

Psalm 32:11

The Christogram

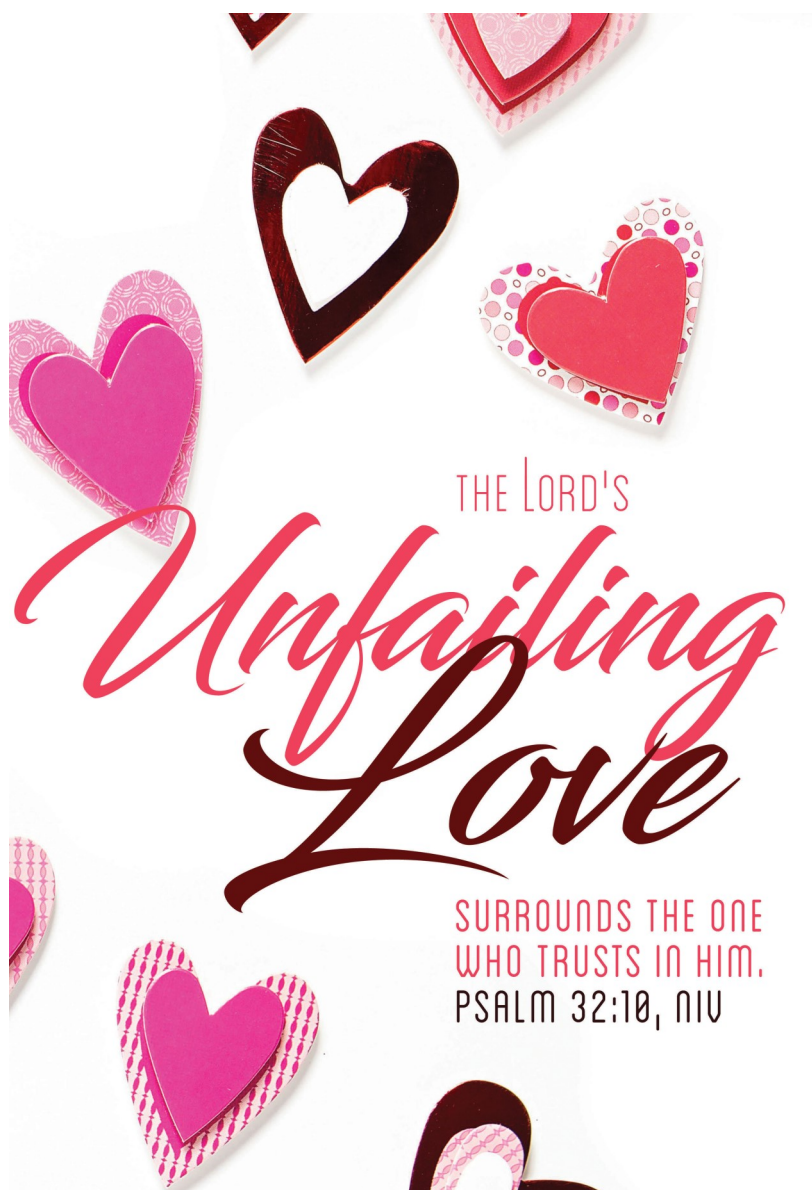
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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Christ Lutheran Guiding Statement

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

February 5

Elder..... Fred Sterns
Lector..... P.J. Nunez
Ushers.....
Greeters Joann Shepker
Audio..... Kyle welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

February 12

Elder..... Lee Crapo
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters Barbara Joost
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

February 19

Elder..... Fred Sterns
Lector..... Kim Kaniecki
Ushers.....
Greeters Pat Hurd
Audio..... Kyle welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

Elder..... Lee Crapo

February 26

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

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Rita and George Czanko

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder..... Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane(2/11)
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 - 2:30p Youth @ 6:30p Choir @ 7p	2	3	4 5:30p Worship Movie Night @ 6:30 p
5 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Elders Meeting	6	7 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday Outreach mtg @ 5:30 p	8 Mary Martha Mtg @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p	9	10	11 5:30p Worship
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19 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Congregational Meeting	20 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	21 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday	22 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Ash Wed. Ser. @ 6:30p Choir @ 7:30p	23 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	24	25  5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Communication Board Mtg Stewardship Meeting 	27	28 Quilters @ 10A Trustee/Wkday			 =Baseball Parking	

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



Steve West	Feb 4
Frederick Sterns.....	Feb 4
Gary Hancock.....	Feb 5
Judy Veal.....	Feb 8
Kyle Welch	Feb 10
Skylar Peterson.....	Feb 16
Nancy Matter.....	Feb 17
Carn Bade.....	Feb 21
Amanda Peterson.....	Feb 21
Robert Langanke	Feb 21
Delaney Peterson	Feb 25
Kathy Siedenstrang.....	Feb 25
Charlotte Mantz.....	Feb 27
Annie Smith.....	Feb 27



John and Allison Gillespie	Feb 1 (31 yrs.)
Christopher and Erica Bell	Feb 5 (12 yrs.)
Gary and Mary Witte.....	Feb 14 (21 yrs.)



