

Psalm 89:5

The Christogram

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

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I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be
in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1



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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement

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

May 1

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector..... P.J. Nunez
Ushers.....
Greeters.....
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

May 8

Elder..... Lee Crapo
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters.....
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

May 15

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters.....
Audio..... Kyle Welch
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 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

May 22

Elder..... Steve Rosane
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters.....
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

May 29

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

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Debbie and Rick Smith

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder..... Lee Crapo/ Steve Rosane (5/7)
Lector..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Elders Meeting	2	3 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day Outreach Meeting @ 5:30p	4 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	5	6	7 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
8 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	9 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	10 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	11 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	12	13	14 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
15 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	16	17 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	18 Mary Martha @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	19	20	21 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
22 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Congregational Meeting <i>Last day of Fellowship Hour</i>	23 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	24 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	25 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 Choir @ 7p	26 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	27	28 Book Study @ 4:30p 5:30p Worship
29 8:30a Bible Study 9a Sunday School 10a Worship	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day				

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

Cheryl Erwin	5/5
Bev Flamme.....	5/9
Pastor Hazzard.....	5/9
Jerry Munz.....	5/10
Lolly Smith.....	5/12
Logan Peterson.....	5/15
Gerie Slaten.....	5/16
Sawyer Timmons.....	5/18
Donna Townsend.....	5/19
Donald Matter.....	5/20
Sandy Spanier	5/23
Allison Gillespie	5/25
Elise Mowry	5/25
Jerry Poole.....	5/25
Marlene Yost.....	5/25
Bill Siedenstrang	5/26
Judi Rudolph.....	5/27
Debbie Spanier	5/27
Eileen Hanson	5/29



Ted and Gloria Nelson	5/1 (46 yrs.)
James and Carol Kloha.....	5/8 (17 years.)
Steve and Charlene Rosane	5/10 (53 yrs.)
Heather and Michael Gordon	5/14 (11 yrs.)
Robbie and Nancy Lanham.....	5/25 (37 yrs.)
Ken and Janette Williams.....	5/25 (32 yrs.)
Amanda and Keith Peterson.....	5/27 (21 yrs.)
Alfred and Barbara Miller.....	5/29 (46 yrs.)



Thank you to Debbie and Mike Spanier and Sandy Spanier who served for the month of April. Debbie and Rick Smith will be serving for the month of May. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

We want to thank all of the people who helped us during this Easter Season. It takes the hands of many people to prepare the Altar area for the Holy Week of Easter. We appreciated all the hard work that was done. Thanks, Al and Barbara Miller

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**

Richard Hanson.....	5/1
Kent Kahre.....	5/1
Henry Veal.....	5/1
Pam West	5/1
Judy Kargel.....	5/5
Sen Campbell	5/6
Janette Williams	5/8
Cheryl Langanke	5/13
Garrett Timmons.....	5/15
Robin Fox.....	5/19
Sally Henning	5/20
Vern Rudolph.....	5/22
Keith Kallstrom	5/24
Betty Kilbertus.....	5/24
Jerry Poole.....	5/24
Robert Langanke.....	5/28
Linda Poole	5/28
Michael Cavanaugh	5/31
Marlene Yost	5/31



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.....

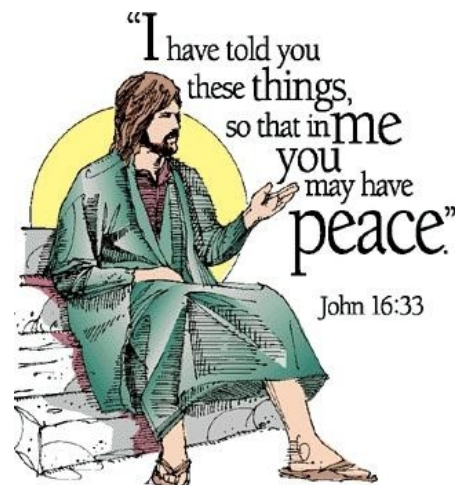
Take Heart!

Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:31-33 ESV)

Jesus prepares His disciples for His death, telling them quite clearly to expect problems. "In this world you will have tribulation." At Jesus' arrest the disciples scattered, abandoning Jesus. At Easter, they came together again, only to scatter again as they were led by the Holy Spirit to broadly scatter the Gospel seed. The Book of Acts, as well as other sources of early church history, recount that the diaspora (dispersion) of the early Christians led them into some scary situations. As church, we continue to be Jesus' ambassadors to a culture which on many points is in opposition to Christianity. The devil does not want to see God's kingdom come or His will be done. The true church throughout the globe experiences tribulation. We hear of Christians martyred for the faith. And we can experience tense relationships as we are Spirit led to live out the faith. We should expect tribulation. But we are also given the promise of peace in Christ. This peace comes as the Word reminds that Jesus has overcome the world. Jesus is very much alive and active and is watching over His true church. Take heart!

Colossians will be the new Bible Study topic starting Sunday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m. (in-person), and Wednesday May 4th at noon (hybrid). Please join Pastor Chris as we explore Paul's letter verse by verse using a lecture and discussion format. Discover how we are equipped to walk in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Chris



Mary Martha



Sixteen ladies met on April 13th for our monthly meeting. The quilters are busy making quilts even though most of our quilters have returned home for the summer. The Script program is still being worked on even though we have had some delays. April Sunday Undies is going on this month and even a little into May. The donation box is in the Narthex.

Our next projects will be planning a Fashion Show / Luncheon for next February 2023 and we are also collecting recipes for a church cookbook. So look through your favorite recipes and make copies to help us make this church cookbook. Please place all recipes in the box in the Mailroom.

Purse Sale Update. We want to thank everyone who donated purses, purchased purses, or helped set the sale up. The proceeds from the sale went to the Top Buttons Boutique. The remaining purses were donated to the Top Buttons Boutique and the Lighthouse Ministries Store. Next meeting is May 11th.

LWML

The Spring Zone Rally was held back in March at Winter Haven Grace. It was enjoyed by several ladies from our Mary Martha Guild. Bible Study was led by Jan Struck from WH/ Grace. Can goods that were donated were packed for the Winter Haven Food Bank. LWML District Convention will be held at the Downtown Tampa Hilton on Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st. Belinda Freer and Charlotte Mantz will be our two delegates, and Norma Miller will be the alternate for the convention. Fall Zone Rally 2022 will be held here at Christ Lutheran Church on November 12, 2022.

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.

Recipes

Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for a Church Cookbook.

If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex.

There is no limit to the number of recipes you can submit.



Undy Sundays

Mary Martha's are again collecting new packages of underwear, T-shirts, bras-or gift cards, panties, and socks for adults and children. Please place the items in the box located in the Narthex. Your generosity is appreciated. The collection will run until the end of May.

Thank you...

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent hospital stay.

Martha Bolton

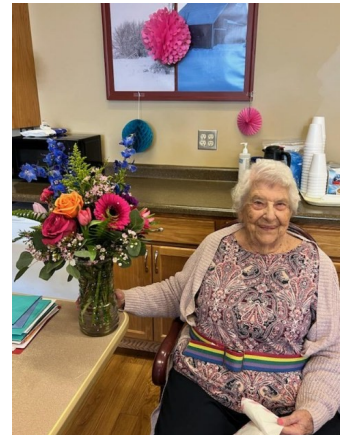
Thank you...

Pastor and Joyce Munz would like to thank members of Christ who have so faithfully prayed for Pastor Jerry, sent cards, called, and especially, Pastor Hazzard for his visits. They have meant so much to us! Jerry's surgery went well, but it will be a long recovery. One of the bones in the shoulder was broken as well as the shoulder joint replaced. Jerry's blood work is still being monitored, and does look slightly better. Keep the prayers coming please! And, again, thank you for all the prayers said.



