

Psalm 78:1

# The Christogram

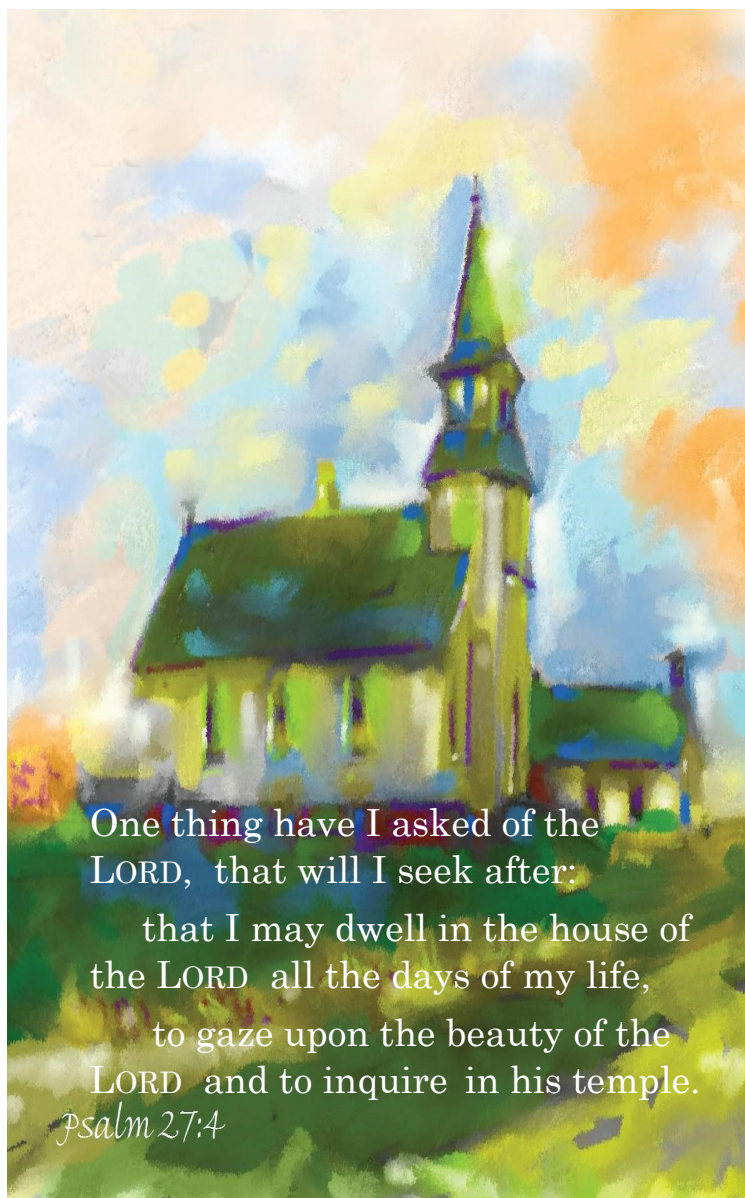
O my people, hear my teaching;  
Listen to the words of my mouth.

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One thing have I asked of the  
LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of  
the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the  
LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*Psalm 27:4*



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**Christ Lutheran Mission Statement**

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

**Serving in August****August 7**

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector** .....  
**Ushers** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Joann Shepker and Annie Smith  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
    GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

**August 14**

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** .....  
**Ushers** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Joann Shepker and Lolly Smith  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
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**August 21**

**Elder** ..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector** .....  
**Ushers** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Jim and Carol Kloha  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
    GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

**August 28**

**Elder** ..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector** .....  
**Ushers** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Robert and Cheryl Langanke  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**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 (8/13)  
**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	2 Trustee/ Volunteer Work- day  Outreach Mtg @ 5:30p	3 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  Pastor at Conference in Orlando	4	5	6  5:30p Worship Blessing of the Backpacks
7 8:30a Bible Study  10a Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Elders Meeting	8  Council Mtg @ 6:30p	9 Trustee/ Volunteer Work- day	10 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30  1st day of school Polk County	11	12	13  5:30p Worship
14 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	16	16 Trustee/ Volunteer Work- day	17 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	18	19	20  5:30p Worship
21 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	22 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	23 Trustee/ Volunteer Work- day	24 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	25  <b>NO</b> Paper Pumpkin	26	27  5:30p Worship
28 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Mtg	29	30  Trustee/ Volunteer Work- day	31 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30			

