

Psalm 115:1

# The Christogram

Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your  
name be the glory, because of your love  
and faithfulness.

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Mary Martha Meetings  
resume Wednesday ,  
September 8th



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Baseball and  
All You Can Eat!  
September 15th  
Sign up by Monday,  
September 13th



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## Christ Lutheran Mission Statement

To proclaim Christ's saving love, share the Gospel, and serve God's people.

## September 5

September 9

**Elder**..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector**..... Kim Kaniecki  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters**.....  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX: Kris Welch  
Stream: Jonathan Sawyer, Jr.

## September 12

September 17

Elder..... P.J. Nunez  
Lector.....  
Ushers.....  
Greeters.....  
Audio..... Maria Hazzard  
Video..... Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Kris Welch/Jonathan Sawyer, Jr.

## September 19

**September 16**

**Elder.....** Steve West  
**Lector.....**  
**Ushers.....**  
**Greeters.....**  
**Audio.....** Kyle Welch  
**Video.....** Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard/Jonathan Sawyer, Jr.

## September 26

**September 29**

**Elder.....** Steve Rosane  
**Lector.....**  
**Ushers.....**  
**Greeters.....**  
**Audio.....** Mariah Sawyer  
**Video.....** Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Kris Welch/Jonathan Sawyer, Jr.

## ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Janette Williams and Ken Williams

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM**

**Elder**.....Lee Crapo  
**Lector**.....Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten  
**Audio**.....Maria Hazzard/Lee Crapo



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Youth Group @ 6p	2	3	4  Book Study @ 4:30p  5:30p Worship
5 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed 	7 Quilters @ 10a  Trustee/Volunteer Work-day Outreach Meeting @ 5:30p	8 Mary Martha Meeting @ 9a  Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	9	10	11 Book Study @ 4:30p  5:30p Worship
12 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	13  Council Mtg @ 6:30p	14 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/Volunteer Work-day	15 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Baseball @ 5:30p	16	17	18 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
19 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	20 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	21 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/Volunteer Work-day	22 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Youth Group @ 6p	23 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	24	25 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	27	28 Quilters @ 10a  Trustee/Volunteer Work-day	29 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	30		

Bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday by 9:00 a.m.

## *The Infirm and The Homebound*

*Remember to keep these  
people in your daily  
prayers.*

Vi Bertsch  
Betty Blevins  
Sen & Dale Campbell  
Ken & Joanne Ditton  
Donita Duncan  
Marilyn Gillette  
Hazel Gust  
J.B. Hahn  
Katherine Hamann  
Sally Henning  
Al Herman  
Fran Klug  
Dorothy Lovelace  
Don & Nancy Matter  
Nell Morgan  
Fran Murphy  
Carol Petraszewski  
Harry Porch  
George Reichart  
Lois Smith  
Norma Tipton  
Amy Wilson



Charles Henning .....	9/4
Betty Davenport.....	9/11
Nancy Lanham.....	9/12
Helen Gavin .....	9/13
John Freer.....	9/14
Janet Robey .....	9/15
Michael Thomas.....	9/17
Joanne Wehrwein.....	9/17
Martha Bolton.....	9/23
Sylvia Willis .....	9/23
Lorie Bielec.....	9/25



Gary & Gwen Snook .....	9/14 (42 yrs.)
Kenneth & Barbara Meyer.....	9/15 (65 yrs.)
Donald & Nancy Matter.....	9/28 (64 yrs.)



Thank you to Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane who served for the month of August. Janette Williams and Ken Williams will be serving for the month of September. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

## Baptismal Birthday Blessing

(Leader reads:)

Loving God,

You created all the people of the world, and you know each of us by name. We thank you for *(Name)* who celebrates the anniversary of *his/her* baptism. Bless *him/her* with your love, that *he/she* may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace. May *he/she* love *his/her* family always, and be ever faithful to God. Grant this through Christ our Lord. (All:) **Amen**

(Place your hands on the person's head or shoulders.)

