka
Parish Nurse

Jane Lautner
Choir Director

Lois Mellor
Church Organist

Lou Rippo
Church Custodian

Join Us on Sundays!

Worship Schedule

9 a.m. – Contemporary Service of Joy
10 a.m. – Fellowship & Education Hour
11 a.m. – Traditional Worship Celebration

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
DEADLINE**

**Please submit your articles for the FEBRUARY
edition of *Keynotes* to the Church Office on or
before January 15, 2012.**

Thanks!

office@starmandschurch.com or fax: 388-1360

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM at SAKLC

Committee: Ben Bates, Carol Elliott, Art Kuh, and Pastor Mark

We have another opportunity to live our Stewardship theme, *Blessed to Be a Blessing*. The Council has proposed that we participate in an internship program with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

An intern, some churches use the term vicar, will be asked to join our congregation. He/she will move from "the books" to "hands-on" experiences. The intern needs to experience all facets of congregational life among which are worship, pastoral care, youth and education, evangelism, stewardship, lay ministry, social ministry, ecumenism, administration, and leadership.

We have committees and programs in all of these areas. We can offer our intern a broad range of experiences.

Our congregation has much to offer: our love for God, our interest in missions, our variety of worship. You will have the opportunity to help our intern grow.

A temple talk will be scheduled at each service on a Sunday in January. You will have a chance to gather between services and after the late service to share ideas, express concerns, and ask questions about the internship program.

It's an opportunity for us to work and grow together.

Prayerfully consider your role in the Internship Program as we continue to live our slogan, *Blessed to Be a Blessing*.

Adult Opportunities for the Study of Scripture:

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study: 10:30 – 11:45 am in Ogram Hall

COME, JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

“ONE in Christ”

- a study of First Corinthians-

The start of a New Year also marks the beginning of a fresh course of study for participants in SAKLC's Thursday Morning Bible Study. During December the Study of Mark's Gospel was completed. All agreed that it was a rich 9-week-long experience that resulted in biblical learning and that elicited lots of conversation between and among a record number of participants.

Starting on Thursday, January 5, our focus will turn to one of the oldest and most important books of the New Testament, "First Corinthians." There will be 14 sessions in this *Kerygma Program* study. As your personal time allows, plan to gather in Ogram Hall with fellow members and friends every Thursday morning; there will be no interruptions in this year's weekly study schedule! JOIN THE CONVERSATION, beginning now and continuing until Holy Week!

This epistle, addressed by St. Paul to the ancient church at Corinth, is also a letter for our day. Now as then, the church's integrity and unity are threatened. The Great Apostle shows the church how to be faithful and overcome its divisions by building on the only sure foundation – Jesus Christ. In his writing, Paul exposes both the elemental sources of divisiveness and the means for settling rivalries in the church. Ecclesiastical struggles over orthodoxy, morality and discipline are not new; they are at least as old as Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. JOIN THE CONVERSATION – it is guaranteed to be interesting and informative!

Author of the Resource Guide for this dynamic study is biblical scholar, the Rev. Dr. Robert A Bryant. (*Some will recall him as the excellent writer of “The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us,” which we used together in Winter/Spring 2011.*) Pastors Mark Bernthal and Herb Mohlenhoff are co-leaders of the regular Thursday morning sessions.

Daily Discipleship: The Adult Sunday School Class, is offered each Sunday from 10:10am – 10:50am. Meeting in the front of Fellowship Hall, all are invited to bring their coffee and refreshments. Daily Discipleship is a lectionary Bible study, based on the appointed Gospel reading for each Sunday. Whether you worship at the early or late service, this Sunday morning conversation will enhance the faith and fellowship of all who gather on the Lord's Day.

For Children and Youth...

CHILDREN'S Sunday School occurs each week between services in the classrooms surrounding Ogram Hall. Thanks to each leader for teaching the priceless and precious stories found in the Book of Faith to the youngest among us.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Sunday School meets each week in the Conference Room (10:10 – 10:50 am). The class, led by Steve Blackledge and Gary Moore seeks to conversationally connect faith to daily life using the scripture readings from worship.



SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE 2012

An Opportunity for God's people to grow in faith and understanding

A NEW YEAR brings you the chance to experience a fantastic learning event – the SiR Program at SAKLC.

Another exciting season of this unique offering begins in January. DR. PAUL HANSON and his wife will be our first guests. Dr. Hanson will enlighten all who attend his presentations, to be sure. All you need to know about what Dr. Hanson (and our February and March Scholars, as well) will share appears below for your consideration. This is information that has already been in print but, hopefully, seeing it again will inspire and motivate you to put the **SiR** events on your schedule. You will be glad you did. **SiR** brochures and the displays at church also serve as reminders of what's in store for all who partake of these meaningful moments. In addition, be looking for bulletin inserts, too. No one can claim, "I didn't know about that program!" Our hope and prayer is that many of you will choose to be part of this extraordinary offering at SAKLC. Feel free to invite neighbors and friends.

Everything you need to know about the 2012 **SiR** season appears below:

JANUARY

Dr. Paul D. Hanson, the Lamont Research Professor at Harvard University, will offer three mid-week presentations on the topic, "The Bible and Politics." He will preach at both services on Sunday, January 8 and lead the Adult Forum on January 8 and 15.

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| Wed. Jan. 4 | "One Bible - Contradictory Conclusions! Why?" |
| Wed. Jan. 11 | "The Song of Hannah: Locating God's Presence in a World of Contending Powers" |
| Wed. Jan. 18 | "As You Did It To One Of The Least Of These: Discovering Christ's Presence in a World of Injustice and Inequality." |

FEBRUARY

Dr. Paul S. Berge , who retired from Luther Seminary, will share with us on the theme, "What are you looking for ... Come and you will see! " His presentations will be based on the Gospel of John. He will preach at both services on Sunday, February 5 and lead the Adult Forum on February 5, 12 and 19.

- Wed. Feb. 8** "Jesus: Our Light In a World of Darkness "
- Wed. Feb. 15** "Jesus: Our Promise In a World of Death "
- Wed. Feb. 22** "Jesus: The Messiah Lifted Up For the World "

MARCH

Dr. Gerald Christianson, Emeritus Professor of Church History at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, will focus his presentations on the theme " Renewing Christian Identity." He will preach at both services on Sunday, March 18 and lead the Adult Forum on March 18 and 25.

- Mon. Mar. 19** "The Gospel in Art I - The Shape of the Early Church"
- Wed. Mar. 21** "The Gospel in Song: New Hymns for our Generation"
- Tues. Mar. 27** "The Gospel in Art II - Believing Is Seeing"

Times for mid-week presentations - 10:00 to 11:30 AM (except on March 21 which is at 5:30 PM as part of the Lenten Service that evening)

Come for fellowship, coffee and goodies in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM prior to each mid-week morning presentation.

LIBRARY NEWS....Those of you who have recently visited our Library will notice another change in progress. This is because we have received numerous books that were donated by another church, as well as from some of our members. This requires shifting and eliminating many of our books in order to make room for the new ones. The extra books will be for sale (on a continual basis), and the proceeds will go into the Library Fund. They will be displayed on a book cart in Fellowship Hall. A suggested price is written on the inside cover however, any donation is acceptable.

Temporarily, our novels are on a small book shelf at the entrance to Ogram Hall, and our children's books (although not many), are presently not shelved. The children's video tapes were moved to the nursery. It will take a while before all the new additions are shelved -- but in the meantime, please visit our website (starmandschurch.com) to see if there may be any books of interest to you. We also have complimentary books that are on top of our glass video bookcase. Checking out and returning books couldn't be easier -- just fill out the card and put it in the basket. When you return it, put it in the narrow space below by the indicated sign.

Please call Jackie Whalen at 387-8001 or Lynn Nieting at 383-6762 if you have any questions -- or if you would like to have your book placed in the Narthex for your pickup. (How easy is that?) We have a good collection to choose from, and we hope you will enjoy the convenience of our Library.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Leaders: Pastor Herb Mohlenhoff, Sherry Moore, Ray Walborn

Leadership Training in Orlando

A team of four SAKLC members will be numbered among hundreds of persons coming from many parts of the nation, all to attend the Stephen Ministry Leader's Training Course (LTC) at Doubletree Universal in Orlando, FL, from January 8 -14. This program is the first of six LTC events being offered at different locations in the USA during 2012. All sessions will be conducted by eminently qualified and respected professionals from Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, MO.

