

Psalm 8:1

The Christogram

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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CLC Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 3rd
8:30am - 1:00pm

Crafts, Gifts, Door Prizes.



Concessions and Bake sale by Youth Department



Paper Shredding available by Thrivent 10am - Noon

(please bring a canned good to be donated)



One Blood will be on campus hosting a Blood Drive from 7:45am - Noon



Proceeds will be donated to VISTE



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Christ Lutheran Guiding Statement

Christ Lutheran is a growing family of believers who love, accept, and welcome all, so that we may share God's love in word and deed.

December 4

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector
Ushers
Greeters Joann Shepker
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

December 7 Advent

Elder Carlos Orellana

December 11

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector Jon Lindstrom
Ushers
Greeters Pat Hurd
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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December 14

Elder Carlos Orellana

December 18

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector Kim Kaniecki
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

December 21

Elder Carlos Orellana

December 24

Elder All Elders

December 25

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
 GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Barbara and Alfred Miller

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane (12/10)
Lector Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Christmas Bazaar 8:30 - 1p 5:30p Worship
4 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Elders Meeting	5	6 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday Outreach mtg @ 5:30 p	7 Mary Martha Mtg & Luncheon NO Bible Study Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Advent Service @ 6:30p	8	9	10 5:30p Worship
11 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a	12 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	13 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday	14 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Advent Service @ 6:30p	15	16	17 5:30p Worship
18 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Communication Board Mtg	19 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	20 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday	21 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Blue Christmas Service @ 6:30p	22	23	24 6:30p Christmas Eve Service
25 NO Bible Study 10a Worship	26	27 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday	28 NO Bible Study NO Private Com.	29 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	30	31 5:30p New Year's Eve Service

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
Katherine Hamann
Sally Henning
Al Herman
Fran Klug
Dorothy Lovelace
Don & Nancy Matter
Nell Morgan
Fran Murphy
Lois Smith
Norma Tipton
Amy Wilson

Rosie Fyffe.....	12/2
Linda Johnson.....	12/2
Linnea Vogt	12/3
George Czanko.....	12/3
Neal Whitehurst.....	12/5
Kris Welch.....	12/5
Sally Henning.....	12/7
Rick Joost.....	12/9
Diane Hill	12/9
Carol Stuckert	12/10
Fran Murphy.....	12/10
David Sawyer.....	12/12
Al Herman	12/13
Debora Stephenson.....	12/15
Erica Bell.....	12/16
Ted Nelson.....	12/22
Norma Tipton	12/26
Richard Caughey.....	12/26
Alfred Miller	12/27
Judy Kargel	12/30
Pat Wiesenauer	12/30
Debra Louchart.....	12/31
Patricia Swope	12/31



Birthdays

Rev. John and Bev Flamme	12/5 (24 yrs.)
Linnea Vogt and David E Vogt.....	12/15 (33 yrs.)
George and Norma Miller	12/19 (58 Yrs.)
Lynn and Lynette Newman	12/29 (43 yrs.)



Anniversaries



Thank you to Alfred and Barbara Miller and Ken and Janette Williams who served for the month of November. Barbara and Alfred Miller will be serving for the month of December. 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**

Michael Simonds	12/1
Yvonne Case	12/1
Violet Zabel.....	12/3
Shirley Lindstrom.....	12/8
Kenneth Ditton	12/9
Judith Verbeke.....	12/10
Blake Albright	12/18
Neal Whitehurst.....	12/19
Dawn Peters.....	12/26
Lynn Newman.....	12/26
Diana Moilanen.....	12/31
Linnea Vogt.....	12/31



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 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. A special request for this month is for holiday food donations. Large containers of spices, flour, and sugar are real blessings.



From the Pastor.....

Angels at Work in Lakeland

Angels are God's ambassador's or messengers. What messages do they bring? In the Bible texts for Advent and Christmas, we hear of the angel Gabriel telling Zechariah that his wife, Elizabeth, would conceive a son whom they are to name John. "He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah... to make ready for the Lord a people prepared" (Luke 1:16-17 ESV). Gabriel also placed the Word of God in Mary, saying "behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (Luke 1:31 ESV). Once Jesus emerged from the womb, angels appeared to the shepherds:

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:10-14 ESV).

