

Psalm 148:13

# The Christogram

Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
For His name alone is exalted;  
His glory is above the earth and heaven.

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## Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - April 10th @ 10AM

Holy Thursday - April 14th @ 6:30 PM

Good Friday - April 15th @ 6:30 PM

Easter Service - April 17th @ 7 AM and  
10 AM



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**Christ Lutheran Mission Statement**

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

**April 3**

**Elder**..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector**..... P.J. Nunez  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** ..... Robert and Cheryl Langanke  
**Audio**..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video**..... Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX/Stream:

**April 10**

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector**.....  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** ..... Bev Roberge  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Kris Welch

**April 14 (Holy Thursday)**

**Elder**..... Fred Sterns  
**Audio**..... Lee Crapo  
**Video**..... Video TD:  
GFX/Stream: Kris Welch

**April 15 (Good Friday)**

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo  
**Audio**..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video**..... Video TD: Levi Hazzard  
GFX/Stream:

**April 17 (Easter)**

**Elder**..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector**..... Kim Kaniecki  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio**..... 10AM Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD:  
GFX/Stream: 10 AM, Levi Hazzard/ Jon Sawyer, Sr.

**April 24**

**Elder**..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector**.....  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio**..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream:

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Debbie and Mike Spanier and Sandy Spanier

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

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo / Fred Sterns (4/9)  
**Lector**..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten  
**Audio**..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



# Christ Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Baseball Parking	2  Book Study @ 4:30p  5:30p Worship Baseball Parking
3 8:30a Bible Study  9a Sunday School 10a Worship  Elders Meeting Volunteer Appreciation	4   Baseball Parking	5 Quilters @ 10a  Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day  Outreach Meeting @ 5:30p	6 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Lent Ser. 6:30p Choir @ 7:30p  Baseball Parking	7	8	9  Book Study @ 4:30p  5:30p Worship
10 8:30a Bible Study  9a Sunday School 10a Worship	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	13 Mary Martha @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Choir @ 6:30p	14  Holy Thursday Service @ 6:30p	15  Good Friday Service @ 6:30p	16  <b>NO</b> Book Study <b>NO</b> Worship
17 Easter Sunday Service @ 7a & 10a  No Bible Study No Sunday School	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 @ 6:30p	21	22	23 Book Study @ 4:30p  5:30p Worship
24 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship  Stewardship Mtg  Communication Board Mtg	25	26 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	27 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Choir @ 6:30p	28 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	29	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  
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

Emil Verbeke.....	4/1
Robin Fox.....	4/4
Joel Nelson.....	4/6
Michael Cavanaugh .....	4/8
Janet Beyer.....	4/9
Janette Williams .....	4/12
Frances Klug .....	4/13
Lynette Newman.....	4/13
Joanna Perlewitz .....	4/13
Kent Kahre .....	4/14
Sophia Orellana.....	4/14
Ken Williams .....	4/15
Linda Poole .....	4/16
George Miller .....	4/17
Cheryl Langanke.....	4/22
Pam West.....	4/22
George Kilbertus .....	4/25
Belinda Freer.....	4/27
Nan Friedrich.....	4/30



Michael and Gayle Thomas.....	4/4 (29 yrs.)
Emil and Judith Verbeke.....	4/6 (38 yrs.)
Bill and Kathy Siedenstrang .....	4/11 (45 yrs.)
Jon and Shirley Lindstrom.....	4/28 (55 yrs.)
Vern and Judi Rudolph .....	4/30 (62 yrs.)



Thank you to Janette and Ken Williams who served for the month of March. Debbie and Mike Spanier and Sandy Spanier will be serving for the month of April. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

(Leader reads:)

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

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

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

Alicia Bade.....	4/1
Steve Rosane.....	4/1
Judy Veal.....	4/3
Nancy Matter.....	4/4
Carol Kloha.....	4/8
James Kloha.....	4/11
Nell Morgan.....	4/12
Nancy Tyler.....	4/12
Gloria Nelson.....	4/14
Tammy Raimondo.....	4/14
Barbara Szymanski.....	4/16
Emil Verbeke.....	4/19
Lynette Newman.....	4/20
Carol Stuckert.....	4/20
Patricia Maxson.....	4/22
Frances Klug.....	4/27
Arthur Walls.....	4.28
Ken Williams.....	4/30
Gary Witte.....	4/30



Thank you to all of you who continue to support this ministry! Talbot House does extraordinary things to help the homeless. 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.....*

Save us from this hour?