An LTC is a high-quality, rewarding experience, where clergy and lay leaders from enrolled Stephen Series congregations learn to set up, manage and improve the Stephen Ministry program in their respective churches. This is "no vacation" and any opportunities to rest and relax are few! Participants at any of the week-long sessions are typically involved in 12+ hour days of study, worship, discussion and practical application. To take advantage of limited conference time, there are even "working" luncheons and dinners!

Two of our congregation's current Stephen Leaders, Sherry Moore and Ray Walborn, will be in attendance at the Orlando venue. Although each has attended an LTC in the past, both see this as an opportunity to sharpen leadership skills and be refreshed in an understanding of the overall program. Joining them will be our Parish Nurse, Tracey Rzepka and Uta Nieradtko, one of the church's current Stephen Ministers. While in Orlando, this team will be heavily engaged in planning future directions of Stephen Ministry at SAKLC. As part of your daily devotions and prayers, please remember each of these SAKLC participants before the Divine One.

Stephen Ministry Supervision – January 16

All Stephen Ministers are alerted to the next regular Supervision and Continuing Education session to be held on Monday, January 16, starting at 6:30 pm, in the Conference Room. This meeting will have a special quality attached to it, as we "Welcome Home" old and new Stephen Leaders from the Orlando LTC. Please remember to have previously completed and to bring all "Check-in Statements" to the meeting.

Stephen Ministry Training Starts January 23

Praise God! A new class of potential Stephen Ministers has been recruited and will begin formal training on Monday evening, January 23. This will be the beginning of 50 hours of instruction that is required of anyone seeking to enter this special care giving ministry. It also means an assurance that Stephen Ministry will continue as a strong component in the overall program of Pastoral Ministry available to members and friends at SAKLC. Yes, indeed, we have ample reason to Praise God!

YOU & Stephen Ministry

Lest the reader of this column determine that Stephen Ministry is just for a few select persons, be assured that it is a ministry involving the entire congregation. The one-to-one Christ-oriented care afforded through the "SM" program is offered free of charge to all members and friends of the church. If you feel the need of a Stephen Minister, call the church office and request that you initially be contacted by a Stephen Leader. All who serve on our Stephen Ministry team are members of SAKLC. Stephen Ministry is spiritually sustained through the power of prayer. **The entire team covets the intercessory prayers of every member of the congregation**, in order that we stay focused on our God given mission and receive divine strength to accomplish our goals.

PARISH NOTES



Julianna Rose Jenkins

was baptized at St. Armands Key Lutheran Church
on Thursday, December 22, 2011. Pastor Mark A. Bernthal officiated.
Parents are Ross and Melissa (Chipurnoi) Jenkins
Julianna is the granddaughter of SAKLC members Lynne Ross & Robert Hall

2011 Sunday Worship Attendance

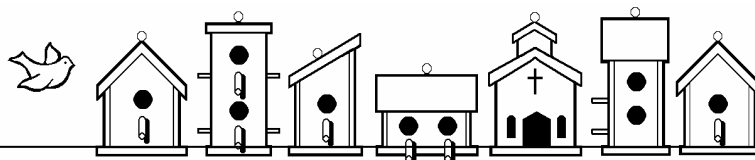
	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Total
January	365	498	458	482	497	2300
February	541	564	549	549		2203
March	523	475	557	219		1774
April	463	430	526	881		2300
May	367	330	283	254	223	1457
June	212	197	221	256		886
July	148	166	201	208	216	939
August	183	212	201	195		791
September	188	207	189	197		781
October	233	233	271	289	280	1306
November	355	336	355	301		1347
December	344	351	381	150		1226
TOTALS	3922	3999	4192	3981	1216	17310

2012 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The St. Armands Key Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on
Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 10 am

ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE Please submit your 2011 report to the Church Office
on or before Friday, January 6. Email: office@starmandschurch.com or fax: 388-1360
Thanks!

