

Psalm 125:1

The Christogram

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

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Installation of New Officers Sunday, January 2

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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement

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

January 2

Elder P.J. Nunez
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio
Video Video TD:
 GFX/Stream:

January 9

Elder
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio
Video Video TD:
 GFX/Stream:

January 16

Elder
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio
Video Video TD:
 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard/

January 23

Elder
Audio
Video Video TD:
 GFX/Stream:

January 30

Elder
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio
Video Video TD: .
 GFX/Stream:

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Helen Borgwardt and Lolly Smith

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo
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Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NO Book Study 5:30p Worship
2 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Elders Meeting	3	4 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day Outreach Meeting @ 5:30p	5 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	6	7	8 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
9 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	10 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	11 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day Take Down of Christmas Dec. @ 9a	12 Mary Martha Mtg @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	13	14	15 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
16 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Organ Dedication Youth Chili Cook-off	17 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	18 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	19 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	20	21	22 Book Study @ 4:30p 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

LaVerne Austin.....	1/6
Levi Hazzard.....	1/6
Gwen Snook.....	1/7
Richard Smith.....	1/8
Reagan Bell	1/9
Willie Siedenstrang	1/12
Jon Sawyer, Jr.....	1/13
Lois Foster	1/20
Heather Gordon	1/20
Scott Seiferth.....	1/20
Sally Martel	1/23
John Gillespie	1/25
Josiah Hazzard	1/28
Charolet Burbrink.....	1/29
Stacey Orellana.....	1/31



Richard & Pamela Hanson 1/26



Thank you to Alfred and Barbara Miller who served for the month of December
Helen Borgwardt and Lolly Smith will be serving for the month of January.
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**

LaVerne Austin.....	1/1
Mark Boesdorfer	1/1
Helen Borgwardt.....	1/1
Carolyn Calender	1/1
Richard Caughey.....	1/1
Belinda Freer.....	1/1
Nan Friedrich.....	1/1
Gerald Frizzell.....	1/1
Rosie Fyffe.....	1/1
J B Hahn.....	1/1
Al Herman.....	1/1
Diane Hill.....	1/1
Sally Martel.....	1/1
Fran Murphy.....	1/1
Joel Nelson.....	1/1
Kathy Siedenstrang.....	1/1
Mary Witte.....	1/1
Diane Bickart.....	1/2
Carlos Orellana	1/2
Pamela Hanson.....	1/5
Sawyer Timmons.....	1/8
Sylvia Willis.....	1/8
Erica Bell	1/10
Rick Joost	1/15
Diane Donaldson	1/18
Linda Johnson	1/18
P.J. Nunez.....	1/18
John Gillespie	1/22
Don Racer	1/30
Pat Swope.....	1/31



DON'T FORGET BAGS FOR TALBOT HOUSE —

Thank you to all of you who continue to support this ministry! Talbot House does extraordinary things to help the home-less. We are blessed to share in that ministry! Their doors are open to both men and women and they provide meals, shelter, & clothing, and direct them to medical care as needed. We collect offerings of canned goods-meat, vegetables, fruit, soup, paper goods-paper towels, toilet paper, napkins; cleaning supplies; soap-dishwashing, personal soap, laundry; toothbrushes & toothpaste. We also collect gently used clothes -free from stains, and have working zippers and buttons. There are especially marked baskets in the mail room at the back of the church to place your offerings. Our pickup day is the second Tuesday of every month. We also have a box on top of the table where you may place unused medicines, empty pill bottles, and unopened bottles of over the counter medicines. Talbot House uses the empty pill bottles to measure out soap and shampoo for the residents. Please remove labels from the empty bottles.



From the Pastor.....

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

² *Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ *Praise him with trumpet sound;*

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ *Praise him with tambourine and dance;*

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ *Praise him with sounding cymbals;*

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150, ESV)



Music has always been important for God's people. Four places in the Old Testament we are told to "sing a new song" (Psalms 96, 98, 149, and Isaiah 42:10). Saul benefited from music: "And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him" (1 Samuel 16:23). The Psalms, many of which were composed by King David, have formed the songbook of God's people; Jesus quoted the Psalms more than any other book of the Bible. Jesus and the disciple sang a hymn after He instituted Holy Communion on the night He was betrayed, just prior to Jesus praying earnestly in the Garden of Gethsemane. St. Paul admonishes the new church to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16, ESV). St. John's vision of heaven included a musical accompaniment: "The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders" (Revelation 14:2-3). Martin Luther wrote that, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music." Music will continue to be important for Christ Lutheran

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Church. We will be formally dedicating our new Rodgers Inspire Series 233 Organ in worship on Sunday, January 16th. Andrew Shaheen, the organist at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills, will join us to play the prelude, postlude, and offertory.

