

Psalm 91:2-3

# The Christogram

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;  
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.  
Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all peoples.

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**Christ Lutheran Mission Statement**

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

**Serving in June****June 5**

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

**June 12**

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

**June 19**

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

**June 26**

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector** .....  
**Ushers** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Robert and Cheryl Langanke  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
    GFX/Stream: Levi Hazzard

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Linda Poole and Gerie Slaten

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

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo/ Steve Rosane (6/11)  
**Lector** ..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten  
**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	2	3	4  5:30p Worship
5 8:30a Bible Study  10a Worship Elders Meeting	6	7 Quilters @ 10a  Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	8 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	9   Pastor on Vacation	10	11  5:30p Worship
12  10a Worship	13  Council Mtg @ 6:30p  Pastor on Vacation	14 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	15	16   Pastor at Florida Georgia District Convention	17	18  5:30p Worship
19 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	20 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	21 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	22 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	23	24	25  5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Mtg	27	28 Quilters @ 10a Trustee/ Volunteer Work-day	29 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30	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

Michael Spanier.....	6/2
Jon Lindstrom.....	6/4
Janice Newman.....	6-5
Nancy Tyler .....	6/7
Charlene Rosane .....	6/9
Steve Rosane .....	6/10
Patricia Maxson .....	6/12
Joyce Munz .....	6/13
Natalie Thiele .....	6/13
Daniel Zabel.....	6/13
Betty Costine .....	6/17
Pat Mangum, .....	6/18
Barbara Joost.....	6/20
Bob Kossel.....	6/21
Edna Wright.....	6/21
Becky Schwarz.....	6/25
Madeline Block .....	6/27
Beverly Roberge .....	6/28
Donald Rohrbach.....	6/28
Manfred Yost.....	6/29
Pamela Hanson.....	6/30
Robert Minniear .....	6/30

George and Betty Kilbertus.....	6/6 ( 58 yrs.)
Jerry and Joyce Munz.....	6/7 ( 52 yrs.)
Michael and Cindy Cavanaugh.....	6/16 ( 49 yrs.)
Fred and Cathy Sterns.....	6/17 ( 50yrs.)
Jerry and Patricia Swope .....	6/21 ( 65 yrs.)



Thank you to Debbie and Rick Smith who served for the month of May. Linda Poole and Gerie Slaten will be serving for the month of June. 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**

Logan Peterson .....	6/1
Sophia Orellana.....	6/1
Charolet Burbrink .....	6/1
George Kilbertus.....	6/4
Bob Kossel.....	6/4
Becky Schwarz .....	6/4
Elise Mowry.....	6/5
Betty Costine .....	6/6
Lolly Smith.....	6/7
Andrea Sawyer.....	6/10
Nancy Lanham.....	6/15
Allison Gillespie .....	6/16
Gerie Slaten .....	6/16
Anne Smith .....	6/27



## **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.....*

Pointing to Jesus

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

What does this mean? *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.*

*This is most certainly true.* (The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's Explanation)

The church observes Pentecost this year on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the early disciples and enabled them to proclaim in multiple languages the "mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:11). The church today continues to proclaim the mighty acts of God, the Word of God. All Scripture points to God's redeeming reconciliation that happened as Jesus surrendered His life on the cross. The Holy Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel. Despite the decreasing attendance in many congregations, and the turmoil across the world-wide church, we can be sure that the Holy Spirit will continue to work to point people to Jesus. We will faithfully continue to proclaim the wonders of God as given in the Word, confident that the Holy Spirit is at work to create and sustain faith. God is Good, all the time.

Pastor Chris



## Mary Martha

Fifteen ladies met on May 11th for our meeting. Our quilters have been busy and have 23 quilts ready to go. Our upcoming fundraisers for fall/winter are the Script Program, Church Cookbook ( keep the recipes coming and put in the white box marked for recipes in the Narthex), Fashion Show / Luncheon on February 11th, and a family ornament for the Fellowship Hall Christmas Tree. More details will follow in the fall. Election of officers was held for the 2022 - 2023 year: President will be Belinda Freer, Vice- President; Joyce Munz, Secretary; Charlotte Mantz, and Treasurer; Helen Borgwardt. Next meeting is September 14th. Have a Great Summer.



The Winter Haven Zone Rally will be here at Christ Lutheran Church on November 12th. More details will be available in the fall. The LWML District Convention will be held the weekend of September 30 - October 2 at the downtown Hilton in Tampa. Delegates are : Belinda Freer, Charlotte Mantz, and Norma Miller will be the alternate. Registration and details will be available soon.