Wishing everyone a healthy & happy New Year!



WELCOME BACK... to those who are returning to Florida for the winter!
Please contact the church office (388-1234) or office@starmandschurch.com
so can change your mailing address. Thanks!

Has your email address changed? Please let us know.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Joyce Hunt, Chair., Becky Culp, Darlene Hauser, Sue Kerzisnik, Marilyn Meinhardt.
Council Liaisons: Bob Rowe, Ed Schaeffer

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS & PLAN TO ATTEND!! These special events are a great way to meet other members of SAKLC whom you might not know. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends to join you! SINGLES are always welcome and encouraged to attend all of the social events -- so don't be shy - there's a place for you!

February 4, 2012 Winter Social

Dinner & Dancing
at the Sarasota Yacht Club



6:00 pm Cocktail Reception with passed Hors D'Oeuvres (Cash Bar)
6:30 pm Dinner Service
Live dance music by "LaCroix" following dinner

Tickets will be sold between services or at the Church Office.
Cost is \$60 per person which includes 18% gratuity.

Dinner Menu:

Greek Salad & Bread, Seasonal vegetables, Entrée – Choice of Chicken or Beef
Dessert – Molton Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
Beverage

You will be asked to select one of the entrées listed below when you sign up:

Chicken Florentine – Stuffed chicken breast with Fontina cheese, spinach and sun-dried tomato beurre blanc

Filet Mignon – Barrel Cut with wild mushroom demi-sauce

As mentioned earlier, we encourage all people, whether married or single, members or friends, to attend our social gatherings! Hope to see you there!

SAKLC CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The **SINGLES GROUP** meets after the 11 am worship service on the second Sunday of each month for lunch at one of the local restaurants. All singles are invited to join us.

Sunday, January 8 – 12:30 pm
Holiday Inn at Lido Beach

A sign-up sheet is provided on the table in the Narthex.



THE PAIRABLES ... that Fun-loving Couples Group

WHAT: First meet-up of the PAIRABLES for 2012
WHO: For all couples of St. Armands Key Lutheran Church
WHEN: 5 PM on SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
WHERE: Sarasota Harbour West Condominiums Party Room
761 John Ringling Boulevard



WHY: To welcome back Snowbirds, meet people from the “other” service or just socialize and have fun! We will watch the sun set, have appetizers and then order pizzas from Amalfi Italian Restaurant. Please Join Us! Bring an appetizer to share, and something to drink. Any questions? Contact Patricia Beckman at 953-3642. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. The only cost will be for the pizza.

ASSOCIATION OF OLDER LUTHERAN ADULTS (ALOA) FLORIDA SENIORFEST 2012

When: Tuesday, February 14, 2012
8:30 am – 3:45 pm
(Registration begins at 8:30 am with coffee and goodies)

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
(7750 Beneva Road – Near Sarasota Square Mall)

SAVE THE DATE! You won't want to miss this fun-filled day of spiritual growth and inspiration especially designed for Lutheran older adults (55 or older). The main speakers include **Dr. David Rhoads**, New Testament Scholar (one of our 2011 Scholars in Residence); **Mr. Mark Schoepp**, Christian educator and Church Relations Representative for Wheat Ridge Ministries; and **Mr. David Ludwig**, composer, pianist, organist, singer and worship leader. Other exhibits, workshops, and activities will be available throughout the day.

More information and registration forms will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday, January 8, or see Pastor Bob & Shirley Zimmer, Pastor Wogen, or Keith & Mary Leeseberg. Cost is \$30 per person which includes lunch and goodies. **\$10 of the fee will be underwritten by the SALC Foundation making the cost for SAKLC members and friends only \$20.**

Hope to see you there!

HEALTH MINISTRY

Health Committee Members: Ann Walborn, Chair., Linda Czech, Ruth Mohlenhoff, Doris Rowe, Ray Smith, Tracey Rzepka, Parish Nurse and Ed Schaeffer, Council Liaison



Weekly Exercise Classes

Basic PILATES is a core strengthening and stretching exercise program meeting on **TUESDAY evenings at 4:00 pm**. Please bring a mat with you to be able to exercise on the floor.

