

Psalm 68:1

# The Christogram

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 African Violet Show  5:30p Worship
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting <i>LWML Sunday</i>	4	5 Quilters @ 10a  Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day Outreach Meeting @ 5:30p	6 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Youth Group Mtg @ 6pm Choir @ 7p	7	8	9  5:30p Worship
10 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship <i>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</i>	11  Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	13 Mary Martha Meeting @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	14	15	16 Youth Group to Fox Squirrel Corn Maze @ Noon 5:30p Worship
17 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	18  9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	20 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	21	22  Youth Group to Monster Movie Marathon 7pm	23  5:30p Worship
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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  
George Reichart  
Lois Smith  
Norma Tipton  
Amy Wilson

Karen Crickenberger.....	10/1
Harvett Hughes.....	10/1
Pam O'Neil.....	10/2
Tyler Vogt.....	10/2
Connie Timmons.....	10/3
Kenneth Ditton.....	10/5
Fred Foster.....	10/5
Linda Storts.....	10/5
Louise Fells.....	10/6
Paul Horning.....	10/6
Marilyn Tait.....	10/6
Diane Donaldson.....	10/7
Bill Lesser.....	10/9
Connie Nyholm.....	10/10
Betty Stein.....	10/10
Paulette Nunez.....	10/11
JoEllen McPeak.....	10/14
Donna Racer.....	10/14
Brian Tait.....	10/14
Mary Witte.....	10/14
Voigt Albright.....	10/15
Don Racer.....	10/16
Pat Hurd.....	10/19
Lori Williams.....	10/20
Mark Stuckert.....	10/26
Carlos Orellana.....	10/29



Pam and Brad O'Neil.....	10/3 (46 yrs.)
Ken and Jo Ann Ditton.....	10/5 (25 yrs.)
Don and Donna Racer.....	10/17 (62 yrs.)
Daniel and Violet Zabel.....	10/17 (62 yrs.)
Jerry and Linda Poole.....	10/25 (18 yrs.)
P.J. and Paulette Nunez.....	10/26 (31 yrs.)



Thank you to Janette Williams and Ken Williams who served for the month of September. Linda Poole and Gerie Slaten will be serving for the month of October. 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**

Betty Davenport.....	10/1
Dawn Kahre.....	10/1
Audrey Crapo.....	10/3
Helen Gavin.....	10/4
Lee Crapo.....	10/5
Janet Robey.....	10/6
Arleen Smith.....	10/8
Carol Ceagske.....	10/10
Jo Ann Ditton.....	10/17
John Freer.....	10/20
Rosalynn Ravenscraft.....	10/22
Connie Timmons.....	10/22
Debbie Spanier.....	10/27



## **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. 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.....***

When I was installed in January, I was asked and affirmed the following questions:

***P** Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?*

***R** Yes, I will, with the help of God.*

***P** Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?*

***R** I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.*

The congregation was asked and affirmed:

*...will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.*

***C** We will, with the help of God.*

I delight in preaching and teaching, in hearing confessions and pronouncing absolution, and in ministering to the sick and dying. I spend time in the Word and prayer as I strive to adorn the Office of Holy Ministry with a holy life. However, I often find myself distracted with tasks that, while important, do not flow from the duties of the pastoral office. Every Christian has been blessed with gifts to contribute toward the building up of the body of Christ. As you use your gifts in service to the church, it frees me to use my gifts in exercising the duties of the pastoral office. Pastoral care suffers when I spend too much time doing things that somebody else in the congregation could be doing. Please prayerfully consider saying “yes” if you are approached by the nomination committee. Please consider stepping forward to volunteer for service projects around the church. Please consider how you are uniquely gifted, and how the Lord might leading you to use your gifts. Together, God is using us to bring the Good News to our neighbors.



## Mary Martha



Our ladies group met on September 8th in the Fellowship Hall for our first meeting since summer, 17 people attended. Joyce Munz led our morning devotions on "Precious Promises." We received some correspondence of thank you cards over the summer. Our quilters have continued over the summer months making small children quilts for the Police Dept. The Sunday Undies collection will continue during the month of September for Talbot House and the orphanage in South America. The other projects we will be working on this fall are the Script Program, Enjoyment Books along with volunteering to help with the Rummage Sale on October 16th and the ALOA meeting on October 7th. Future projects are on hold till next month. Our upcoming devotions will be on "Living in the Days of Noah." Our next meeting is October 13th.

