

Psalms 121:7

The Christogram

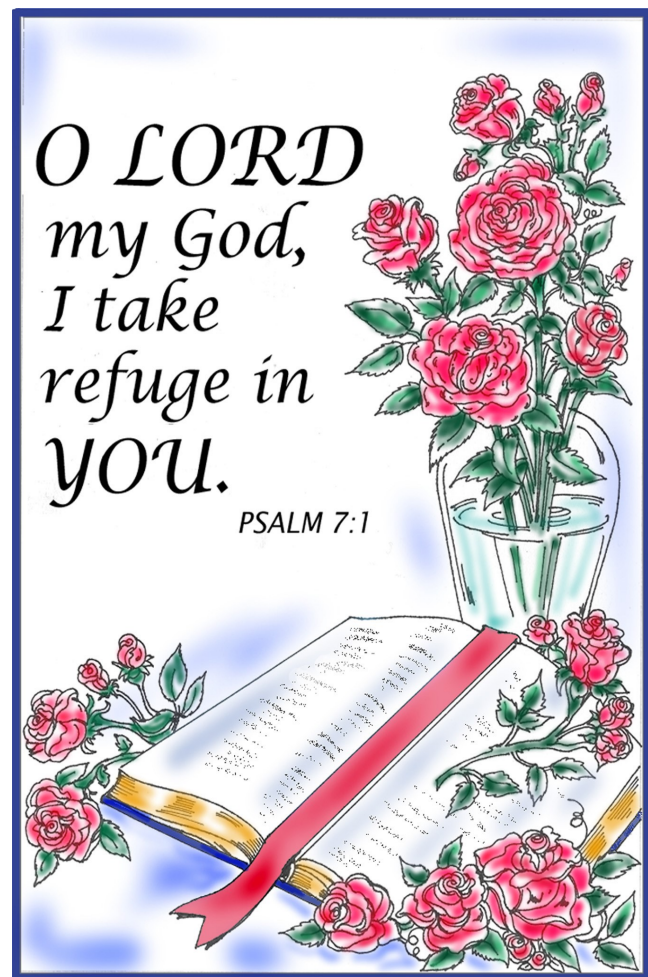
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
He shall preserve your soul.

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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement

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

Serving in July**July 3**

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

July 10

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream:

July 17

Elder Carlo Orellana
Lector Kim Kaniecki
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

July 24

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
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July 31

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Sandy Spanier and Lolly Smith

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo/ Carlos Orellana (7/9)
Lector Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:30p Worship
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	4 Church Office Closed 	5 Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	6 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	7	8	9 5:30p Worship <u>National</u>
10 8:30a FLGA District LCMS Convention Report 10a Worship <u>Youth</u>	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p <u>Gathering</u>	12 Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day <u>Houston,</u>	13 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30 <u>Texas</u>	14	15	16 5:30p Worship
17 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	18 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	20 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	21	22	23 5:30p Worship
24 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Mtg	25	26 Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	27 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	28	29	30 5:30p Worship
31 8:30a Bible Study						

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



Arthur Walls,.....	7/2
Jerry Swope,	7/2
Gerald Frizzell	7/7
Larry Nimetz.....	7/12
Ruth Cassens.....	7/13
Allison Henning Terrell.....	7/14
Trevor Peterson.....	7/15
Vi Bertsch.....	7/17
Caleb Hazzard.....	7/18
Allie Kaniecki	7/20
Garrett Timmons.....	7/22
Donna Grant.....	7/23
Cindy Cavanaugh	7/28
Andrea Sawyer.....	7/30
Carol Ceaglske.....	7/30



Cheryl and Charles Erwin	7/4 (44 yrs.)
Christopher and Andrea Hazzard	7/15 (27 yrs.)
Carlos and Stacey Orellana	7/15 (27 yrs.)
Kent and Dawn Kahre.....	7/22 (44 yrs.)