GET FIT Is a cardiovascular exercise session that is meant for all abilities, you can adapt the class to your fitness level! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from **8:45 - 9:30 am** on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** right before the 9:30 a.m. Thera-band class!

THERA-BAND is a low impact exercise class using elastic bands to strengthen and stretch. Classes are held on **Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: The PILATES CLASS has moved from Monday evenings to Tuesdays at 4 pm.

Contact **Debbie Leslie-Minier** for more details at 726-9306 or dleslieminier@gmail.com



Tracey Rzepka, MS, ARNP,FCN
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parishnurse@starmandschurch.com

Happy New Year! We wish you all a wonderful, happy, healthy, prosperous New Year 2012! We have many programs planned for 2012 and our Parish Nurse is always available to help on an individual basis with office, phone, home, rehab, and hospital visits throughout the year.

Your Whole Life **12 Week Weight Loss Program** **Starts Tuesday, January 17th, 2012**

This program consists of weekly meetings focused on Diet, Discipline and Devotion to God. We will be meeting Tuesday mornings from 10:45-12:15pm until April 10th. The first week is an introduction/information session followed by 12 weeks of meetings. If you are interested in an evening class, please call Tracey and we can arrange this as well. There will be a charge of approximately \$25 for a book and workbook. E-books are available. For those who have attended previous sessions, we will be using the same reading materials. Please call Tracey with any questions and to sign up as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome along with your friends, relatives and neighbors.

Health Fair – Sunday, January 22nd, 2012
10am-1pm

We will be offering a Health Fair at SAKLC during the season this year so our seasonal residents will not miss out on the fun! We will have many interactive booths offering Health Education and Screenings including Hearing Tests, Gait/Foot Analysis, Foot Reflexology, Massage therapy, Hand Wax Therapy, Spinal Exams, Dental information, a fun Wii Exercise Demonstration and several other resources along with some yummy, healthy foods. So mark it on your calendar and don't miss that Sunday. We are staying open later this year to give opportunity to the 11am service members to either come early or stay late. See you at the Fair!

Blood pressures are taken the last Sunday of the month between services. However, in January we will offer Blood Pressure checks only during the Health Fair.

**Maintain Your Brain
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 @ 3:30-5pm**

Kathleen Housewart, MBA, Coordinator Memory Disorder Clinic, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, will be here to tell us how to Maintain our Brains and how to prevent and recognize Alzheimer's Disease and other Memory Disorders of the brain. Kathleen is an excellent speaker who is FULL of information regarding Memory Disorders. You will not be disappointed. Come with all your questions and bring your friends.

**Rekindled Lives – A Ruth Retreat
Coming Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Calling all ladies who have been widowed or divorced and are living life on their own, whether it has only been for a few months or many years. We will be having an all day retreat in a lovely location providing encouragement and helping you to find God's love and grace in moments that may still need a healing touch. We will celebrate who you are through small group sharing and through ministry to the group as a whole. Food and Fellowship included, as always. Watch for future announcements.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Committee Members: Darla & Don Anthony, Chairs., Lynn Blackledge, Richard Elliott, Ronda Hewitt, Cindy Mennicke, Pastor Victor Mennicke, Geri Nelson, Christine Ortiz, Caryl Reiter, Donna Schlorf, Jane Wittlinger, Sandi Carlson, Council Liaison

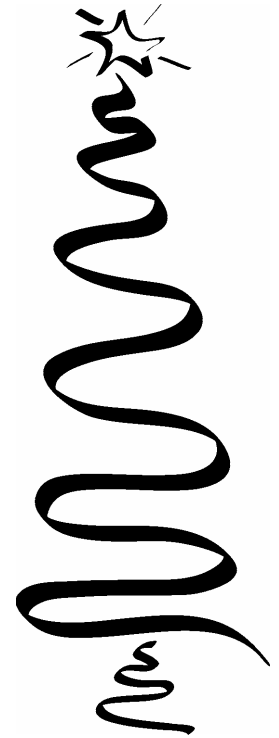
FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES ... With the unprecedented local need for food, we are continuing to collect food items for the All Faiths Food Bank. Even small donations – one or two items a month will help meet local food needs. **Suggested Donations:** Protein items are urgently needed – canned meats, tuna, peanut butter, soups, stews, canned fruit & jelly. PLEASE no glass containers. The FOOD BARREL is conveniently located in the common area.