*"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.... Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself"* (John 12:27, 31-32 ESV).

The world can be a scary place. As I write this, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with its horrific human rights violations, threatens a wider spread of death and destruction. The threat of the use of nuclear weapons is real. With Jesus, many of us can state that "my soul is troubled." An individual is tempted to say, "Father, save me from this hour." And yet, we know that until Christ returns there will be wars and rumors of wars. We know that, as Saint Paul says, "we are considered to be sheep to be slaughtered" (Romans 8:36). We know that we "walk through the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23) from time to time. The comfortable lifestyle that we have enjoyed for decades might be coming to an end. But we need not despair. We have Jesus.

The good news is that Jesus went to cross and grave for you and me. The good news is that by His death, He destroyed death. The good news is that Jesus endured Good Friday so that we may be carried with Him to Easter Sunday. In a world that can seem hopeless, we have a sure and certain hope. Jesus tells us amid the violence of this world: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

—Pastor Chris



Jury Duty: I have been summoned by the Circuit and County Courts of Polk County to jury duty on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. I will not know until that day the time commitment involved. Should I be impaneled for a multiple day trial, Wednesday Bible Study and Individual Communion/ Confession and Absolution might be cancelled. We will do our best to notify you of any cancellations via email and social media. I look forward to fulfilling my civic duty. — Pastor Chris

## Mary Martha



The ladies met on March 9th for their meeting. The Purse Sale is on March 20th during Fellowship after church and besides gently used purses, the Quilters will have some of their items for sale. The proceeds from the sale will go to Top Buttons, a non-profit charitable and educational organization. We are still trying to get the Script Program up and running and the Undie Sundays will return again for the month of April. We also discussed possibly having a Fashion Show and Luncheon and a gathering of our favorite recipes for a Lutheran Cookbook here at CLC. After the meeting was adjourned we all went to Huntington Hills for our Spring Luncheon.

## LWML

The Spring Zone Rally was held on March 12th from 9 to 1pm @ Grace Winter Haven and Jan Struck led the Bible Study. A collection of can goods were collected for the Food Bank in Winter Haven. The District Convention will be at the Hilton in Downtown Tampa on September 30th - October 2nd. The registration is \$160. We need two delegates and one alternate from our church. Dr. Peter Meiers will be the speaker. More information to follow. The National Convention is in Milwaukee, WI, in June of 2023. April calendars and Mite Boxes are available for all so we can meet our goals for our mission projects.



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.



The Rummage Sale was a huge success. THANK YOU to all who came and helped. The youth raised over \$1200.

Youth is not meeting on Wednesday during Lent but will start back up after Easter.

Emma Block

### Cancellations for the weekend of Easter

No Book Study or Saturday Worship Service on April 16th.

No Bible Study or Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Regular Schedule will resume after Easter.



*Join us for our Easter Service*

## Stewardship Corner



Heading into the Easter Season we all truly have much to be joyous for. Certainly that our Lord and Savior rose from the dead for us to secure our place in heaven, but also for more tangible, daily things like seeing the pandemic slow down, life beginning to resume a normalcy we had previously grown used to and even just seeing Spring begin to sprout forth life. Yes, there is much to be joyful and thankful for! How do we express our thanks and praise to God? Simple, by serving God in whatever way He has shown each of us.

By the looks of it, there must be many, many people here at Christ Lutheran that are busy expressing their thanks to God! Look around and you will see so many people serving Him. The volunteers that serve in so very many ways are what keeps this church going strong! They faithfully do the work week in and week out, year after year without expectation of payment. Simply out of their love for God and this church.

That's why, once a year, the Board of Stewardship likes to take the opportunity to recognize all the volunteers who serve us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after church April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 for a luncheon (complete with fried chicken and sides, cake and gifts) where you can either help us thank these people; or come and give us the opportunity to thank YOU! (No free will offering necessary, this is "on us"!)

We hope to see you there! Until then, thanks be to God for each of you!