Thank you to Linda Poole and Gerie Slaten who served for the month of June. Sandy Spanier and Lolly Smith will be serving for the month of July. 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**

Eileen Hanson	7/1
Manfred Yost.....	7/1
Daniel Zabel.....	7/2
Pat Mangum.....	7/3
Judi Rudolph,	7/4
Joyce Munz,	7/10
Charlene Rosane	7/10
Bill Siedenstrang	7/10
Donald Matter	7/10
Jon Lindstrom	7/13
Natalie Thiele	7/15
Beverly Roberge.....	7/16
Debbie Smith	7/18
Jerold Munz.....	7/22
Donald Rohrbach.....	7/25



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.....

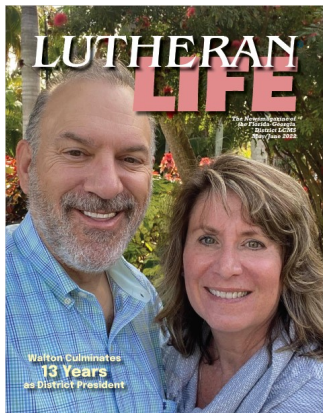
A Future Fixed on Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV)



At the Florida Georgia District of the LCMS Convention, we were reminded to fix our eyes on Jesus. Pastor Tony Durante related the story of a recent deep sea fishing trip where he started to feel nauseous. The advice he was given was to neither look down at the bottom of the boat, nor look at the seas close to the boat. Both of those actions would cause the seasickness to worsen because the brain and the body would not process the sights and the motions in a way that would lead to health. Rather, he was told to fix his eyes on the horizon, where there would be a steady frame of reference. In the same way, we can look to Jesus as we are in a time of turbulent waters. If we look at just what is going on right now in the world, we will not be able to function. The ebbs and flows of our increasingly sin-sick culture, as well as the instability in our national and personal economies, can lead us to depression and despair if that is all we see. As we look to Jesus, our Rock and Redeemer, we can handle the storms and stress of the present day. As we look to Jesus, our light and life, we have a sure and certain hope that he will continue to preserve and grow His church as he has done for thousands of years. God is still at work through you and me; we need not despair over the occasional choppy seas. Be of good cheer! Jesus is Lord!

A report on the 2022 Florida Georgia District convention will be presented during the Adult Bible Study hour on Sunday, July 10th, at 8:30 a.m. Please join us in hearing what the Lord is doing in our region.



Did you know that a print magazine for the Florida Georgia District can be mailed to your home? More information can be found at <https://flgadistrict.org/lutheranlife/>

Pastor Chris

Mary Martha

WOW! This congregation is blessed to have people with open hearts! As mentioned in previous newsletters, the LWML is celebrating its 80th birthday this year. During our month of Undie Sundays, we had hoped we would at least collect 80 items, but prayed for at least 160. The Lord blessed this in-gathering with 353 articles of underwear, socks, t-shirts and bras. The children's items will be going to the Honduras orphanage and the adult clothing is going to Talbot House. So, our thank you of 80 items is 3.5 times what the basic intake hope was! Thank you for opening your hearts and being so generous! Photos appear in the newsletter of the boxes waiting to be divided.



Mary-Martha will not meet in July or August, but will resume meeting on September 14th. We meet at 9 AM on the second Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall with light refreshments first, and then have our meeting. We would like to invite all the ladies of the congregation to join us for our first meeting. We will be talking about the Zone Fall Rally to be held November 12th here at Christ, and also our congregational cookbook.

Prayers are requested as the District LWML continues to prepare for the District convention to be held in Tampa on September 30th-October 2nd. Our delegates are Belinda Freer and Charlotte Mantz, with Norma Miller as an alternate. Joyce Munz served on the District Mission committee which selected mission projects for the 2022-2024 biennium. These projects will be voted on before the convention.