The ladies of Mary-Martha had a special meeting after church on September 12th. We had a request from the Elders to purchase battery operated candles especially for Christmas services. This request was moved, seconded and passed and approximately 200 candles plus the AA batteries needed for them will be purchased. It was felt that battery operated candles are much safer for children, saves trying to clean up the candle wax, and is safer to use in this time of Covid (no blowing out flames). We will look forward to using them for special services!

We will be doing the Bible Study "Living in the Days of Noah" beginning in October. We will do the first two pages. If you didn't pick up a copy at the last meeting, there are extra copies in the mail room at the back of the church. They are on top of the cabinet to the right as you enter the room. You will also find the mite calendars there for October.

The first Sunday of October we will be celebrating Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday. This is the National Group for women's ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Christ's local group is Mary-Martha. They meet the second Wednesday of every month beginning at 9 with refreshments, with the meeting starting at 9:30. We are asking the Mary-Martha members to wear purple that Sunday.

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.





### Cancellations:

Covid continues to force us to make changes in our lives. I'm guilty of complaining it's just "one more thing." I was reminded in a devotion I read that we should be counting our blessings and asking God to continue to strengthen us. He has not, and will not, abandon us.

With that, the Winter Haven Zone Rally scheduled for Grace, Winter Haven on October 9th has been cancelled. We will try to have a Spring Rally. If you have collected any items for the maternity home, please let Joyce Munz know ([jamunz@yahoo.com](mailto:jamunz@yahoo.com) or 863-937-6756). A lady from Zephyrhills will take them sometime in October.

Mary-Martha was to serve the ALOA meeting on October 7th here at Christ. That meeting has also been cancelled for the present time and they may try to reschedule for the Spring.

Joyce Munz



### Enjoyment Books

Sales should start the end of October. Books are still \$30.  
Contact Cheryl Langanke at 863-965-4669 for more information





## **October Youth Newsletter**

Fall greetings from CLC Youth! The biggest announcement this month is that we have decided to postpone the Rummage Sale until February 2022. There was a lot of thought put in to this decision, but safety was the top reason. Please hold on to your donations if possible, and we'll try again in February.

This month CLC Youth will continue the devotions on The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. Come have fun, make friends, and of course snacks! We will also be going to the Fox Squirrel Corn Maze in Plant City. Admission is \$10 each, and there are a lot of fun things to do and great things to eat, so be ready for a great time! Check out their website to see all there is to do. ***futchentertainment.com***

The Class of '22 is a big one for our youth group. We have four graduating 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.

## **October Calendar**

10/6/21 – Youth Group Meeting – 6:00p – 7:30p (Youth Room)

10/16/21 – Fox Squirrel Corn Maze – 12:00p – 4p (Plant City)

10/22/21 – Monster Movie Marathon – Starts @ 7:00p (Silvermoon Drive-In)

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## Stewardship Thought

**God's Almighty Power**

Jesus hangs on the cross. People stand watching and jeering: *"He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"* (Luke 23:35). Their wrong assumption was that, if He could not save Himself, then He clearly was not the Messiah. They didn't know that Jesus willingly suffered and died on the Cross and that it was God's power in Christ that was working for their salvation and ours. *"He was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but in dealing with you we will live with Him by the power of God"* (2 Corinthians 13:4).



**Prayer:** Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for the atoning blood of Jesus so that we can enjoy peace with You. Help us to be the ambassadors that You want us to be. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Stewardship

## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Pam West, Council Secretary September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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

### President: John Freer: ( Don Racer presented):

Computer, I-pad and monitors have been ordered to complete our equipment purchases. They will be installed when delivered. The nominating committee will be contacting council members to see if they are interested in serving another term. The security system will be installed this week. Ronnie's carpets is giving us a quote for cleaning of the Sanctuary Carpet, replacing carpet in the office and copy room and repairing the Terrazzo floors in the Fellowship Hall. The new copier should be installed this week if not next week with two times to be scheduled for training of various personnel.