Kim Kaniecki

Director of Stewardship



## Our Seminarian

For many years, our congregation has supported men studying to become pastors in our Synod. Most denominations that have seminaries have students studying for two or three years and then graduation. Lutheran seminaries of all stripes are the exception. All are four year. Lutheran seminaries are two years of on campus study. Followed by a third year off-campus internship. This is also known as vicarage. Then return for a fourth year on campus study before graduating and becoming certified for ordination. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has two seminaries. Both are named Concordia Seminary. One is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. One is in St. Louis, Missouri.

Christ Lutheran Church connected with Concordia Seminary in St. Louis with a program called “adopt a student.” We asked to support a person with whom we can identify and share in his joys and sorrows during his four-years of study. Last year, Concordia Seminary gave us a student to follow for four years. His name is Caleb Wehling and his wife Alicia. We share their joys and their sorrows.

This year Caleb is a second-year seminarian. Next year he will be a Vicar. Vicarage Assignment Day is April 26. On that day, Caleb and Alicia will know where they will go and live and serve for one year. Usually a LCMS vicarage is somewhere in the United States or Canada. Our prayer is that the vicarage year will be an exciting one and in a place where they both will enjoy. Then Vicar Caleb and Alicia will return to Concordia St. Louis for a final fourth year of study after which he will be ordained.

By the way, Grace Lutheran Church and School in Winter Haven is asking for a vicar for the Academic Year 2022-2023. Our prayer is also that they will receive a seminarian who will be able to put into practice what he has learned during his two years as an on-campus seminarian.

Christ Lutheran Church financially supports our “adopted seminarian.” We send the seminary \$500 a year to help Caleb Wehling cover the costs of attending the seminary for one year. We divide our gift in half: \$250 for the fall semester and \$250 for the spring semester. [It costs each seminarian over \$28,000 a year to attend Concordia Seminary.]

The LCMS has a shortage of pastors. There are places where congregations have to merge or become a 2 or 3-point parish to have a pastor. Our prayer is that the Lord will lead more men to accept the Call to study to become pastors.

The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions



## BOGO

Buy One Get One. We love going to the grocery store and get a bargain. We pick up two and pay for one. One is free. Sometimes, we look at the store item and say that we don't need two and skip the BOGO and leave the second one behind.

The next time you go grocery shopping, think about the food pantry. Do a BOGO and let the second one be your donation to the food pantry. What a deal! You can help someone without taking the cost of the food item out of your monthly social security check. With the high price of groceries, it is hard to share. Buy One and Get One **Free**. What a deal!

Think about the person who receives your BOGO. He/she can't afford to purchase what you just picked up. This is why that person or that family is at the food pantry. [Matthew 25:35] Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink." We will say, [Matthew 25:37] "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You a drink?" And Jesus will say, [Mt 25:40] "...when I say that every time you did something for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least important ones, you did it for Me." [Julian G. Anderson Translation.]

Christ Lutheran Church does not operate a food pantry. Why? Because Talbot House has an excellent food distribution program. They do a wonderful job of vetting people. Often these people are then encouraged to receive other programs that Talbot House offers such as medical care, job training, GED, transportation help, child care, housing, and the list goes on and on.

The next time you go grocery shopping, think about what you can do for "the least important ones" and you will be BOGO shopping for our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Outreach

Buy One  
Get One



## CAM March 2022

This past month has been a true blessing. I have collected a good amount of donations including personal items and medical materials. I have a good load to ship out of Miami. This will make my trip more productive given the high price of gas.

I am very pleased with how the help is received and distributed to the most needy. It is very easy for me to direct how I want the help to be distributed, but the Friars are living within the community; they have a better sense of where the help is needed.

There is a surgical mission in April that I am not part of it, but I am monitoring and helping with what I can. Pray for them that their work goes well.

I will continue to gather donations, any kinds of items for the orphanages or other less fortunate. The same for medical supplies.

Christ Lutheran Church, thank you for your support and please keep this mission in your prayers.

Carlos Orellana

Visiting a  
home in the  
Mountains



A typical  
kitchen  
in the  
Mountains



We definitely  
need a  
Guide to find  
our way



Coffee grows  
naturally.  
They just have to  
keep it clean.