Martha's 100th Birthday - February 23

Thank you for all the cards and notes sent to help Martha Edwards celebrate her 100th birthday!



Stewardship Corner



Luncheon:

A wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon took place April 3rd and by all accounts a nice time was had by all! Thank you to the Stewardship team and the youth group fellowship team for a successful combined effort to thank and serve our members! If you were unable to attend, please see me for a small gift that was handed out. We pray that efforts like this will inspire our members to step into service rolls for Christ in new and different ways than they ever have before. It truly is a very satisfying feeling to serve God and His people. I have always said, "Blessings have a way of flowing **to** you when you allow them to flow **through** you!"



Member Directory:

By now, hopefully all members have had a chance to access our Church Directory online. If anyone is still experiencing difficulty with it, please contact Kim Kaniecki via email at: stewardship@clclakeland.org. The form needed to add a member's information can be sent if requested. Please remember to send any new pictures you would like to have on there and I will upload those ASAP. We pray that this directory will help keep our members connected to each other in a much more convenient way than ever before! Please use it to reach out and show love and concern for each other.

Blessings on your month!

Kim Kaniecki/Director of Stewardship

“Remember” - The Movie

My name is Jonathan Sawyer and I am the Producer and Director of the movie, **Remember**. I am delighted to present a new arts and educational project entitled **Remember** to all of you in Christ Lutheran Church.

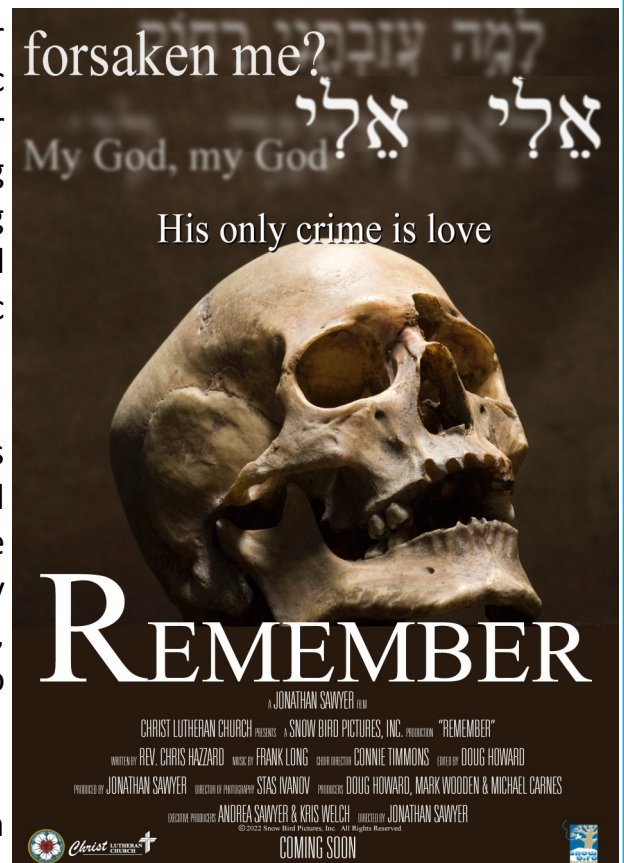
Remember is a sponsored project of Christ Lutheran Church Lakeland, Florida - LCMS. This movie will invite families and youth to fully understand and remember what Jesus Christ went through, so He can save all of us from our sins.

With this dramatic and musical movie, I will create this as a short movie, one hour in length. The target audience for this short movie is “family audiences.” This movie will build on what I created in a 2007 project, which will allow us to do a similar audience engaged process. I created many of these short movies in this industry to expand and deepen the audiences capacity to be objective, rational, analytical and emotional about Lutheran doctrine subjects. This movie will be released on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00pm. This release is free for the audience.

I brought this movie to Pastor Chris and Choir Director, Connie Timmons to build these dramatic scenes and beautiful music's for our choir. Pastor wrote this screenplay based on Jesus's life during Holy Week beginning Palm Sunday and ending Good Friday. Throughout this movie, Connie will direct our choir to evoke emotions in these specific scenes.