*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



## Birthdays

Rachel Thomas .....	8/1
Emma Block .....	8/3
Rick Smith .....	8/6
Judith Verbeke.....	8/10
Nell Morgan .....	8/10
Lee Crapo .....	8/12
Audrey Crapo.....	8/14
PJ Nunez.....	8/22
Barbara Miller .....	8/24
Cathy Sterns .....	8/26
Dawn Kahre .....	8/27
Arleen Smith.....	8/28
Jane Roy.....	8/31



## Anniversaries

Garrett and Connie Timmons .....	8/6 (34 yrs.)
Robert and Cheryl Langanke.....	8/10 (59 yrs.)
Tammy and Daniel Raimondo.....	8/13 (6 yrs.)
Richard and Arleen Smith .....	8/14 (46 yrs.)
Philip and Elise Mowry .....	8/17 (37 yrs.)
John and Belinda Freer.....	8/29 (42 yrs.)



Thank you to Sandy Spanier, Lolly Smith, and Helen Borgwardt who served for the month of July. Debbie and Rick Smith will be serving for the month of August. 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**

Trevor Peterson, .....	8/1
Delaney Peterson.....	8/1
Emma Block .....	8/3
Robbie Lanham .....	8/9
Vi Bertsch.....	8/12
Allison Henning Terrell .....	8/18
Willie Siedenstrang .....	8/21
Ruth Cassens .....	8/26



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

Keep up the good works! Every month we have filled at least two large containers. Sometimes we have overflow! The Outreach committee thanks you for your generosity-and asks that you continue to help the less fortunate. Food donations: canned soups, vegetables, fruit, and meat; menu staples such as flour, sugar, spices; Household needs-cleaning supplies, paper products i.e. napkins, paper towels, toilet paper; personal hygiene items-toothpaste, toothbrush, denture tablets, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner. Please check your expiration dates. Talbot House cannot use out dated goods. We might do that in our own homes, but they are not allowed to do so. Your clean used clothing is also welcome. Please make sure zippers work, buttons fasten, and there are no stains. Talbot House doesn't have a committee to repair clothes. The collection boxes are in the mail room at the back of the church.

We also have a new medicine collection box. Please black out your name. Someone from Outreach will take the medicine to Talbot House. Their driver is not allowed to pick up drugs.

If you have unused hearing aids, please put them in Pastor Jerry Munz' mail box. He will take them to Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center where they can be refurbished and given to people in need. "Since God in His mercy has given us this ministry, we never lose heart."

II Corinthians 4:1

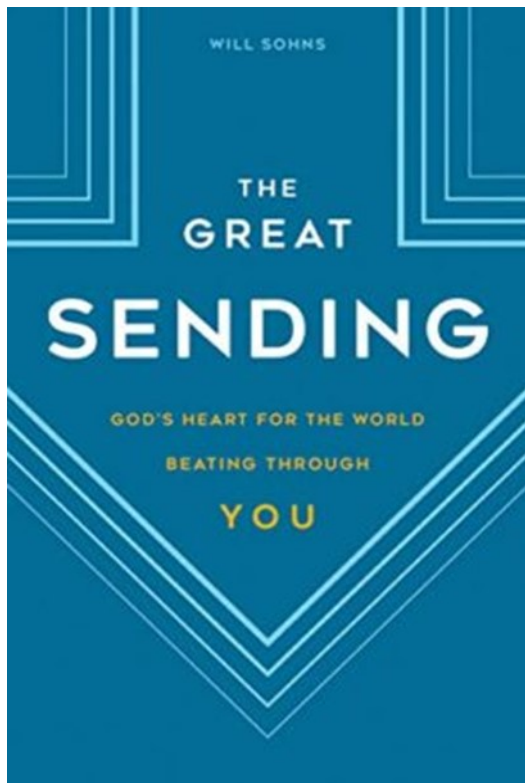


## ***From the Pastor.....***

The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating Through You.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Beginning in September we will begin to explore in depth God's Mission (missio Dei in Latin) and our role in that mission. Luke 19:10 records Jesus saying, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." The church has been commissioned for mission. We will be using a book written by LCMS District Presidents, as well as other synodical leaders, as our tool of study. Each week, there will be a devotional reading. The sermon will be based on the



Scriptural text from which the reading is drawn. Bible studies will be also based on the mission Scripture of the week. Copies of The Great Sending will be available for a suggested donation of \$7.50 per book.