Thank you to Debbie and Rick Smith who served for the month of January.

Rita and George Czanko will be serving for the month of February. 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**

Linda Storts.....	Feb 1
Betty Coombs	Feb 5
Reagan Bell	Feb 8
Alfred Miller	Feb 9
Lois Foster	Feb 15
Scott Seiferth.....	Feb 26
Stacey Orellana.....	Feb 28

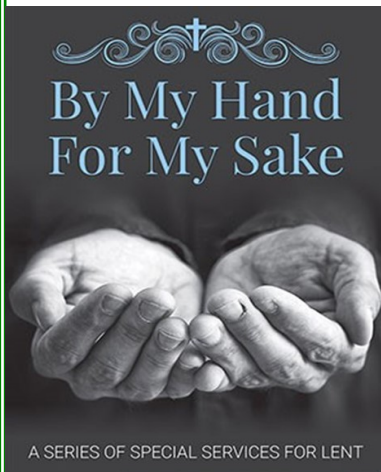


DON'T FORGET BAGS FOR TALBOT HOUSE —

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. Large containers of spices, flour, and sugar are real blessings.



From the Pastor.....



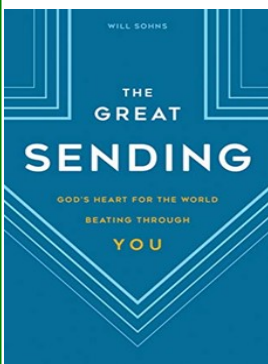
By My Hand For My Sake Lenten Worship Series

This Lent worship series asks, “What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ?” Week by week, this question is addressed—through homilies and monologs by biblical characters who actually did have a hand in the crucifixion of Christ. Characters include Adam, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, and the father of the Thief on the Right. Once again, this year, area LCMS pastors will be taking turns leading worship in the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday worship services. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.

Christ Lutheran Church share’s God’s love by partnering with the Dream Center to sort clothes and a variety of other items that have been donated to the Dream Center by the Walmart stores in Kissimmee, Auburndale, and Mulberry. We would like your help!

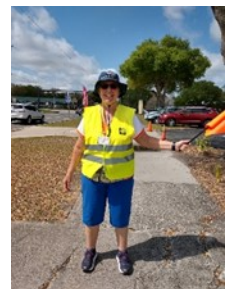


Volunteers are needed Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Heavy lifting is not required, and tasks can be performed sitting down. For more information and to secure a volunteer time, please contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 or robinthefox1@gmail.com.



We will be reading through the studies in *The Great Sending* as a congregation, and briefly discussing insights that God has revealed in our Sunday 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday Noon Bible studies. Even if you are not planning to attend Bible Study, you are strongly encouraged to read along as you are able. Books and reading schedules will be placed in mailboxes in the very near future, or are available by calling the church at 863-682-7802.

Enjoy spending time in the great outdoors while meeting new friends and chatting with your church family? Consider helping with Detroit Tiger spring season baseball parking. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Sterns.



Can you push a button and stay awake for an entire service? We could use your help with Communications Ministry. Contact Kris Welch with any questions or to volunteer.

Stewardship Corner

LOVE LETTER

I think, and hope, that most of us at some point in our lives, has received a love letter from someone special. The feeling that comes over us at that point is something wonderful, something special. To know that someone thinks so much of you as to take the time to write their thoughts of love down on paper to let you know what they're thinking, is so heartwarming. If you're like me, we keep those letters for many years sometimes. Re-reading them, re-capturing those special feelings again and again.

We sometimes need to be reminded that God sent *us* a love letter too. His Word, the Bible. Again and again God tells us how much he loves us. How special we are to Him. That He loved us so much that He sent His **ONLY** son to die on a cross for us, to redeem us so that we could spend all of eternity with Him in heaven. What a wonderful love letter that is, isn't it?



We should regularly get that *love letter* out and reread it often, to remind ourselves of His love. In this world that so eagerly reminds us that it doesn't love us sometimes, right? What an uplifting thing His Word is for us.

The Board of Stewardship would like to remind you to find a way to get into that love letter daily! Let it fill you with love, with hope and with peace that we all so desperately need in this day and age. God bless your Valentine month with much love and don't forget to spread that love to those around you too!