Whether in the director's chair or in the high res engineer chair, I have been comfortable in all aspects of video, film, and broadcast. The versatile Sawyer eclipses over thirty-three years of creativity that includes script writing, producing, directing, broadcast sports camera director, broadcast video engineer, and high-resolution engineer.

I began in the film business as a production assistant. My first job was with Last Stage Out Of



Town located in Lake Wales, Florida. This company's credits include Walt Disney World, ABC, and Cypress Gardens. I began working with several feature films, including my first production assistant job in Edward Scissorhands in Lakeland, Florida. Other productions I worked on as production assistant in Lakeland, Florida; China Moon, Shakma, and seaQuest DSV.

Working in the motion pictures industry through the years I moved on to be a first rate lighting technician working on feature films including; Any Given Sunday, Ali, Monster, Things Behind the Sun, Jeepers Creepers, Basic, Bad Boys 2, The Punisher, and many more. As well, I worked on episodic television series throughout the state including; CSI: Miami and Sheena. During this time, I honed my skills working with many notable directors of photography such as Laszlo Kovacs, Thomas Ackerman, Steven Bernstein, Bill Butler, and Conrad Hall.

In 2006, I opened my own company, Snow Bird Pictures, Inc. This allowed me to begin producing and directing award winning documentaries, commercials and infomercials. Three of my religious documentaries have earned national attention. The Lutheran Faith: A Mighty Fortress, produced for Vox Visuals, garnered a national bronze Telly Award as well as an Addy Award. Holy Baptism: Water of Life, also produced for Vox Visuals, which allowed Vox Visuals and myself to receive a grant and produce this video. This Holy Baptism video received an Addy Award. Dare To Be Lutheran, a documentary produced for Higher Things Youth Organization, received the highest honor of a national silver Telly Award and an Addy.

Over the years, I traveled to Africa and Cambodia to produce and direct a documentary titled, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. This is being used internationally as a tool for fundraising and to provide religious material to people in foreign countries in their native languages.

My originality, attention to detail, and the focus I apply to each production has made me the creative force advertising agencies and companies seek when they want to convey their story. One such project was for Clark, Nikdel, and Powell. I produced and directed a television broadcast documentary for the Polk County School Board, Charter, Choice, and Magnet Schools. This documentary showcases the different charter, choice, and magnet schools in Polk County. This program can also be viewed on the Polk County School Board web site.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS has partnered with my production company, Snow Bird Pictures, Inc., to produce this current movie and give **Remember** to the entire world.

CAM May 2022

I am happy to report that there are two surgical missions planned for the year 2022. One for the end of August and the other one in September. So far, everything is continuing as planned. There is also another mission going at the end of April. I am not a part of it, but it continues as planned. God willing everything will be fine, and I say that because I know the need is there.

The medical care for the poor continues at San Benito Jose Hospital, and also their outreach to the people in the mountains. SBJ is almost done with their survey of mountainous areas. The most clear medical need so far is dental care. The dental care provided at SBJ is mostly extractions, and dental care education.

My goal is that after the Friars have a plan to outreach to these people; I would like to get involved in helping.

Christ Lutheran, as always, thank you for your support to this mission and your care for our neighbors. Keep us in your prayers.

Carlos Orellana

Oven to bake
bread



Conversation
at the porch



They love to
share their
food



Baseball Parking

Another Spring training season is behind us. We thank God that Covid cases decreased and Major League Baseball settled their contract so baseball players and fans could return to Tiger town.

Nine games were played and, with the help of our faithful volunteers, we filled the church lot adding \$9870 to the church treasury for Voters and Outreach to utilize as they decide.