May God, in whose presence our ancestors walked, bless you (All:) **Amen**

May God, who has been your shepherd from birth until now, keep you. (All :) **Amen**

May God, who saves you from all harm, give you peace. (All:) **Amen and Amen**

Cathy Sterns.....	9/1
Janice Newman.....	9/2
Michael Spanier.....	9/7
Cheryl Erwin .....	9/10
Cindy Cavanaugh.....	9/20
Donna Grant.....	9/21
Sandra Spanier .....	9/24
Barbara Miller.....	9/28
Joanne Wehrwein .....	9/30



## **DON'T FORGET BAGS FOR TALBOT HOUSE —**

As always, we have a continuous collection for Talbot House. This is one of the local homeless shelters in the area. They also have a food pantry that people can go to if they are in need of food. Please check their website or call 863-687-8475 for more details about the food pantry . We have boxes in the mail room at the back of the church. We collect gently used clothing for men or women-making sure it is clean, zippers work, buttons on, and no stains. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR SEPTEMBER UNDERWEAR DONATIONS IN THIS BOX. THEY GO IN THE ENTRYWAY BOX.** We also collect canned food-soups, veggies, fruit, meat, non-perishables - pasta, cereal, etc.. Always greatly needed are shampoo, creme conditioner, bars of soap, paper goods-napkins, plates, toilet paper, tissues, etc. SNAP (food stamps) doesn't allow personal care items like shampoo, etc. OR cleaning supplies. Our donations are picked up on the second Tuesday of every month, so we prefer that you bring them as close to that date as possible, but anytime you come, they are welcome.



## *From the Pastor.....*



### **Faith and Good Works**

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17 ESV)*

*Robert Benne in his book *Reasonable Ethics* notes, ...Often people do not live wholly Christian lives. Their Christian convictions only apply to small areas of their lives. Their god is a 'god of the gaps.' God fills in the meanings for those parts of life that are not accounted for by economics, psychology, and sociology—or Ann Landers.... The most impressive churches I know recognize how people have been affected, and they are busily constructing a counter-attack. They know that Christians have to be whole people, living out a comprehensive vision of life that gives meaning and guidance to all they do. (St. Louis: Concordia, 2005).*

In James's epistle we see a description of how the Christian who has been justified by Christ is to live. A deep and abiding faith given in the waters of baptism will necessarily shape how one lives life. True Christian faith will show itself with the fruit of good works. As we rest in God's Word, we can rest assured that He will use us to be an influence for good to those around us. We are redeemed to make a difference. Faith necessarily leads to good works. The Christian life is not a passive one; we are on the go. We feed the hungry and clothe the naked. It's just what those in Christ do, for it is what Jesus did and continues to do through us. Christ gives us a comprehensive vision for our lives in calling us to loving service to others in our various vocations. Resting in God's Word and your baptismal grace, we are empowered to leave the world better than we found it. Christ is at work in you!

Pastor Chris

## A Month of Undy Sundays!

The big box is in the narthex (entry) of the church again waiting to be filled with underwear for the people of Talbot House and the orphanage in Central America. We would like new (in packages) of underwear, T-shirts, bras-or gift cards, panties for women and little girls, and socks. Talbot House serves those who are homeless-both men and women. The small gift of new underwear brightens their day like a Christmas gift! The orphanage is located in an area that is not well tended. If the children go without, they are apt to pick up worms. We need both boys and girls underwear for them. If you wish to make a cash or check donation, please make the check to Mary-Martha and use one of the special envelopes in the pew and mark it for Mary-Martha. Your generosity is appreciated! The collection runs the month of September.