While the Bible usually uses the word "angel" to describe spiritual beings, human beings are also occasionally described as angels/ambassadors/messengers. Note that the good news of Jesus' birth brings great joy to ALL the people. Is there someone that you know that could use some joy? Consider being an angel in their life by inviting them to worship on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to hear the angel's message that brings great joy. "Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!"



The Blue Christmas service is a time when we can, in company with each other, acknowledge the sadness we feel at Christmas time. This is the time of the shortest day and longest night of the year, when memories of past experiences and the pain of present reality can become overwhelming. Recognizing that this is not a season of joy for everyone, in this service we will be invited to reflect on the pain, the loneliness, and the sorrow we may feel and offer it all to our great sign of hope, the Holy Child of Bethlehem. We pray that all of us will find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday

December 21, 2022

6:30 PM

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New Year's Eve Service: 5:30 p.m.

Although New Year's Eve is more holiday than holy day, the people of God come together not simply to remember the passage of time but to commend their days to the Lord. Our time is lived in God's hands. The world acknowledges the passage of a year, but the Church sees us another year closer to the Lord's return to finish all things. We live out our days not as the fearful who do not know what is ahead but as the confident who pray for God to finish the days here and begin eternity. Faith to anticipate and greet our eternal future is faith strong enough to meet whatever changes this world holds.

1st Sunday after Christmas, January 1st, 10:00 a.m.

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." Through Christ's act of redemption, God has made us part of His growing family of believers. Our Christmas celebration continues as we rejoice in being made brothers and sisters in Christ.
Pastor Chris

Jesus, the Light



Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! Perhaps you've been praying for someone's salvation, and you don't see any sign of God's working in that person. It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah. It seemed, to many, that His coming was long overdue, but Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5, "*When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*" Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!

Simeon was one who knew that "*the time had fully come,*" and "*moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts*" (Luke 2:27). There he saw the Child whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them. Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, "*For my eyes have seen Your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel*" (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized Him when He came. In John 1:4-5 we read, "*In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*" Still today the darkness misunderstands the Light. Yet He continues to shine, and, as He shines, He dispels darkness.

And He calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then He said, "*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven*" (Matthew 5:16).

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The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. So we are *"prepared in season and out of season: [we] correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction"* (2 Timothy 4:2). We are *always prepared* "to give an answer to everyone who ask [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have." And we do so *"with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against [our] good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander"* (1 Peter 3:15-16). In this way we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light has come into the world!

As the Christmas season approaches, here at Christ Lutheran Church, there will be many opportunities to "let your light shine". Angel Tree participation, greeters, ushers, choir and many other ways that are more "behind the scenes" such as money counters, altar guild help, video/soundboard assistance, etc. We ask that you thoughtfully consider which way best fits your abilities to serve your Lord and His church; and if you find that your "light" has dimmed lately, find a way to brighten it for His glory! Thank you to all those that are giving their time and talents, and yes even their treasures here at Christ Lutheran Church. You are truly letting your light shine!

Have a blessed Christmas Season!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki



LWML

The Winter Haven Zone rally was held at Christ on November 12. We began with a light breakfast followed by a Holy Communion service led by Pastor Hazzard and Pastor Shouse, our Zone pastoral advisor. A total of 30 ladies from Christ, Grace, Winter Haven and Our Savior, Zephyrhills gathered to hear Cheryl Taylor from Moving Hope, a mobile food pantry of St. Paul's and Hope, Plant City. Cheryl talked about the need to go where people are because they may not have transportation. The number of people in need continues to grow. Right now, their most used distribution is at the Dream Center here in Lakeland. It is located where clients have very difficult lives. Prayer is offered along with the food services.



After Cheryl's talk, the ladies prepared 25 complete care kits, and had nine large bags left of individual items. There was a blessing of these items before we loaded them for Cheryl.

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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.

Mary Martha



Mary Martha met on November 9. Our next meeting will be from 10am - 11am on December 7. Following our meeting, we will go to Huntington Hills at 2626 Duff Road, Lakeland, for our annual Christmas party. All ladies of our Congregation are invited to attend, whether or not they are members of Mary-Martha. Please meet us at Huntington Hills at 11:30-11:45. Our menu from HH are the following selections; Tuscan Chicken Salad, Fried Haddock sandwich, or a hamburger. All meals come with a side, and a drink. The price is \$15.00 plus tax and tip. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or, if you miss that, you may contact Charlotte at 863-409-6270. We need to have this to Huntington Hills by Monday, the 5th of December.