From the Florida Georgia District Website:

### **What is "The Great Sending"?**

*It's just not a book to read. It's a way to immerse yourself in God's Word, it's a way of connecting you and others to Jesus. President Walton has declared 2022 as The Great Sending Jubilee Year! Pastors have been given the opportunity to purchase this book for their congregation to participate in this Jubilee Year and the response has been good!*

*Each chapter of "The Great Sending" connects God's heart to your own through a deep dive into Scripture. This book can begin new conversations in your church and help lead the laity, congregations, and pastors to let God change the direction of your church.*

Pastor Chris

On the weekend of August 6th and 7th, students of all ages, teachers, and school support staff are invited for special time of prayer at the start of the new school year. As a part of the worship service we will ask God's blessings on the backpacks. We will also pray for God's grace and guidance for students, as well as all who serve them in their instruction.

Pastor Chris

## Stewardship Corner

### The Gifts of Cain and Abel



The first gifts that we read about in Scripture are the offerings made by Cain and Abel who were the sons of Adam and Eve. In Genesis 4:2-4 we read, *"...Now Abel kept flocks and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock."* Cain and Abel, having been instructed by Adam in the knowledge of the Lord, brought offerings or gifts for the Lord. Because one worked the land and the other raised animals, their gifts were different. We read that Cain *"brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering,"* whereas Abel *"brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock."*

Between the two brothers there is also an indication of a difference in the attitudes of their hearts. While Cain wasn't concerned about giving the first or best of his crop, Abel brought in his best. God looked with favor upon Abel's offering. God looked into the hearts of both Cain and Abel as He looks into our hearts. He saw Abel's humble faith. In his gift, Abel showed his sincere gratitude for all that God had done for Him.

We need to understand that it's not the size of our gifts and offerings which makes them acceptable to the Lord, but rather it is the attitude of our hearts and minds toward God. God wants our gifts to be an expression of our love for Him. He wants us to give cheerfully rather than grudgingly. He wants us to give out love through faith. We are told by the writer in Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

Even though we are in the middle of summer, the Board of Stewardship will begin to prepare the annual 'Time and Talent Sheets' and 'Gifts of Treasure Sheets' that are dispersed in October. May the story of giving by Cain and Abel help us to examine our attitude toward giving. It is not only 'Treasure' that God looks at, but also that of our time. What can you do this coming year that you didn't do last year for your church body? Is there a talent that you have that could bless others in our congregation and community? We challenge each of you to step outside of your comfort zone and find a way to use your time and talents, as well as your treasures, for the glory of God!

May the Lord bless you as you begin to examine new ways to accomplish just that!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki

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.

## Mary Martha

The Mary-Martha Guild will not be meeting in August. Our regular meetings will resume on September 14 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with coffee and light refreshments and then have our business meeting. We usually end between 10:30-11. All women of the congregation are welcome and invited to attend. Our name reflects our purposes. We are to be in the Word, and then to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



This group is also a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League or LWML. We are a member of the Winter Haven Zone and will be serving the zone rally on November 12 here at Christ. If you have never attended or dropped out but are thinking about getting involved again, this is a great time to come and visit! Below are some of our projects. You might be interested in helping with one!

### Recipes!

We are still collecting recipes for a church cookbook. Please write your favorite recipe of any kind - casserole, vegetable, salad, dessert, appetizer- on a 3x5 or 4x6 card or on paper. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY! Sign your name and place your recipe in the box in front of the Outreach bulletin board on the right as you enter church. Thank you for your help with this project!

### Quilting

The quilters are taking August off, but they will be ready to resume stitching in September. Watch the bulletin and next newsletter for details.

### NEW PROJECT

Watch the September newsletter and bulletins for a new project involving Christmas. CHRISTMAS?!! This should be an easy project for everyone.