If you would like to use your musical gifts in service to the church, please contact me. As Psalm 150 indicates, a diversity of musical instruments and expressions are appropriate in praising the Lord. I will be preaching an occasional sermon series based upon the parts of the historic liturgy throughout the year, so that we know why we sing what we sing. I pray that we all continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Pastor Chris

Thank you - Thank you for all the Christmas cards, notes, and gifts during this season.

Pastor Chris

New Bible Study starting Sunday, January 9th at 8:30 a.m. (in person) and Wednesday, January 12th at noon (Zoom and in person): *God the Savior*.

Randy Frazee teaches us that in the Bible there are two stories going on at the same time. There is the lower story which is how we see life from our perspective. Then there is the upper story which is how God sees things from his perspective. In *God the Savior*, the chronology from Matthew to Revelation, Jesus' entry into our world is very pivotal. He comes to fulfill prophecies, and to represent us in our humanity and in our weakness. But that is very different from how he will be coming the second time.



Looking for Christ Lutheran in social media? Check us out at our website: 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.

Mary Martha



Our ladies group met on December 1st in the Fellowship Hall for our meeting. The quilters were busy this past month. They have several quilts plus other items ready for the Bazaar on December 4th. They are also keeping up with the quilts needed at the Sheriff's Office. Our fundraisers that we are working on are, the Enjoyment Books, which are for sale in the Narthex, the Script Program, has been approved just waiting for the company to get back to us, and the Purse Sale set for March 20th. We will start collecting the purses in the Narthex in January. Our Christmas Luncheon followed the meeting and was enjoyed by all who attended.

LWML

The Spring Zone Rally will be held March 5, 2022 at Grace Winter Haven. The speaker will be announced later. Check out our District Evangel, there is a picture of Joyce Munz signing at the Melbourne Retreat back in September. Our National Website for LWML has many things available to us.

Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar

The 1st Saturday in December has come and gone with our 10th and most successful Christmas Bazaar yet, thanks to the support of our congregation. We had 24 vendors with more variety utilizing 28 spaces, more than we have ever had before. We had more customers, close to 200, wind thru our hallways. Best of all, we made \$1192.50, again more than prior years, plus we had an anonymous donation of \$1000! So we will be donating 2192.50 to Senior Orphans!! Senior Orphans of Polk County are people in Polk County who make \$600/month or less a month from Social Security, they are assisted by Social Workers who work with them identifying their needs and taking those requests to Senior Orphans to get what they need such as food, clothing, medical supplies, etc.

Thank you all for informing your family and friends, sharing your flyer, helping set-up or cleaning up and coming to shop to support our Bazaar & supporting our vendors and making this a popular event.

Remember mark your calendar for the 1st Saturday in December for our next Christmas Bazaar to support our Community and what a wonderful way to begin Christmas giving to help others!! Our vendors were very happy and said they are coming back!!

Thank you all!!!





Happy New Year!

The Youth last fundraiser for the year was the bake sale at the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. It was a successful fundraiser.

The Youth ended the year with a Christmas party at Kris Welch's home. It was a fun way to end the year!

This month we will be having the Chili Cook off on January 16, 2022 after the church service. Please sign up in the Narthex to enter a chili. There will be a \$5 charge to judge but no charge if entering a chili.

On February 26, 2022 will have the Rummage sale. More details to follow.

Kyle Welch and I are the youth leaders this coming year. Any questions, please contact one of us.

Emma Block

Board of Communication

Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! Over the past year, our church has made a huge commitment to improving and refining its use of technology, and especially the internet. We can now stream our church services live on the internet, have completely revamped the website, and are working to improve our presence on social media. Even with all these changes, there is still more to do.

If you are interested in learning more about the work we are doing, or in volunteering, our first board meeting will be on Sunday, January 23rd, following the service. There are many ways to help, and we will provide any training needed. If you'd like to help with our churches efforts to use available technology to help spread the Word of God, please join us at the meeting on the 23rd. Thank you and God bless!

Kris Welch



Angel Tree 2021

Every year our congregation has an Angel Tree in the Narthex. It is a white tree with red trimmings. There are cards on the tree. Some of the cards ask for a cash donation. Some of the cards ask for wrapping paper and ribbons. The rest of the cards on the tree are names of the children who reside at Light House Ministries. They are homeless children. Each mother and her child/children have a room. The mother sleeps on a twin bed and the children sleep in bunk beds. They all eat in the common dining room.