## Mary Martha



We plan to hold our first meeting after the summer hiatus on September 8th in the fellowship hall. We meet at 9am for light refreshments and begin the meeting at 9:30-planning to end by 10:30 or so. This is always an important meeting! We need to review our member's pamphlet for the coming year, plan future projects, etc. Please let Belinda Freer or Joyce Munz know if you can't be at the meeting, but will be participating the rest of the year. Membership is open to all women of Christ Lutheran! Please come and join us!

Looking for Christ Lutheran in social media? Check us out at our website: [www.clclakeland.org](http://www.clclakeland.org)

Feel free to leave comments! We are also on Facebook at: Christ Lutheran Church Lakeland-LCMS. Please like, follow, and share on your Facebook page. You may also leave comments on our Facebook page.





## **September Youth Newsletter**

School is back, and CLC Youth is getting back into the swing of things! There is a slight change to our meeting days this month, we will still meet on the first Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, but our second meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday, the 22nd. Meetings will start at 6pm, and run until 7:30. This month we continue the devotions on The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. Come have fun, make friends, and of course snacks!

The Class of '22 is a big one for our youth group. We have four graduation seniors, Levi Hazzard, Sarah Sicheri, Hunter Stranger-Thorsen, and Kirsten Vogt. Throughout the next year, we will be spotlighting each senior and helping you learn a little bit more about who they are, and where they want to go.

### **September Calendar**

9/1/21 – Youth Group Meeting – 6:00p – 7:30p (Youth Room)

9/22/21 – Youth Group Meeting – 6:00p – 7:30p (Youth Room)

Kris Welch

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youthdir@clclakeland.org

## **Annual CLC Youth Rummage Sale**

Have anything laying around the house that you just don't use anymore, but could still be of use by someone else? We have the solution! The CLC Youth Rummage Sale! The sale will be on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8am until 1pm. As always, there will be lots of great things on offer. Clothes, books, furniture, electronics, holiday decorations, basically, a little of everything.

If you're interested in donating, we will begin accepting donations on Sunday, October 10th, following church until noon. We are looking for anything that is in good shape, and that can still be used. Please, no large furniture, such as beds, tables, sofas, large chairs, and things like that.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are plenty of opportunities available. We will need people to help set up and tear down the Fellowship Hall for the event. We will also need help with receiving donations, sorting, and pricing them. Finally, we will need help the day of the sale. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.





## God's Love Empowers Us



STEWARDSHIP  
CORNER

In Romans 5:8 Paul wrote, *"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* God has never stopped pouring out His love for us. *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down His life for His friends"* (John 15:13). He demonstrated His tremendous love not because of our worthiness, but because He is a God of unfathomable love. Jesus' love for His heavenly Father and for us changed the world. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection from that death, we through faith have received the forgiveness of our sins and life eternal. God's love to us in Christ is that power that enables us to love Him. *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19).

The love of Jesus empowers us to be His stewards. Because of Jesus' love, we become people responding out of love to serve those He places in our lives. When needs arise, Jesus opens our eyes and hearts so we can respond to those needs. Because Jesus' love for us motivates us, we find joy in our serving and giving. Love changes our giving from an obligation to a privilege. He is the source of the love that we give to Him and others.

There is a story of two brothers who were farmers. They farmed together, and their agreement was to share their crops equally. One brother was single while the other brother had a wife and three kids. The brother who was single did not think it was fair for him to receive half of the crops because his brother had a family to support. At night, he would get up and take some of the harvest from his pile and put it on his brother's. The brother with the family thought it wasn't fair for him to receive half of the crops, because his single brother would have no one to take care of him in his old age. At night, he took some of the crops from his pile and put it on his brother's. One night they met each other as each was performing his act of love. They were blessed knowing how much they loved each other.

How wonderful it is that, as Christians, we know that Jesus loves us even more than the brothers loved each other. Jesus continues to love us even when our love and faith wane. He continues to provide for us even when we jealously hoard His blessings. But let this not be the case with us

Stewardship

## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Pam West, Council Secretary August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021



A synopsis of the committees efforts of the CLC Council for congregational information.