### Vice President: Don Racer:

The Ad Hoc Committee has proceeded to secure Synod approval of the Board of Communication amendments to our Constitution and By-Law changes and additions as adopted by the congregation on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Ad Hoc Committee forwarded copies of the amended documents to the Synod Constitution Committee for a letter of approval. These amendments to our documents may be changed due to the fact that in the last few days the Synod contacted us with information that in 2019 a response from us on six items that they had problems with was never responded to. We are awaiting more information from them at this time. The Ad Hoc Committee will need to have expanded responsibilities to respond to the Florida-Georgia District Synod's letter of August 19, make the revisions, then resubmit the congregational approved changes made at the September voter meeting. A motion was made to expand the Ad Hoc Committees responsibilities to include the revisions to correct our Constitution and By-Laws as well as other revisions to our governing documents as directed by the Florida-Georgia Synod. A motion was made by Pam West seconded by Diane Bickart; all approved. The Synod is allowing us to have some time to accomplish these items. Don is going to try to have the Synod submit the changes that they wanted in 2019 to us and then we will resubmit them to the congregation for approval and then we will submit them for approval to the Synod again. After that is approved we will make the new changes we voted on and resubmit them again.

The Long Range Planning Committee has embarked on a feasibility study to renovate the Courtyard and Narthex. This activity will take several months before completion of this plan.

The Endowment Committee has a meeting scheduled for mid October. They have promotional materials to insert into mailboxes.

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Treasurer: Jon Lindstrom:

For the month of August our actual income performance is \$19,165 with our YTD at \$173,617. Our actual August expenses were \$17,989 with our YTD expenses at \$ 195,722. Our total bank asset balance is at \$359,035. Dedicated funds are \$197,625 and undedicated bank funds are at \$162,086. The Stewardship Committee reports our total church income is close to 2.7% below the 2020 level at the end of June. No noteworthy income items for this month and one noteworthy expense of \$7,261 for additional media equipment.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:

The donation balances for August, 2021 were \$ 20,454.74 and for 2020 they were \$19,538.98 which were \$915.76 more than August last year. This makes five months in a row that offerings have been more than the same month last year. We have a balance of \$162,086 left in our undedicated funds to help cover any deficit monthly.

Pastor Christopher Hazzard:

Most of the events in upcoming months are now under consideration by their groups for cancellation by them due to the increase in Covid infections and hospitalizations. Events hosted by our church include the Circuit Pastors Meeting, and the ALOA meeting scheduled by Pastor Steinke at this time. We have also heard that the Circuit Reformation Sunday Service in Plant City has been cancelled. Our church secretary is back which makes quite a few of us very happy. The new Bible Study is underway.

Christian Education: Robin Fox:

No Sunday School until fall. The Book Study is on hold until a future date.

Board of Elders: Steve West:

We have again considered our Covid restrictions and are not changing them at this time. The Organ Ad-Hoc Committee has been formed and are looking into gently used organs as well as new since ours is unrepairable. The Committee has found a supplier that will allow the committee to visit and allow her to play any organ she wants. This will not be a quick process and will take some time.

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Stewardship: Diane Hill:

The new Mobile Bulletin Board that has been approved for the lobby still will need to be set up and maintained on a regular basis. I am going to ask Kim to do this as she was involved from the beginning with this project. We are looking for a method to update all the information on our Time and Talent information sheets into one format or software program. Pastor has information on such a program and will get with the Stewardship group. The committee is also going to review the existing “My Gift of Treasure Pledge” sheets for updates that may be needed prior to the November meeting.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday was briefly discussed and Pastor said it was not necessary, he speaks with a lot of members every week.

Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz:

We have decided to postpone the Fellowship Hour until the Elders and the CDC says it is again reasonable to meet in groups safely. Mary Martha has decided to help the Youth Group with the rummage sale and share how to set things up. After church on October 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Martha will help the Youth set up the rummage sale area. At this sale, Outreach will be handing out tote-bags with Bibles, some in English and some in Spanish. There will also be brochures in both English and Spanish.

Trustee Report: Don Racer:

The church buildings and sidewalk will be pressure washed this Friday, September 10th.