Our Cookbook/recipes - we are still taking recipes! Please write your recipes legibly and put your name on it, if you wish. You may also put them in our mailbox if you don't see the box in the narthex. (Belinda Freer, Joyce Munz, Charlotte Mantz, Helen Borgwardt) We will make sure your recipe is included!

We are still collecting Family Christmas ornaments (non breakable,) for our tree in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your family name in some way on the ornament!

Our next regular meeting will be on January 11, 2023

Mary Martha upcoming events include our Fashion Show on February 18 from 1-4 pm. Our proceeds will go to Top Buttons!

We will host a Spaghetti Dinner on March 25, from 4-7 pm take out or eat in, we will have a drive through! Proceeds will go to Trinity Church, Orlando for the Service Dogs!

Mary Martha would like to extend their warmest Christmas Blessings to all of our Congregation and their families!

Collections

We collect eyeglasses for MOST mission trips. These are short term trips where people can be fitted for glasses. We have a box on top of the table in the mail room at the back of the church. At the LWML rally in November, we were able to send two boxes with the ladies from Zephyrhills. It is one of their member who collects these and sends them on. What a blessing!

Mary Martha Meeting and Christmas Luncheon December 7, 2022

All Ladies of the congregation invited. We will meet for our meeting from 10 - 11 AM then meet at Huntington Hills Country Club at 11:30. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



Outreach

Talbot House

Please continue your donations of canned food-meat, vegetables, fruit, etc. Used clothing that is donated needs to be without stains, have working zippers and buttons. New socks in men and women's sizes are needed now that cooler weather is here. The things that are not covered by SNAP (food stamps) are especially needed. These include shampoo, creme conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes-individually wrapped, bars of soap, body lotion. Other items not covered by SNAP include cleaning and paper supplies: toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, dishwashing soap, laundry soap, all purpose cleaners, etc. These items may be placed in the mail room at the back of the church. Talbot House boxes are located on the floor to the left of the table as you face the table.

Central America Orphanage and Missions

The collection box for this mission is located UNDER the table listed above. Children and adult clothing are welcome! Adults sizes small-extra large, and any size for children's clothing.

Medications

There is a box on the table listed above where we collect old medications for Talbot House. They also appreciate any clean, empty bottles that have the label removed.



Those empty bottles are used to pour out shampoo, body soap or creme rinse from larger bottles.

Hearing aids

If you have old hearing aids, and wish to donate them, please put in the Munz mail box in the mail room at the back of the church. Pastor Munz will take them to Central FL Speech and Hearing Center where they can be refurbished. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a paper with your name and address in a bag with your hearing aids.

Fellowship:

The Sunday gatherings after church in the Fellowship Hall continue to give great pleasure to those who participate. The teams prepare a variety of foods for us to enjoy and gives us all a time to chit chat and greet old friends and make new ones! There is no charge. We do collect a freewill offering for a different mission each month. Last month was the Central America Mission and Orphanage. The mission for December is Senior Orphans. It is a ministry here in Polk County that serves those who exist on only minimal Social Security. Our donations help to provide money for small Christmas gifts to these struggling to live.

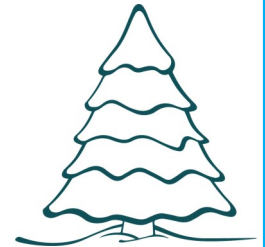
Fellowship teams: Please keep up the good work! What you do and what you provide are greatly appreciated!



Angel Tree

For many years now, Christ Lutheran has purchased Christmas gifts for the children who live at Lighthouse Ministries. This ministry is especially for moms with children. The moms go through parenting classes, financial managing classes, receive help with finding a job, and then must save money BEFORE they leave the program so they can pay a deposit on an apartment. This is an amazing ministry!