President: John Freer: (John e-mailed his report while on vacation 😊 )

When he returns he will be finalizing a new contract for purchase and maintenance contract of a new copier. This will save us \$2,000- \$3,000 per year. We will be starting a new painting project in the kitchen and have repaired a roof leak. John has also negotiated with a security company for monitoring the security cameras that have been installed and finished upon his return. Termite inspections have been completed in the Classrooms and Sanctuary areas and no active termites were found. There will be discussions held and decisions to be made on the last of the audio visual equipment purchases needed. We have been borrowing the items so we could get up and running. We will keep you all aware of the details on these items.

Vice President: Don Racer:

We had two presentations at the meeting; 1- Kim Kaniecki presented a proposal for a mobile bulletin board to display “Needs and Seeds”. If a congregational member has a “need” like a window leak and one of our parishioners can fix it they get in touch with them to assist and do the repair . 2- John Sawyer explained the remaining equipment we have been using from him and why we need to purchase specific items to maintain our live streaming.

Don also revised the abuse policy to incorporate language to clarify adult supervision requirements under Section “two adults rule”. The revision is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship Hall. The Ad Hoc Committee has completed all preparations for the congregational meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the amendments were placed in mailboxes on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Notice of the meeting posted on bulletin boards July 25<sup>th</sup> and also in the bulletin three consecutive weeks beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor announced the meeting date before all worship services. Final notice of meeting was in Saturday and Sunday bulletins August 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer: Jon Lindstrom:

Actual July income was \$17,273 which brings YTD income to \$154,452. Actual July expenses were \$26,324 which brings YTD expenses to \$177,733. Our total Mid-Florida Balances are \$363,509, Dedicated is \$202,599 and undedicated totals \$160,910. Stewardship reports that church income is 3% lower this year than last year. We will be starting budget prep in September and Council Position nominations, for the upcoming November elections, in October. If you are interested in serving on the nomination committee please inform John Freer.

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Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:

Income this year ending in July is \$153,058.87 compared to \$160,218.34 last year, The month of July was \$18,860.95 this year and \$14,839.60 last year. Offerings this year were \$4,021 more than last year. This makes 4 months in a row that contributions were more than the same month last year. We have spent more than we have received but fortunately we have an undedicated excess to help cover these expenses. We will really have to be careful planning our budget for next year because at the current time we have no idea how long this round of Covid infections will last or how it will affect our church income.

Pastor Christopher Hazzard:

Upcoming events: Florida Georgia District “New Worker Retreat” October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando.. Circuit Reformation Service 2021 at Plant City, Speaker Rev. Greg Seltz

I am grateful to all those who organized and helped with VBS. I am covering some of Terry’s office duties as she was exposed to Covid – 19. She is preparing the bulletins from home.

Our new Bible Study is: “God the Creator Study Guide: Our Beginning, Our Rebellion, and Our Way Back” by Randy Frazee.

Elders are reviewing our mask wearing policy monthly along with the CDC Guidelines. We are asking all unvaccinated persons to wear a mask while on church premises.

I will be inviting people to participate in Lutheran Hour Ministries’ Hopeful Neighborhood Initiative.

I met with the organ repair personnel and fully support the purchase of a new or used organ; Ours cannot be repaired.

Christian Education: Robin Fox:

Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to every one for all your help and support for VBS. Fun was had by all (even all the adults). Book Study is still on Saturday’s at 4:30 to 5:15pm followed by our 5:30 PM service. In my absence you can call Andrea Sawyer for assistance she is the Co-Director.

Board of Elders; Steve West:

Mask wearing is not mandatory, but at this time we welcome the use of masks on all who are not vaccinated or feel more comfortable with mask protection. Please be considerate of others and wear a mask while in the Sanctuary or Vestibule; a mask not only protects yourself but others as well. I would like to suggest to Council that an ORGAN ad-hoc Committee be established. Our current organ is unrepairable due to its age and we can look at a good used one as well as a new organ. I will be ordering replacement sacrament trays as ours are rusting away and need to be replaced.