## OUTREACH

After taking a summer break, we will resume meeting on August 2nd at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will start making plans for fall activities. These include Fellowship Hour, Christmas Bazaar, and then Christmas gifts for the Lighthouse children, etc. We are also looking for more people to join us. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jerry Munz @ 863-430-1025. He will gladly give you more information.

### Fellowship hour

Do you enjoy the time we have together in the Fellowship Hall after services? If you do, please be thinking about joining one of the teams when asked to sign up. Belinda Freer and Vi Zabel have handled making the team lists, and it would make their lives easier if we have more people. What is required? A willingness to serve! The teams prepare refreshments for the time after church. As a team member, you would bring food as asked by the team leader, and then help with preparation and clean up. Many hands make light work!

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### **Collections**

We have collection boxes in the mail room at the back of the church. One is for the Honduras mission and orphanage. Carlos Orellana regularly ships our contributions to Honduras.

There is a collection box on top of the table labeled MOST ministries. You may deposit old eye glasses in it. They will be used by short term mission projects to help those overseas.

Another collection box on top of the table is labeled for medicines. We take these to Talbot House. Please make sure to black out personal information, but leave the name of the medicine visible. Talbot House also welcomes empty pill bottles that have been washed and have the label removed. They are used so that smaller amounts of shampoo can be poured from larger bottles for the clients.

Our largest collection boxes are for Talbot House. We welcome donations of used clothing -no stains or rips, working zippers, buttons in place. Talbot House does not have anyone to repair donated clothing, so that's why we have these requests. Any type of clothing is welcome! If you are donating used socks, it helps to put them in a zip lock bag. Clothing can be for men or women.

One of the biggest needs Talbot House has is continued contributions of food and household goods. SNAP (food stamps) doesn't cover personal care items or cleaning supplies. Shampoo, creme rinse, individual shavers, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, and deodorant are always in demand. Paper goods-toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, dish washing soap are needed too. Canned goods: soups, meats, vegetables, fruit, pasta, rice are always in high demand. Our donations are used both in the Talbot House kitchen and in the food pantry that gives food to the needy.

We want to thank Sandy Spanier and Pastor Jerry Munz for taking the medicines to Talbot House this month. Our regular collection day is the second Tuesday of the month, but the drivers aren't allowed to take medicines. So, if you see someone from Outreach taking the medicine box and emptying it, they're not taking it for themselves, but to Talbot House.

Outreach

### **Amaryllis Garden**

The response has been fantastic!! We are now planting bulbs in the third flower bed. Thanks to all who have donated and pray they make it through the summer heat and bloom for our spring visitors. Thank you.



The tree in the parking lot has been removed. I have put an orange cone by the driveway so the broken cement can be avoided. We hope to have estimates in for the driveway repair soon.

Sandy Spanier

### Baseball Parking 2022

Baseball Parking 2022 was a huge success. Thousands of people parked their cars and pickups on our campus. Jim Kloha and his team sold hotdogs and water bottles to those people walking from our campus to the baseball stadium. They netted \$1,206.07 in profits after expenses. There were signs that said that we were supporting Senior Orphans of Polk County. A check for that amount was sent to Senior Orphans and this is their thank you note:

*Dear Senior Orphan Friends ---*

*Thank you all so very much for your continued support of Senior Orphans thru your recent donation of \$1206.07. All your hard work to make this donation possible is greatly appreciated. We will use your donation to purchase much needed food for our food boxes and bath benches and grab bars for seniors that need them but cannot afford to purchase them.*

*Again, on behalf of all the seniors your donation will help, thank you all !!*

*Sincerely*

*Beverly Cornelius Senior Orphans*

### Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, June 13 2022



#### **Treasure: Jon Lindstrom:**

For the month of June our actual income performance is \$24,786 with our YTD at \$163,016. Our actual June expenses were \$25,880 with our YTD expenses at \$152,001. Our total bank asset balance is at \$328,414. Dedicated funds are \$197,823 and undedicated bank funds are at \$130,591. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 2.9% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of June. There were no noteworthy income items for this month and four noteworthy expenses of \$1,251 for fire extinguishers and certifying exiting extinguishers, \$1,206.07 for Senior Orphans of Polk County (donation from profit of hot dog stand at baseball parking), \$1,322.02 for a freight shipment to Central American mission, and \$5,676.78 for the third quarter insurance premium.