So, this year we have 22 children at Lighthouse. This is one of the highest numbers we have ever had! On the white tree as you enter the church, you will see tags. Each child has two tags on the tree. One is something the child would like, and the other is something the parent has said the child would like. We asked that all gifts be between \$20-\$25. Please return the gift-UNWRAPPED-with the tag attached by December 11. There will be an especially decorated box for the gifts. We also need donations of gift wrap, gift tags, and scotch tape. The Outreach committee will sort the gifts, so each child's gift is in a separate bag, and then deliver them to Lighthouse. We then allow the moms to wrap their own child's present. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please use one of the special envelopes that are in the pew and mark it for Lighthouse.



We also give the children a third gift-the best of all, we think. It is either a Bible or some other religious story book-depending on the age of the child. These gifts have the child's name, the date, and that it is a gift from Christ Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your past generosity and for your generosity this year!

Our first movie night was held on November 5th. Nine of us joined to have sloppy joes and watch the movie "Peter". Peter, in the movie, was now an old man. The movie focused on conversations between Peter and his jailers, and showed some of Peter's time with Christ. After the movie, Pastors Hazzard and Munz discussed any thing they felt was the artist illustration and not totally Biblical.



No movie night is planned for December due to so many activities happening. We will resume on January 7, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Movie will be "Unbroken," a book and a movie very popular a few years ago. This is the true story of a man who serves in the Pacific theater in WWII and is captured by the Japanese and is held captive. The February movie will follow the story with the movie "Unbroken-the Path to Redemption." Plan to join us for both! There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain in a few weeks and what the menu will be. We serve a light meal to enjoy while watching the movie. There is no charge for the movie. We do take a free will offering that goes to whatever mission we are sponsoring with Fellowship Hour. These movies are rated PG-13 due to the nature of the subject. We hope you will join us!

Board of Outreach and Missions

After 10 years as chair of this board, I am stepping down from this position. Blake Albright was elected in November, and will take over chairmanship in January. I will continue to work with the board as needed. I have treasured this time, but it is time for new leadership. I am sure that Blake will do a great job! Blake has been a member of this board for years, and will do a great job. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position.

Pastor Munz

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We had a box lunch from Publix and closed with prayer. Our next Rally will be March 4 at Our Savior, Zephyrhills, with Wendy Sue Fluegge leading us in songs and praise. Wendy Sue is from Wisconsin and led last year's



District retreat. She also was the song leader for the National convention in Albuquerque, N. M.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS will be available in your church mailboxes in December. Be sure to use these envelopes for your contributions. The only way you can be sure your contributions are recorded properly is by using these envelopes. If you use a pew envelope you must put your envelope number on it or you may not get credit for your contribution. Your contribution is posted only by your envelope number. It is a good idea to leave your envelope packet in your church mailbox so it is handy when you attend service. If you send your offering by the USPS from your bank or a personal check please identify your check by your envelope number just like you do when you are paying a bill. Please do not use these 2023 envelopes until next year. Thank you for your gifts of treasure.



New Flower Chart



There will be a new 2023 Flower Chart on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex as of November 5th. You can sign up to place Flowers in the Altar area in honor of someone, birthdays and anniversaries or any other occasions. Please put your name and what occasion the flowers are for, so it can be noted in the Bulletins.

The donations for the flowers are used to purchase the flowers for Easter and Christmas services. If you have any questions call Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, November 14, 2022



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of October our actual income performance is \$21,076 with our YTD at \$211,833. Our actual October expenses were \$19,669 with our YTD expenses at \$256,047. Our total bank asset balance is at \$297,349. Dedicated funds are \$200,078 and undedicated bank funds are at \$97,271. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 1.0% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of October. There were no noteworthy income items or increase in assets for this month. There were no noteworthy expense items or decrease in asset for this month.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart

The donation balances for October 2022 were \$24,824 and for 2021 they were \$20,673 which were \$4,151 increase than October last year.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Service schedule is as follows; Mid-week Wednesday Advent services 6:30 p.m. Theme: Angels: Divine Messengers of Hope; Christ is hosting circuit pastors' meeting December 12th; December 21st: Blue Christmas Observance; December 24th: Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.; New Year's Eve: 5:30 p.m.; New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m..

Director of Music: Council determined salary range so that recruitment appeals can be made and position can be posted. Recruitment letters sent to area music educators. I am assembling a team with the elder's permission to screen candidates.

Next phase of LCEF Mission Clarity Process is to develop a ministry plan. I am to meet with Tom Eggebrecht, November 15th. A small group will be formed to flush out the plan, with the group's work starting in January.