These children's mothers are in a special program at Light House. This two-year program started in 2001 and Christ Lutheran Church has been involved in this Angel Tree program almost from the beginning.

During the two-year program, each mother has a job where she is earning money. The mothers learn how to raise their children. How to budget. How to keep house. Many of the things we take for granted but they never had learned. During the two-year program, the mothers learn how to save their money. After the two-year program, the mothers and their children move into their own apartment. They become productive members of society.

If it were not for this program, the children and their mothers would be sleeping somewhere as homeless people. During their two-year stay, the children go off campus to school. They learn how to study and keep up their grades. The children's names are on our Angel Tree. The card has the child's name, age, and gender. Each card lists two gifts for the child. One gift the mother suggests and one gift the child hopes to receive. This year we have eleven children with a total of twenty-two gifts.

In addition, each child receives a third gift. For the older children -- It is a Bible with their names engraved on the cover. The Bible is an ESV translation. The younger children receive instead a Bible storybook. On the inside cover of each Bible or storybook is a written note, which says that this book is a gift from Christ Lutheran Church and the year 2021.



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Then the Outreach Board takes all the gifts and bag them with the gifts inside and the name on the outside. These then are taken to LightHouse. Secretly, the mothers wrap each present. Each of their rooms has a Christmas Tree. On Christmas Eve, each mother places the gifts under their Christmas Tree. When the children wake up on Christmas morning, they open their presents from Christ Lutheran Church.

Thank you to each of you. You took a card. You gave a monetary gift. You bought wrapping paper. You bought the gifts. If it were not for the CLC Angel Tree, and your generosity, these children would have no gifts under their Christmas Trees.

“When the magi went into the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they fell on their knees with their foreheads on the ground and worshipped Him. Then they opened up their boxes and gave Him their gifts – gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

Outreach



2022 ALTAR GUILD FLOWERS

The Altar Guild has placed a Flower Chart Calendar for 2022 in the Narthex of the church. You can sign up for Altar Flowers in Church for anniversaries, birthdays, in honor of someone or any other occasion in your life. The monies collected help to finance the Altar Guild and pay for the Christmas and Easter flowers. If you want real flowers or your favorite colors for the artificial flowers, please contact Barbara Miller at 858-5790 at least two weeks before the date of the flowers.

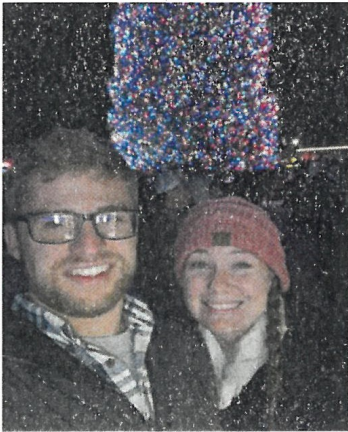


A Letter From Our Seminary “Adopt a Student”

November 2021

Dear Friends and Family,

Alicia and I first want to thank you all especially for your responses to our last letter, in which Alicia wrote about our miscarriage. It means a lot to be able to share such an intimate pain and to receive such love and encouragement from so many. We are truly blessed to have your support – most especially that of your prayers and thoughts.



In this part of the semester, classes have picked up in intensity. In our worship class, we’ve been reading and talking about the really difficult task of adapting worship practices to whatever context in which we’ll serve as pastors. What about worship can be adapted based on the context of the people you serve, and what should stay the same? It’s a complicated issue, since we as future pastors want to communicate in ways that our people will understand, but also make sure we’re faithfully proclaiming God’s Word. In our systematic theology class, we talked about closed communion, and when someone should or shouldn’t be communed. And in our Exodus class this month, we’ve read a lot of Exodus in Hebrew. Right after Thanksgiving break I

turned in a paper entirely on translating and interpreting a passage of Exodus in Hebrew. A few days later I and my group translated and presented to our class on another passage of Exodus. My brain is spinning!

But November has also given us many things to be thankful for, most especially a chance to see family and take a break from school. We got to spend Thanksgiving with my family at my grandparents’ house in Oklahoma, where we enjoyed making and eating (lots!) of delicious food, watching football, and catching up with family. We are also, again, especially thankful to all of you for your support of Alicia and I during our time at Seminary. We pray you enjoyed your Thanksgiving as well, and that God’s rich blessings are as clear to you as they are to us. As we finish up a hectic school year, we have this verse in mind:



“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

Caleb & Alicia

CAM January 2022

Good news from the Central American Mission. Last month there was \$3,825.00 unused from our budget. It was determined that this money would be donated to the orphanage and friary in Comayagua, Honduras. It was distributed as follows: Friars \$1,200, Hogar Nazareno \$1,200, Gregorio Orphanage (boys only) \$800, Clarisa Nuns \$200 and elderly orphanage \$225. We tried to spread as much help as we could since all these institutions are dedicated to help the less fortunate. Christ Lutheran will make a lot of smiles this Christmas. We thank God to be able to bring good news this beautiful season. There are several “thank you” letters on the next pages of this newsletter.