Youth Board: Kris Welch:

We are currently doing a devotional study on “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” and the kids are enjoying it. When we complete the devotions we will have a Get Together and watch the movie. We will have a planning meeting for the rummage sale on October 3<sup>rd</sup> following the service but have now rescheduled the sale until February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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New Business discussions:

Don Racer: Proper handling of undesignated memorial funds and well as designated requests.

Jon Lindstrom: Budget line item name changes; Certification of employee withdrawal from Concordia plan; Review of the proposed 2022 budget.

Remember: **His love endures forever**, Psalm 118:1

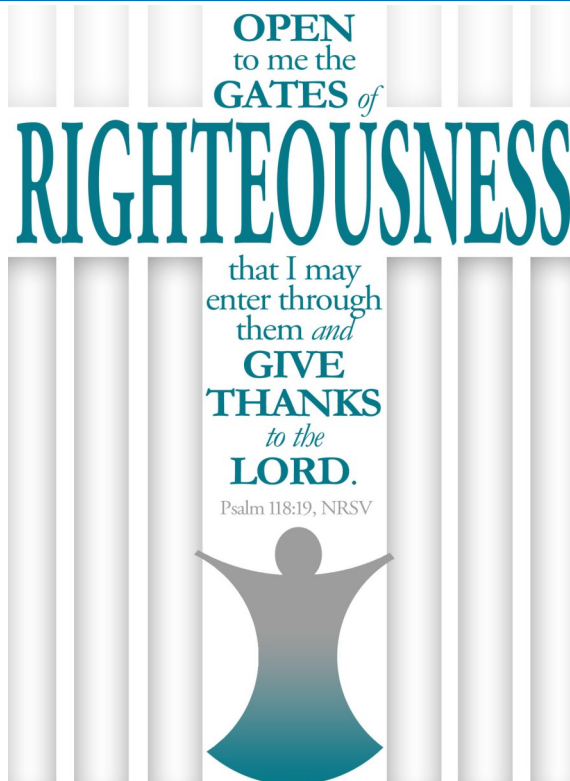
Respectfully submitted,

*Pam West, Council Secretary*



I will lift up the Cup of Salvation and  
call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:13







Pastor Chris Hazzard



Pastor Jerry Munz

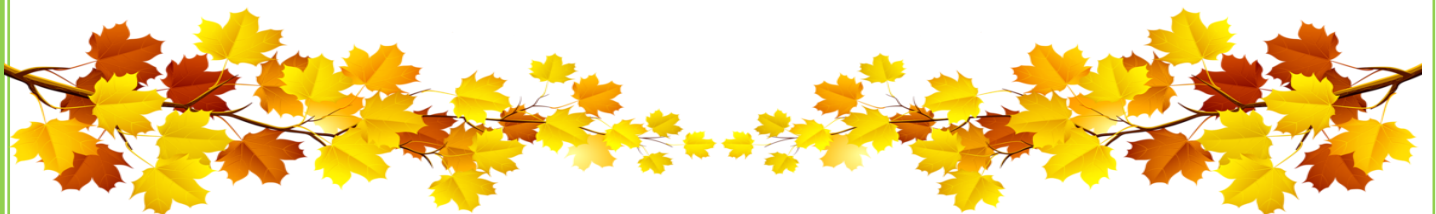
## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

is coming up

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>

We want to show Pastor Hazzard and Pastor Munz how much we appreciate them. Let's fill up their mailboxes with cards and notes of appreciation.

Thank you, Pastors Chris and Jerry, we truly appreciate all you do.





## Central American Missions October 2021

I wanted to wait a little bit longer to give good news about the Central American Mission, but that is not going to be possible. The whole issue is evolving around the pandemic. First, the volunteers have several concerns about their health since most of them are older. Second, the governments in Guatemala and Honduras are applying more regulations that restrict our functionality. Given the present situation, I don't foresee that I will be doing any surgical missions in the near future. It feels like I hit a wall.

At the same time, I have faith that God will guide us to find a way to help those who cannot help themselves. The good news is that I will be back home in November (Lakeland). My goal is to continue with the mission, collecting medical supplies and items for the orphanages. Continue your support and pray for this mission. Rest assured that we are helping our neighbors; those who cannot help themselves. Keep the mission in your prayers, and ask God for guidance.

Carlos Orellana