If you would like to contribute to the mite projects, there are small boxes located next to the large box as you enter the church. They will be on your left. For those of you who like to use the mite calendars as a suggestion, the July and August calendars are in the mail room at the back of the church. They are located on top of the glass topped cabinet on your right as you enter the mail room. Again, these are only suggestions !



Stewardship Corner

WHEN A TOUGH WEED IS A GOOD THING



Most of us have had the not so pleasant experience of pulling weeds at some time or another. Some weeds are easy to remove, others not so much. The easy ones are usually weeds that are on a lone stem, with no deep roots. They pull up quite easily. Some weeds, on the other hand, are extremely difficult to remove. This may be because of several factors. They may have very deep roots. They may be clustered with other similar weeds. They may have runners that go all around them keeping them grounded firmly. Some break off easily above the soil but the roots are still deep in the ground. Whatever the reason, some weeds are just really difficult to remove.

As I was pulling weeds this past week, it occurred to me that Christians are like weeds. "Christians are like weeds" you say? Yes, let me explain. The devil comes along and tries to destroy us, all of our lives. Whether he is successful largely depends on how 'rooted' we are in Christ. Some people stand alone, with no Christian supporters around them; having very shallow roots in the Word of God, so much easier to be destroyed. While others have very deep roots, grounded in the Word of God, standing firmly with many other Christians around them to support and strengthen themselves. Some are reaching out in many directions around themselves for that support from other Christians, keeping themselves grounded. Some may even be easily hurt on the surface, yet they are deeply rooted in the Word of God, so that they will grow back stronger than before.

Which are you? How successful are you at defending yourself against the attacks from the devil? Is he easily able to pull you up out of your life of peace, and hurt you, maybe even destroy you? Or are you able to stand firm in your peace? That all depends on how firmly you are rooted in the Word of God, having the support of other Christians around you to keep you grounded, standing firm, able to withstand the attacks of the devil.

Never forget how important it is that we turn daily to the Word of God for our strength and endurance. Remember that the deeper your roots go into the Word of God, the stronger you are! So the next time you're out picking weeds, or even watching as others pick them for you, ask yourself "which one am I?" Hopefully the devil will just move on past you, knowing that you are not one that he needs to waste his time with because "Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world" because your roots grow deep!

God bless you on the growth of your roots!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki



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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.

Outreach

We are not meeting in July, but will have our next meeting August 2nd at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have more people on this committee! Our job is to help Christ Lutheran Church in reaching out to the community and spreading the Good News. We do this through the Christmas Bazaar-and profits are assigned to a charity, Christmas gifts and Easter baskets for Lighthouse children, Souper Bowl Sunday-which benefits Talbot House food pantry, the continuous monthly collection of canned goods and clothing for Talbot House, supporting the church rummage sale, and whatever else is asked of us. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jerry Munz.



Talbot House Ministries

We continue to collect gently used clothing-no stains, rips, working zippers and household items. These items include paper goods-paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins; cleaning supplies-dish soap,multi-purpose sprays, etc; personal items-soap, shampoo, creme rinse, individual razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, individual toothbrushes, denture tablets, deodorant; and canned goods. The canned goods can include soups, vegetables, fruits, meat-Spam, tuna, chicken,etc., pasta, spices, flour, sugar., etc. Talbot House also appreciates the large #10 cans of ingredients for their daily kitchen and large containers of spices. They serve hundreds of meals each week,so staples are used quickly. Our normal pick up is the second Tuesday of every month. This past month Talbot has had people out sick, so they are a little behind in pick up. Thank you for your patience!

Talbot House also collects empty medicine bottles. If you can remove the label from the bottle, then put it in the specially marked box on top of the table in the mail room at the back of the church. The empty bottles are used at Talbot to pour shampoo from larger bottles when the clients take showers. They have found this to be very cost effective. You may also deposit unused medication in this same box. Please black out your name and the Rx number.