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Stewardship: Diane Hill:

At the last meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the New Member Reception scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>. We always have new business on the agenda and if that should result in something Council should be aware of, I will send out an updated report for all.

Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz:

We have decided not to have the lunch on September 12<sup>th</sup> because of the Covid-19 infection rates and the fact that the CDC is recommending mask wearing at any indoor gathering. The worship service will be like the January 3<sup>rd</sup> service. As each board contributes news updates for the Christogram we only need to remind our members that volunteering to help in an area is always appreciated and part of your Christian responsibility for our growth as a welcoming church. Adult Lutherans Organized for Service (ALOA) will have a day long event hosted by CLC on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bob Steinke is the ALOA Florida Chair. Mary Martha will be handling the luncheon. The time is 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

We need to choose an appropriate title for our September 12<sup>th</sup> Council event; we will also have a portion of our worship that Sunday to include a portion where a few groups share with the congregation what they do.

Youth Board: Kris Welch:

CLC Youth is going with Hope Lutheran on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to play black mini-golf in Orlando. We have four youths going. The youth group made \$485 at the car wash at "Beef O'Brady's". The annual rummage sale is on October 16<sup>th</sup> this year. The next NYG planning meeting is on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> following the service that morning.

Current New Business:

Congregational meeting was on August 15<sup>th</sup> and all three items submitted for approval had a unanimous yes. These included operating procedures, by-laws, and constitutional amendment for the new Communication Board. Thank you for supporting your council's efforts.

Budget preparations will start this month with help from Jon Lindstrom. They are due by October 1<sup>st</sup> with preparation for the November congregational meeting to elect new officers for the council, approve the budget for next year and will include the new budget for the Communication Board as well.

This time of year is always a very busy one and knowing our membership approves of where the Council is leading us means a lot to all of us.

God keep you in his love , protect you, teach you the right path to follow and be your solace in time of need.

Pam West, Council Secretary.



## Our Adopted Seminary Student

For many years, our congregation has supported Concordia Seminary St. Louis Adopt-A-Student program. The last few years we have requested one student to follow during his 4-year academic program. Each academic year our congregation sends \$250.00 for the Fall Semester and \$250.00 for the Spring Semester for a total of \$500.00 a year. Our adopted seminarian is Caleb Wehling. He has completed his first year of study and now is in his second year. During the third year, he will be sent to an onsite internship as a vicar and then return to campus for his fourth year of study.

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions



Caleb Wehling's letter:

Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

First, I want to thank you all again for your support of us during our time at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis! Over and over again I am amazed at the generosity with which God has blessed us through people and churches like you. It is truly humbling and encouraging to see this outpouring of God and the Church.

I know not everyone saw my initial letter I sent introducing myself and my wife Alicia, so I wanted to provide a quick re-introduction about us here, as well as let you all know about the rest of our summer and the upcoming semester.

I grew up in Liberal, Kansas, and my wife Alicia grew up in Nebraska; we both went to Concordia University, Nebraska in 2013 and graduated in 2017. She graduated with teaching and English degrees, and is currently teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade English and religion and 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade P.E. at Immanuel Lutheran in St. Charles, MO. I graduated with a degree in biology and chemistry, and then got a master's degree in biology from the University of Nebraska (originally I planned to be a biology professor).

Funnily enough, though we were friends throughout college we didn't start dating until after we graduated. In fact, I asked her on a date 3 *days* before she moved away to her first teaching call to Faith Lutheran in Las Vegas – just in time! So for a year and a half we dated long-distance, flying to see each other whenever we could, until I proposed in October 2018.

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We were married in July in 2019, and lived in Lincoln, Nebraska for a year so that I could finish my master's degree. We began seminary a little over a year ago.