## LWML

The National LWML-Lutheran Women's Missionary League-is the recognized service organization for women of the LCMS-the national church body that Christ Lutheran belongs to. The LWML was started in 1942 during WWII because some ladies recognized that churches alone couldn't continue mission projects. BUT, working together, they would accomplish more. Our Mary-Martha group is a member of the Winter Haven Zone, FL-GA District, and National LWML. As you enter the church, you will see a box on the left hand side that says "LWML." We collect money for our local ministry at every meeting, and also use the mite boxes-small boxes that are next to the large box. Our mite box donations fund local, national, and international missions. IF you would like to support this work, take a box and return it when it is full of change or dollar bills and place in the big box. This offering is always to be above our pledge to our local congregation.

This year and next, we are celebrating the LWML's 80th birthday. Our Undy Sunday collection last fall, collected over 80 items for Central America and Talbot House. We haven't counted the spring donations yet, but will report that next month. We have been challenged to do something 80 for the Lord-be it 80 extra pennies, dollars, panties, toothpaste-whatever we are giving with a cheerful heart. Thank you to all who have made donations!

**80th  
Birthday**

## Stewardship Corner



At different times throughout our lives, we all make the choice whether to serve ourselves or to be servants to others. If we make a practice of putting ourselves first, we will spend life joyless and empty, wondering why fulfillment escapes us.

Even though God never abandons us, we can elect to turn away from Him. God wants the best for us, and His best for us is that we deny ourselves and follow Him. If we focus only on our earthly possessions and make it our top priority to take care of ourselves only, we push God out of our lives. Putting our own interests first, we become selfish and self-centered.

Paul revealed the secret of the transformed mind to the Galatians. *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"* (Galatians 2:20). Joy comes into our lives when God, instead of self, is the object of our love and worship. It was joy that compelled Jesus to endure the Cross (Hebrews 12:2).

The stewardship life is a life dedicated completely to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said that if we would follow Him, we *"must deny [ourselves] and take up [our] cross[es] and follow [Him]"* (Matthew 16:25), *"Whoever loses his life for Me will find it."* Martin Luther said, 'If anyone would rap at the door of my heart and ask, 'Who lives here?' I would answer, 'Martin Luther once lived here. But Martin Luther has moved out and Jesus Christ has moved in.' "When Jesus has permanent residence within us, He can use us to build His kingdom among men.

Here at Christ Lutheran Church, there are many opportunities for us to give of our time, talents, and treasures. We should all periodically examine ourselves to see that we are making the most of every opportunity to give our best and first fruits to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God bless you on your journey of self-examination and may His Name be glorified and praised here at this church and in your lives.

In Christ,  
Kim Kaniecki



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## Outreach



*"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord."* is a quote from Psalm 32:12. The Outreach bulletin board is changed periodically throughout the year. We thank Cheryl Erwin and Sandy Spanier for maintaining the bulletin board in our church Narthex. The current bulletin board is up for May through July. These months are our patriotic months. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Loyalty Day. May 21<sup>st</sup> is Armed Forces Day. May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. June 12<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. July 4<sup>th</sup> is Declaration of Independence Day. August has no patriotic holidays. However, August is when our students return back to the classrooms. August 10<sup>th</sup> is Polk County public schools first full day back to school.

Some people put up an American flag to remember the patriotic days. As Americans, we celebrate each one a little differently. May 21<sup>st</sup> we watch the military planes fly overhead. May 30<sup>th</sup> we decorate our cemeteries with flowers and flags. June 12<sup>th</sup> we remember Betsy Ross making the flag for General George Washington. Then we pull out all the stops for Fourth of July with parades, picnics, fireworks, and so on.

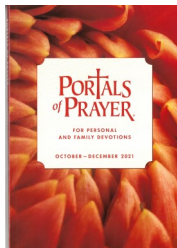
Our churches have in our chancels both the Christian Flag and the American Flag. Some congregations have services thanking our God for the blessings we have as citizens here in the United States. Others feel that we should do with less patriotic fervor. We tend to forget that we need to quote this verse *"Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord."* We need first to come before our God and confess our sins and unworthiness of His kindness. Then affirm that our Lord [Yahweh] is God and to celebrate His blessings upon us as a nation.

*"Let them know that You, whose name is Yahweh [Lord] --- that You alone are the Most High over all the earth."* Psalm 83:18

THANK YOU for your prayers and phone calls of concern for my health. I had surgery in March. Now I am in physical therapy. Again thank you for your prayers and your concerns for my health. May the Lord continue to bless each of you. In Christ, Pastor Jerry Munz

## Outreach

The Outreach Committee wants to thank Belinda Freer and Vi Zabel for again leading the Fellowship Ministry. It is a BIG job to collect all the names, make the teams, and then make sure the teams know when to serve. Outreach also thanks all who served on a team! Every Sunday we have enjoyed various goodies. Fellowship teams take a rest in the summer and won't start again until the fall. You can help NOW by letting Belinda or Vi know if you are willing to lead a team again this fall or to serve on a team. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our faithful helpers through transfers back north, death, etc. Northerners, please let these ladies know if you are willing to serve. This will make life easier for these two ladies! Thank you again for helping to make CLC a great place to gather!