NEW! NEW! We have a new collection box for glasses. It is next to the medicine collection box. The eyeglass collection will go to Our Savior, Zephyrhills. One of their members goes on mission trips with M.O.S.T.-mission opportunities short term. The eyeglasses will be going to developing countries.

All donation boxes are in the mail room and are marked. The collection box for the Honduras orphanage is also there. Please be sure to put your donations where you want them to go.

If you have old hearing aids, please put them in the Munz mailbox. Pastor and Joyce will take them to the Central Speech and Hearing Center where they can be refurbished.

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



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom:

For the month of May our actual income performance is \$24,786 with our YTD at \$138,099. Our actual May expenses were \$25,536 with our YTD expenses at \$122,737. Our total bank asset balance is at \$338,651. Dedicated funds are \$195,690 and undedicated bank funds are at \$142,47. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 7.7% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of May. There were no noteworthy income items for this month and two noteworthy expenses of \$2,552 for airline tickets for the Youth Gathering in Houston and \$1,008 for website services.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:

The donation balances for May 2022 were \$22,779 and for 2021 they were \$24,477 which was \$1,698 less than May last year. 2022 has started off by having an increase of \$5,660 in contributions over 2021.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Nothing to report due to being on vacation.

President: John Freer

Congregational meeting went well.

Congregation gave Approval for preliminary architectural drawings for courtyard and remodel of bathrooms. Estimate price \$6,800.00 with council approval needed if the price exceeds that amount.

Vice President: Ted Nelson

Nothing to report currently.

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

Nothing to report

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

Nothing to report due to the Voter's Meeting having precedence.

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Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz

The Narthex Bulletin Board continues to welcome people to our worship services.

Profits from the Hot Dog sales was sent to Senior Orphans.

The bulletin board focuses on Psalm 32:12 "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord" and "Let them know that You, whose name is Yahweh [Lord] -- that You alone are the Most High over all the Earth" Psalm 83:18.

Focusing on our national events such as Flag Day and Independence Day.

As in the past few years, The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions has not met during the months of June and July. Our next Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 3.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

The Board will be working on getting our best practices and protocols codified over the summer and hopefully will have that ready for the August or September Council meeting. This will include how to's for the audio and visual systems, as well as the website and social media. We will also establish procedures for purchasing and installing new equipment.

Will figure out a date to meet to update church emails.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Most of the yearly inspections have been completed - emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, fire & police dept. walk-throughs. We added a Halcon extinguisher to the video room, the sound board and in the choir loft by the organ. An additional extinguisher was added to the maintenance room. (We used the extinguisher from the choir loft which was replaced with a Halcon). The kitchen stove & hood are the only inspections not completed but are scheduled. We are waiting for an update on the lift inspection which was done in May at which time the batteries needed to be replaced.

The annual arrival of the blind mosquitos is hopefully over, and the remnants cleared thanks to Bob Langanke's efforts.

One toilet had to be repaired.

The amaryllis garden is coming along, and we hope they will be blooming for baseball season next year.

The fire department checked the Knox Box to confirm the access key still worked & added the door codes to the box.

Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block

Youth leaves next month for the NYG in Texas. Kirsten Vogt won't be going.

Central America Missons July 2022

Our last shipment made it to San Benito Jose, Comayagua, Honduras. The intent is to distribute all the items to those who are in the most need. The Friars will make sure that the help goes to those who need it the most.

The surgical mission coming up in August is still on schedule. So far, everything is falling in place. The situation on the ground is concerning, as usual. The area where San Benito Jose Hospital is located is in a marginalized area. We and the Friars will take the proper precautions; and with the hand of God we will have a successful mission. God will let us help these people who have been waiting for a while to take care of their illnesses.

I want to thank everybody at Christ Lutheran for your support to the Central American Mission. Continue to bring your donations to help the medical mission and orphanage in Honduras. Let us share our blessings with others, our neighbors who are in need. Clean out those items that you don't use anymore. Keep this mission in your prayers and may God bless us to help those who can not help themselves.

Carlos Orellana