I have started to meet with a coach to help me work toward the goals of the Rev. 7:9 program. I have been invited by the Florida-Georgia District to participate in a micro-church pilot training program that will meet once a month via Zoom.

Nominations of Synodical President and 1st Vice-president: Rev. Richard Snow and Rev. Michael Newman; Regional Vice-President: Rev. Victor Belton and Rev. Greg Walton

Christian Education: Annie Smith

Pastor John Flamme continues to do a Bible study on Sunday's from 11:15-12:00

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President: John Freer

During the Voter's Meeting, Belinda Freer nominated Blake Albright for Outreach. The Endowment committee consists of Amanda Peterson, Tammy Raimondo, Pat Wiesenauer, Donna Racer, Helen Borgwardt, and Gwen Snook were also approved by the church. By acclamation all were approved as the officers of the church council, unfortunately there are several council positions still vacant. The vacant position are chairs for: Youth, Education and Elders (Annie Smith will stay on in Education until a replacement is made.)

Carol Ceaglske, after many years of playing the organ for the church, has decided to retire. She will continue to assist with playing the organ until we find a new music director.

We continue to find electronics that were damaged by the lightning strike that occurred at the church a couple of months ago, now we must replace the security cameras.

We continue to see new visitors come to church, please continue welcoming all new faces that you see.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

Discussions revolved mainly on shepherding new members more effectively. A booklet will be made to be given to new members outlining things such as the names and functions of all the Boards and Committees, a layout of the church campus so they would feel more at home here knowing where things are, along with other things.

Thank you cards were signed for hardworking members of the congregation for their service and dedication to Christ Lutheran Church

Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz

Movie Night on Nov 5 was well received. We viewed "Peter." In January we will have another movie to view.

The Angel Tree is up. We have 22 children at Light House.

The 10th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 3. It will include the Blood Mobile and Thrivent will have a shredder available at no cost. Bring tons!

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

We are still working with Hi Tech Services on the sound/audio improvements, as well as getting the camera's working properly for streaming. Robin and Josiah have done an excellent job while I've been away. Hopefully we can continue to find new people to volunteer.

I am going through the monthly Christogram to find events to add to the church website, but each board head should be sending me their boards events to add so they can be added to the calendar as soon as possible. It would make things much easier and less likely to be missed.

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Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Photo sensor has been installed in the lighting system. Lights will now come on @ sunset and off @ sunrise. The timers have been bypassed.

Lights & fans have been rewired in the Sanctuary bathrooms.

We got one proposal for a long-range camera for security of dumpster and playground areas.

Only one security camera is working @ this time. Proposals have been requested for replacement. They evidently were damaged from the recent lightning strike as was the DVR which has already been replaced. General repairs are ongoing as well as the cleaning of storage areas.

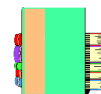
Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block

Youth have been meeting every other Wednesday at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Fox

Enjoyment Coupon Books

Enjoyment Coupon Books for Polk County are now available by contacting Tere Morone at 607-765-0001. They are still \$30 and usually ship in two days. Shipping is free.



2023 Approved Officers

President	John Freer
Vice President	Ted Nelson
Treasure	Jon Lindstrom
Financial Secretary	Emma Block
Secretary	Robin Fox
Christian Education	Open
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Board of Outreach	Blake Albright
Board of Communications	Kris Welch
Board of Youth	Open
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We all for one reason or another have something to be thankful for. When it comes to the Central American Mission; I am thankful first to God, for allowing me to share my blessings with others. I am also thankful to the institutions that help this mission to become a reality, like Lakeland Regional Hospital. I collect a lot of medical supplies there that help us accomplish our surgical missions. Others that give us clothing for the orphanages, like Lakeland Runners Club, McKeel School, and of course our own Christ Lutheran Church.

It truly has been a blessing to have the support of Christ Lutheran Church for our surgical missions, and orphanages in Honduras. Thank for your support and encouragement to continue to serve those who cannot help themselves. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for sharing your blessings.

Carlos Orellana



Do you see her right thumb?



Praying for our week of surgeries to be a blessing.



Patients and relatives already selected for surgery.



I have been working with Dr. Kelley on missions for over ten years.