Please recycle your Portals of Prayer and other devotional magazines. Because of Covid, Institutions have changed their policies about accepting them. We are following their lead, and not using them for our Christmas or bazaar bags. However, we do still have Christian material in the bags. One of them is our own tri-fold brochure about CLC-Christ Lutheran Church. If you have never looked at one, pick one up from our tract racks in the Fellowship Hall or the entry to the church. You will also find other brochures on various topics. Be informed!



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**  
The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
5:30pm Saturdays  
10:00am Sundays  
8:30am Adult Bible Study and on  
Wednesday's @ Noon  
You are invited to worship with us  
and we hope to see you soon.

## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, May 9, 2022



### Treasure: Jon Lindstrom:

For the month of April our actual income performance is \$25,610 with our YTD at \$102,411. Our actual April expenses were \$21,939 with our YTD expenses at \$102,880. Our total bank asset balance is at \$334,651. Dedicated funds are \$193,635 and undedicated bank funds are at \$131,016. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 6% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of April. There were two noteworthy income items for this month; over \$1000 for Baseball Parking and an additional anonymous college student grant of \$2,250.

### Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart:

The donation balances for April 2022 were \$27,886 and for 2021 they were \$28,386 which were \$500 less than April last year. 2022 has started off by having an increase of \$7,610 in contributions over 2021.

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**Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard**

Upcoming events: Pastor Pennekamp will cover services while Pastor is on vacation. Our family Vacation/Memorial for my mother: June 9th -15th, Delaware. Christian Ives Baptism is May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Florida Georgia District Convention will be June 16th -18th, in St. Augustine. The Hispanic Missionary League Convention is August 2nd -5<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. Michael Simonds was received into membership via Adult Confirmation. We are starting a study of Colossians during Sunday and Wednesday Bible Studies. All are encouraged to attend. A donor will be supplementing the Arndt Scholarship this year with a one-time scholarship for our graduating seniors.

The pace of change and the types of change in our society will probably present challenges to our congregation and to the church in the United States as a whole. I urge our congregation to prepare itself for a potentially rough patch.

**President: John Freer**

A car has caused minor damage to the stucco in the courtyard area.

**Vice President: Ted Nelson**

Attended the recent LRP MTG. Where we made final plans to present the Atrium remodel to the congregation

**Christian Education: Annie Smith**

There will be no VBS this summer. The Sunday School will end after May 22nd. Saturday Book Study is Jesus in Me. We will be taking the summer off and return again to our book in September.

**Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

June 16<sup>th</sup> is the upcoming District conference. In August the is LCMS Hispanic Lutheran conference will be held in Orlando. The Board of Elders approved the waiver for Levi Hazzard to get a Scholarship.

**Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

No report due to no meeting in April due to Long Range Planning meeting that same day.

**Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz**

We propose that the Sunday Fellowship luncheons which end on May 22, resume in October. Also, we looked at the Baseball Spring Training Hot Dog Ministry profits to go to Senior Orphans. Outreach will not meet during June or July and resume our monthly meetings on August 7.

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

We have established new procedures for proof-reading and checking slides and builds prior to services to eliminate typos/errors. New equipment installation is currently slated for June. This is due to the availability of the sound engineer, Jason, that previously worked with the setting up and designing the current system.

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

Lakeland Glass and Mirror will come out to seal the windows and donate the fee to the remembrance to his mother. We're working on getting bids for replacing the sidewalks at the driveway. The usual cleaning of the courtyard and garden areas was completed. All the baseball parking & hot dog concession equipment was put away. The damage to the flower beds and courtyard pillars was repaired at no expense to the church.

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

Youth meetings on Wednesday have started back up. We had a meeting on May 4, 2022. The lesson was on Mother's Day. The youth are planning a fun event in the Summer; still working out the day. We are looking to focus on the seniors.

### **Central America Missions - June**

I was finally able to make the shipment to the Hospital San Benito Jose of Comayagua. Between the donations from Christ Lutheran Church and the other medical supplies collected, it came to 1,063 pounds.

This is one of the biggest shipments we have ever sent. Thank you, Christ Lutheran Church, for your support to this mission.

The need is becoming desperate in underprivileged countries. These individuals have trouble making it day to day in prosperous times, needless to say in times of inflation.

Nothing has changed for our two surgical missions coming up. There are various items that must come together for a mission to be successful. Please keep us in your prayers, so we can help those in the most need.

Continue to keep this medical/orphanage mission in your hearts. Continue to donate items that you may otherwise dispose of in your house. As always, keep the mission in your prayers. May God continue to bless us in helping those who cannot help themselves.

Carlos Orellana