In the spring semester of last year, I completed my first homiletics class, which means that I am officially certified to preach sermons! So only a few weekends ago I led services and preached for the first time at a dual parish in two small towns out in Illinois. They both went well, and the members of the church were incredibly kind and supportive to us, which was so reassuring because I was so nervous! Public speaking was one of my fears coming into the seminary; I get very nervous when I'm up in front of everyone, and it's taken a lot of work to tackle that fear. But it's been so rewarding to see that God can use even me, someone scared to speak, to speak His Word to His people.

In a few weeks I will begin my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the seminary. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year is supposed to be a particularly difficult year in the program. We continue to take classes studying the Bible using Greek and Hebrew, and also on complicated systematic theology. We also take classes on worship and teaching the faith. And besides all of that, as part of the program I will be helping out a few times a week at a local Lutheran Senior Services hospice care facility, as well as helping with services at the church where Alicia teaches. I've realized after a year at the seminary that managing time and the various tasks of the program is at least as important as doing any particular thing well.

Our lives at the seminary can often feel a bit frantic and tiring. As I mentioned above, the program keeps me plenty busy! And Alicia, as a teacher, is, of course, even busier! She's looking forward to being at the same school this year and teaching the same subjects. But it's still a lot of work to be teaching in a school and grade level which are relatively new for her. We also look forward to settling down somewhere when I get my first call, instead of living temporarily in multiple places.

Despite all of that, being at the seminary is a tremendous blessing. The community of future pastors and pastors' wives is an incredible gift. Plus, we enjoy living in St. Louis, going to Cardinals baseball games, walking in Forest Park near the seminary, and getting Ted Drewes' frozen custard! We are truly blessed by God and thankful for all He's given us.

Thank you again for your support! We pray God's richest blessings for all of you as well.

Caleb and Alicia.





## **BASEBALL & ALL YOU CAN EAT**

### **Lakeland Flying Tigers vs. Bradenton Marauders**

**Join Christ Lutheran Church as we head over to Joker Marchant Stadium for a day of baseball on Wednesday, September 15!**

**“All you want to eat” Wednesdays is this coming September 15th. This all-inclusive package includes your game ticket and all-you-can-eat for one price! Enjoy all the hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, Little Caesar’s Pizza, popcorn, pretzels and chips you can eat from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Drinks are NOT included.**

**Pastor Chris will have the preordered tickets and meal wrist bands available in the front of the stadium starting at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. Tickets are \$12.00/each. Sign-up by Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> on the sign up sheet in the narthex**




A joint conference of

**ALOAN** Florida Region  
Adult Lutheran  
Organized for Action and **POAMN** Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

# Empowering ELDERS


**Thursday October 7, 2021**  
**Christ Lutheran Church - Lakeland, Florida**  
 2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd

**Featuring**



**Roland Martinson**  
 Emeritus Dean of  
 Luther Seminary

*Elders Rising: An  
 Unprecedented  
 Era of Expanding  
 Older Adulthood*



**Pat Baker**  
 President of the  
 Presbyterian Older  
 Adult Ministry  
 Network (POAMN)

*Care Partners  
 From the  
 Receiving End:  
 What's Worth  
 Knowing*

Join us for inspiring speakers, worship and breakout sessions that include:

- Creativity in the Golden Years - Pastor Pam Smith
- Coping with Dementia - Debbie Selsavage
- Empowered Care Partners - Pat Baker
- Seniors Helping Seniors - VISTE and LIV-UP
- Older Adults: The Spark & Tinder to Renew & Sustain the Church - Roland Martinson

Registration & coffee at 9:00 am      **9:30 am - 3:30 pm**  
**Cost: \$35.00 per person (includes lunch)**

Download a registration form or register online at [aloaserves.org/fla/Empowering Elders](http://aloaserves.org/fla/EmpoweringElders) or email [aloaflorida@gmail.com](mailto:aloaflorida@gmail.com)

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