Christmas Blessings for the YMCA Schoolhouse Link Youth

SAKLC's Social Ministry group gathered to package Christmas boxes filled with cookies and candy and included a \$50 gift card for the homeless youth involved with the YMCA Schoolhouse Link program. 60 packages were assembled and 50 gift cards distributed among the high school youth in Sarasota County. A brochure about SAKLC was included inside the packages and the Christmas cards were signed 'from your friends at St. Armand Key Lutheran Church.' A flyer was included announcing a bowling party and dental services information.

On December 19, a bowling party was held at the AMF Bowling on South Tamiami Trail. Over 20 youth participated in the evening. The youth who attended were so appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the packages and the bowling evening. Several commented that this event made them have hope for a better year. Many thanks were expressed throughout the evening. These youth have no parental involvement in their lives and said in so many words that SAKLC has made a difference in their lives this Christmas season.

Below is a thank you note from two sisters who received gifts from SAKLC. They presented us with flowers along with this note on their Christmas Card.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF; WE NEED YOU! It's time to assemble 1119 Personal Care Kits, and pack them in boxes along with Quilts that have been made. We will be assembling the Kits and packing, on February, 1st, 2nd & 3rd from 10 AM - 3 PM, at the church. Bring a bag lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. Please join us for as long as you can as many days as you can. Fun, fellowship, and friendly conversation will be offered to all. We also encourage the men of the congregation to join us as well. We need muscle power too!!

If you can't join us to assemble and pack, consider a donation to LWR to help defray the cost of shipping. Envelopes are in the pews and in the Narthex. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

QUILT AUCTION: Would you like to own one of these very special, handmade Quilts? There will be a Silent Auction of a beautiful Quilt on January 22nd during the HEALTH FAIR. Minimum bid will be \$50.00. Proceeds to go toward supplies for next year's quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Need a gift for yourself or someone special? Visit Artisan Market Place on Pineapple for that unique gift that benefits so many people. 10% of proceeds will be paid forward to the Women's Resource Center in Sarasota. Your coupons are good for 1 year. Coupons will be available in the Narthex if you need more.

Welcome to the new Board of the Women of the ELCA, Women's Ministry of St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church.

Ann Walborn, President
Cathy DeGeorge, VP
Mickey Brunke, Treasurer
Dorothy Schaeffer, Secretary
Margot Eagleton, Member at Large
Kay Coletta, Lydia Circle
Iris Wilhelm, Ruth Circle
Jane Huff, LWR

All women of St. Armands Key Lutheran Church are MEMBERS of the Women of the ELCA. Please join us for events announced throughout the year. You are also welcome to attend Board Meetings held the second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for the Women's Ministry at St. Armands. How can we better serve you and our fellow Sister's in Christ at home and throughout the world? Please be a part of this Ministry in anyway that you can.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship & Music Committee Members: Les Lorenz, Chair., Margot Eagleton, Anna Lee Ernst, Betty Hendry, Jim James, Jane Lautner, Lois Mellor, Geri Nelson

SAKLC PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Committee members are: Sandi Carlson, Jim James, Jane Lautner, Lois Mellor, Ed Schaeffer

Raise Your Voice in Song to Benefit LSM!

Organ Concert ~ Hymn Festival

Sunday, January 15 – 4:00 pm

We welcome Martin Jean, Professor of Organ, Professor in the Practice of Sacred Music and Director of the Institute of Sacred Music of Yale University in New Haven Connecticut. Professor Jean has performed widely throughout the US and Europe and is known for his broad repertoire. We will also welcome Robert Alan Rimbo, Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA. Dr. Rimbo will be preaching at both services that morning. Joining Professor Jean and Bishop Rimbo is Zebulon Highben, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan and teaching assistant at Michigan State University. Both Professor Jean and Bishop Rimbo serve on the board of Lutheran Music Academy and Zebulon Highben has served as the Paul Bouman Chapel Choir Director at Lutheran Summer Music since 2005. You won't want to miss this very special afternoon performance

which will include a mass choir along with congregational singing. A love offering will be received, and all proceeds will be donated to the Lutheran Music Program. A reception will follow the concert.