On another front, we are proceeding with the surgical mission this upcoming month. We will go small this time due to the changes in processes and regulations in response to the pandemic. Honduras has one of the three worst airports in the world. Thank God that airport has been shut down and we will now be landing in a much better airport. Continue to bring your donations to Church or call me to pick them up. Keep the mission in your Prayers.

Carlos Orellana

****Note:** Since the writing of this article, the Surgical Mission to Honduras has been cancelled.



**¡Gloria a Dios en sus criaturas,
Y felicidad a los constructores
de Justicia y Nueva Humanidad !**

**La Junta Directiva, Educadores, Niños y Jóvenes del
Hogar "Horizontes al Futuro" les desean una Feliz
Navidad, y que el 2022 sea un año de éxitos para
usted y su familia.**

**¡Feliz
Navidad!**

With much affection and gratitude, I enclose a letter of appreciation and the Christmas greeting.

Brother Goyo



HORIZONTES AL FUTURO

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Comayagua, 10 de diciembre del 2021

Querido Carlos Orellana

Christ Lutheran Church
Lakeland, FLORIDA

Què gran bendición gozar de su amistad y ayuda; y de su iglesia.

En nombre propio y de los niños y jóvenes, y de toda la familia de Horizontes al Futuro...
MUCHAS GRACIAS. Y lo hacemos llenos de alegría, y presentándolos al Señor para que mantenga en ustedes el fuego de su amor y de la solidaridad, y los colme de salud, esperanza, paz y felicidad.

Y el que sea la ayuda en dinero nos favorece enormemente porque nos permite utilizarla en lo que en este determinado momento nos urge más.

A pesar de la pandemia hemos continuado con nuestra misión con estos niños y jóvenes más desfavorecidos y en vulneración de derechos; apoyándolos en su formación integral: humana y espiritual. Y tratando de satisfacer todas sus necesidades. Entre ellas, la SALUD, para la que siempre contamos con la colaboración del Hospital San Benito.
Todos han pasado el grado, siguiendo las clases por INTERNET.

Desde enero han estado sin salir del Centro. Ahora van a ir un mes a casa. El día 18 celebraremos el Misterio de la Navidad y la cena festiva, y el 19 llegará a Horizontes algún pariente responsable para que pueda pasar un mes con la familia. Algunos niños de los que nadie de la familia puede hacerse responsable, irán con algún compañero.

Dos muchachos ya se van a integrar definitivamente a sus familias. Y en enero queremos abrir nuestras puertas a unos ocho niños nuevos que lo necesiten.

Como dice nuestra felicitación, Gloria a Dios en sus CRIATURAS. Y, especialmente, en los hombres y mujeres que encarnan las actitudes y el proyecto humanizador de ese NIÑO NACIDO EN BELEN.

Con todo cariño y agradecimiento, atentamente

Hermano Goyo





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Carlos Orellana
Christ Lutheran Church
Graceland, Florida, USA

December 10, 2021

Dear Carlos and members of Christ Lutheran Church,

May the Lord give you His peace!

I'm writing on behalf of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to thank you for your donation of \$1200 (28,935 Lempiras) that you sent via Western Union for our life and work with the poor.

Besides the orphanages, which you also assisted, we continue to run the San Benito Jose medical center, help families with food, good drinking water, social work assistance and a program called Educatodos (similar to GED programs), as well as various works of evangelization.

We are very grateful for your assistance. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families greatly in this new year!

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Felix Desilets
Local Servant (Superior) of
St. Serafin Friary

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Attn: Carlos Orellana
Christ Lutheran Church
Graceland, Florida, USA

December 10, 2021

Dear Carlos and members of Christ Lutheran Church,
May the Lord give you His peace!

I'm writing on behalf of Asociación Hogar Nazareth to thank you for your donation of \$1200 (28, 935 Lempiras) that you sent via Western Union for our homes for children here in Comayagua, Honduras.

The work at Hogar Nazareth continues to be a good challenge for us, as the children come from very difficult backgrounds. But the Lord's grace and healing and the providential care of our Heavenly Father are evident for these children, which He has manifested also through your generosity.

We pray daily for all of our benefactors. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Thank you again. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

May the Lord continue to bless you and all of your loved ones abundantly in this new year!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard Roemer, CFR
AHN assistant for development