Our flag person and lots of signs bring the cars in to the team of two cashiers and four or five others who direct them to the 200+ parking spots. Jim and Carol Kloha stepped up to provide hot dogs and the fixins this year, raising over \$1200. Blake Albright hawked water sales by offering free baseball cards with each sale. Pastor Chris in his yellow neon LCMS vest and hat, with his hand held “Stop” sign, was our crossing guard. We also thank Jack Briggs, Barb Syzmanski, Darlene and Bud Swett, Kim Kaniecki, Cheryl Erwin, Robin Fox, Sandy Spanier, Ken and Janette Williams, Al and Barb Miller, Annie Smith, Judy Farrin, Charlotte Mantz, Pastor Block, Charlene and Steve Rosane, John and Belinda Freer, Tom and Nancy Funtsch, Larry Nimitz, Carol and Mark Stuckart, Garrett Timmons and Carlos Orellana for their hours of comradery and aid in this project.

It has been a pleasure to organize this outreach. We have met so many wonderful people while raising funds to further God’s work in the Lakeland community.

Fred and Cathy Sterns



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Carlos Orellana and Jerry Munz

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting has been changed to May 22nd, after service in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, April 11, 2022



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom:

For the month of March our actual income performance is \$34,075 with our YTD at \$76,801. Our actual March expenses were \$27,797 with our YTD expenses at \$80,931. Our total bank asset balance is at \$325,393. Dedicated funds are \$188,038 and undedicated bank funds are at \$137,355. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 10.2% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of March. There were five noteworthy income items for this month of Baseball Parking of \$1,000 each and one noteworthy expense item for this month was Guide One Insurance of \$5,030.42 for 2nd Quarter insurance premium.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:

The donation balances for March 2022 were \$26,967 and for 2021 they were \$21,081 which were \$5,886 more than March last year. 2022 has started off by having an increase of \$8,106 in contributions over 2021.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Upcoming events: Florida Georgia District Convention, June 16th-18th, St. Augustine. COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask up at any time. Appropriate handwashing is encouraged. People with symptoms, a positive test result, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are highly encouraged to wear a mask or STAY home! The Telecare phone call ministry continues to do well. With Carol Ceaglske hitting her 80th Birthday as our organist, sooner or later we will need to consider addressing staffing changes in the Music Department. The theme of 2022 is the "Music of the Church". Sermons throughout the year will focus on the parts of the historic liturgy. I hope that we will see more people use their musical gifts in service to God. The working title of the film produced and directed by Jonathan Sawyer is "Remember." Pastor is working on the script, and aspects are falling together. Additional funding is being sought through grant sources.

Christian Education: Annie Smith

In Sunday School, we are looking forward to increasing our numbers. Book Study numbers are increasing. Our next book is Jesus in Me by Study Gateway. If you are interested in starting a Bible or book study at home or in your neighborhood or community, please contact Annie, Robin, or Pastor for further information. We would love to spread the word of Christ's love.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

The Tele-Care Ministry is going well. Diane Donaldson and Geri Slaten are helping Annie Smith to make monthly calls to all members of CLC members. These calls will be every 6 weeks.

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Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

The Volunteer luncheon went as planned. There were many attendees with lots of positive comments. The Youth group worked very well with the Stewardship team and made the day easy. Lots of cooperation and positive “vibes”. Thank You Card Ministry sent out several cards to worthy recipients. The Pictorial Directory went out. It seems to be working with minimal hiccups.

Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz

Nothing new to report.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

The audio and video equipment has arrived. We are shooting for installation in May. I will confirm when there is a set date. We have lost two members of the audio/video/streaming team and will be losing Levi this summer. I will be working on recruiting more, but if you know of any members interested, please let me know.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Nothing new to report.

Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block

Youth will be flying with Hope Lutheran Church for the National Youth Gathering. Flights have been reserved. We are working with registration to get our hotel situated. Youth stopped Wednesday meetings due to Lent Services but have restarted after Easter. The Fellowship Fund money will go to the Honduras Mission instead of the Youth starting in May.

Submitted by
Robin Fox

Amaryllis Garden

We would like to make an amaryllis garden around the mailbox. If you have some bulbs, please help us by donating a few to this project. All colors are welcome. Bring them in and put them in the container in the narthex. Thanks