#### **Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:**

The donation balances for June 2022 were \$18,073 and for 2021 they were \$18,422 which were \$349 less than June last year. 2022 has started off by having an increase of \$5,501 in contributions over 2021.

#### **Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard**

There will be a Hispanic Missionary League Convention on August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. The Florida / Georgia District Pastors Conference will be September 19-21 in Daytona Beach. As recommended by the Florida / Georgia District of the LCMS, we will be focusing on the teachings found in The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating Through You for the next couple of years. The anthology of studies has been written by Synodical leaders to equip LCMS Christians to understand and to be activated to do their part in God's Mission to seek and save the lost.

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More complete descriptions can be found at: <https://flgadistrict.org/post-the-great-sending-jubilee-year/>. and <http://www.thegreatsending.org/>. Pastor Munz has returned to visiting shut-ins. Pastor Block has also agreed to visit as needed. The offering of a Bible study/worship experience at Cypress Lakes is currently on hold due to a transition in park ownership. We continue to improve our use of technology to help share the Gospel. I am grateful for our tech team, and hope that others will be drawn into that area of service.

### **President: John Freer**

We continue seeing new visitors coming to church and it seems there are more young adults. Please continue to welcome them, their feedback has been very positive saying this is a friendly church. We are making progress with replacing the driveway, some concrete quotes are in, and the tree has been removed. Thank you, Sandy. We are collecting information to see if members would like to attend a CPR/AED course here at the church, we will put a sign-up sheet up to see how many members are interested in participating. The course will cost \$30.00 a person. We have been working through some issues with streaming and hope to have them resolved this month.

### **Vice President: Ted Nelson**

I met with the Long Range Planning committee and discussed what to do and how to proceed with the courtyard.

### **Christian Education: Annie Smith**

There will be no VBS this summer. Book Study on Saturday at 4:30 and Sunday School will return in September.

### **Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

The Board of Elders have decided to continue the Saturday Divine Service at 5:30.

### **Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

Thank You Card Ministry cards continue to be sent out to deserving members, signed by all Stewardship members. Discussion on Time Talent sheets-possible changes/update procedure for the collection and usage of information. Phone calls will be made to encourage volunteers for role of Greeters. Welcome and Thanks for Attending cards, continue to be sent by Dawn Kahre (out of town).

### **Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz**

Correspondence from Senior Orphans donations for \$1206.07 was received and is posted on the bulletin board.

### **Board of Communications: Kris Welch**

We are still waiting to get the Mac back from Best Buy/Geek Squad. We are using Pastor's laptop in the meantime. The MacBook Pro has started having issues and was taken to the Apple Store on Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> to have it checked out. All is well with it and is now working. We are switching our streaming platform from Facebook to YouTube.

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### **Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier**

General maintenance and cleaning were done as well as the bushes trimmed. The tree in the parking lot by the driveway was taken down, stump grinding done and removed on 6/30/22 at a cost of \$800.00. We are now waiting on a third estimate for the driveway repair. An orange cone has been placed by the broken cement. The two estimates we have are from #1 - J Bryant Construction for \$7,800 and #2 - AAA Concrete for \$12,400.00. Amaryllis bulbs are continuing to be left for the gardens and are much appreciated. The amaryllis garden is coming along, and we hope they will be blooming for baseball season next year. We're evaluating the code system for entry to the keypads. Any changes will be forwarded. One toilet had to be repaired.

### **Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block**

Absent from meeting due to the Youth Gathering.

### **Central America Missions August 2022**

The August surgical mission is fast approaching, and so far everything is falling in to place. If God's will, we will be able to have a productive time helping people in need. Christ Lutheran Church, thank you for your prayers and financial support. Every little bit helps and that's why I am able to help those who can not help themselves.

The Franciscan friars continue to oversee both operations: the hospital and orphanage. I am grateful for their dedication to serve the poorest of the poor.

If God's will, next month from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> we will be returning for the first time since the pandemic. The situation on the ground is not improving and we are aware of the criminal aspect in Comayagua, Honduras. The Friars also are taking the proper precautions.

As always, keep this mission in your prayers.

Carlos Orellana



Collecting Medical Supplies  
In Sarasota



Shipping supplies from Miami



Collecting medical supplies at  
Lakeland Regional