If you would like to join the choir for this hymn festival, please contact Jane Lautner at jlautner10@comcast.net by Thursday, January 12. The Mass Choir rehearsal will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, January 15 (attendance is required if you plan to sing – music will be provided).

SAVE THE DATES!

The following events have been scheduled and are listed on the Calendar of Events on the SAKLC Website – www.starmandschurch.com – just click on the calendar icon on the home page to see what's scheduled each month.

Last month, a 2011-2012 Performing Arts Series brochure with detailed descriptions of the events listed below was mailed to our members and friends in the community. Please take a few minutes to read through the brochure and make note of the many wonderful music programs that are scheduled at SAKLC during the next several months – Christmas programs, concert pianists and other international and regional professional musicians, an organ concert, a handbell ensemble, and beautiful voices – just to mention a few of the musical treats in store for us in the coming months!

Sunday, January 15 Martin Jean Organ Concert -- Hymn Festival -- 4 pm

Sunday, February 19 Ring Sarasota Handbell Concert -- 4 pm

Sunday, March 4 17th Annual Choir Festival – 4 pm
(at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church)

Sunday, March 11 Belle Canto Singers – 4 pm

Wednesday, March 21 Music Gettysburg – 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 22 Doug Renfroe Concert – 4 pm

2012 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP

The Flower Sign-up Chart is posted on the wall beside the table in the Narthex. The price is \$30 for each single vase. Please write your name on the date you have chosen on the chart, fill in the information to be printed in the bulletin on the envelope provided and place the envelope, including your check, in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to St. Armands Key Lutheran Church and note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.

The donor is welcome to take the flowers home or to a friend after the 11 am worship service. Please indicate whether you will be taking the flowers on the envelope and a member of the Altar Guild will assist you. For convenience, the plastic vase inserts can be taken with the flowers, but it would be much appreciated if they are returned to the Sacristy as soon as possible for future use. If you choose not to take the flowers, they will be rearranged and distributed to homebound or hospitalized members. Thank you to all who provide for the flowers each week!

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE!

Your 2012 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. If you do not find your envelope box or if you would like to request envelopes, please contact Pam Becker at 388-1234 or office@starmandschurch.com. If you prefer the option of giving electronically, please contact the church office at 388-1234 or see Dick Watermeier.

SAKLC Foundation ... Key to a Lasting Gift

How SAKLC Foundation Manages Funds Investment

From the Foundation By-Laws: Investment of the principal of the General Endowment Fund shall be made with two primary objectives; (a) to protect the principal; and (b) to achieve reasonable return on investment.

The Foundation works within these 2 stated objectives and uses the following framework for investing:

Asset Class	Range as % of Assets	Long Term Goal
US Stocks	20-75%	50%
International Stocks	0-15%	10%
Bonds	15-45%	30%
Cash	0-15%	10%

The same investment guidelines are used for the St. Armands Key Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

In compliance with the By-Laws and recognizing that investment expertise does not necessarily exist with the members of the Foundation board, the Investment Committee recommends a 3rd party professional investment firm to the board; with Board approval, a 3rd party professional investment firm is retained.

Overall portfolio return is to be measured against a benchmark composed of 55% US Stocks, 15% International Stocks and 30% Bonds.

If you have any questions about the SAKLC Foundation, you can contact any one of the Foundation Board Members: Dick Carlson, Chair., Jack Bill, Steve Blackledge, Audrey Ganzel, Don Geyer, Art Kuh, Klaus Lang, Keith Leeseberg, Lynette Salheiser, Bob Stobaugh, Denise Watermeier.

Together ... we can do more... forever!

About St. Armands Key Lutheran Church

Located at the entrance to the St. Armands Circle in Sarasota, the mission of St. Armands Key Lutheran Church is to celebrate God's love, share the good news of Jesus Christ, and grow in faith and service. A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the congregation is part of one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations. Under the banner of "God's work. Our hands," St. Armands Key joins the entire ELCA in emphasizing the saving grace for God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world.