In Christ,
Kim Kaniecki

Mary Martha



Mary-Martha Guild

The Mary Martha Guild is an organization that all women members of Christ Lutheran Church may join. We are a Guild under the Lutheran Women's Missionary League - The LWML. Our Mission is to promote the extension of the Lord's Kingdom through constant growth in Christian knowledge. We support



both National, Regional, and local Missions. We support many of our missions with "mites." Our change we put in boxes to support our ministries. We have the boxes available in our narthex. You do not have to attend meetings to fill your mite box and turn it in to support our ministries! We also have events that we engage in for mostly local missions that we will invite the congregation

to participate in! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to May! We WOULD LOVE for all women of our congregation to participate as best they can! You are welcomed with open arms! If you need to have a companion to attend, please call Belinda, our President at 863-602- 5159, Joyce Munz, our VP at 863-430-1130, our Treasurer, Helen at 863-660-0055, or Charlotte, Secretary, at 863-409-6270. We would love to pick you up and bring you to our meeting! Our February meeting will be February 8th!

All women of the congregation are invited to the Winter Haven Zone Rally on March 4, 2023. The exciting rally will be led by Wendy Sue Fluegge! (You may follow her on FB) She is a very exciting leader! The rally will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills. Cost will be approximately \$12, lunch is included! We encourage you to bring extra cash for additional missions, if you are able! If you wish to carpool, we will leave at approximately 8:00 am from our Church parking lot! Y'all call Charlotte if you need additional info or a ride! 863-409-6270!

Our Fashion show will be held on Saturday, February, 18, 2023 from 1-4 pm! The benefit will be "Top Buttons," a local consignment shop that helps women in crisis who need to find jobs; they offer outfits for job interviews, etc, they also help high risk teens looking for employment. The cost is only \$5. Appetizers will be served! The vendors participating are; Tiki Boutique, LulaRoe and Main and Monroe boutique! Please come and bring a friend! If you need tickets to sell for your community, we have those available!



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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.

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We will be selling tickets and answering any questions after our Sunday morning Worship service! If you have any questions, please call Charlotte Mantz at 863-409-6270.

Mary Martha will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 4-7 pm. We will have eat -in, to go, and drive up curb side service to accommodate everyone! The meal includes spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, roll, dessert and if you eat in, a drink. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12. This event will benefit "Trinity Orlando Comfort Dogs, Peace the Comfort Dog," in particular. They have a dog in training named "Jeremiah." These dogs are very heavily trained in comfort. We encourage you to look on Facebook to view their ministry and all of the friends they visit! Please encourage everyone to attend. If you need tickets for your community, we can provide, no obligation to sell them all!



Spaghetti Dinner



Mary Martha will be hosting a Rummage Sale along with the Outreach Board on Saturday, March 25th. Please start collecting your "treasures." We will be accepting rummage sale items from March 15 thru March 21. Details of hours available for drop off will be forthcoming. We cannot accept furniture or large appliances. Y'all start gathering your Treasures together, please!



LADIES RETREAT

The Florida/Georgia District retreat will be held in St Augustine September 22-24! Registration will begin soon! If you would like to attend, but need a roommate, companion, contact Charlotte Mantz at 863-409-6270! All women are invited! More details to follow!

OUTREACH**Baseball Parking - 2023**

Baseball Parking will be run by Fred and Cathy Sterns. They do an excellent job. The first home game will be Saturday, February 25th. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sunday, January 29th. The final game will be March 26th. There will be a total of 16 home games. We hope to have Becky's Hotdogs Food Truck selling food this year.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 12th

Fellowship after the Sunday church service. Members can bring a crockpot of soup. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign your name and the kind of soup you are bringing. There will be a free will offering which will go to VISTE.

PS: Soups are very tasty.

**Rummage Sale**

The date of the Rummage sale is Saturday, March 25th. Please begin to gather your donations. Please NO sofas, heavy furniture, washers, dryers, stoves, or car engines. The dates and times for dropping off your donations will be printed in the bulletin.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is held after Sunday church service in the Fellowship Hall. There are snacks and liquid refreshments. There is never a monetary charge. A free will offering is accepted. This month, the February recipient is VISTE.

Used Glasses and Hearing Aids

Used glasses go into a labeled box in the Narthex. Used hearing aids go into Pastor Jerry Munz's mailbox.



Movie Night**February 4, 2023****6:30 PM**

Part 2 - Unbroken - Path to Redemption



There will be popcorn and other snacks. There is no charge for the movie or food. We will be accepting donations for the Fellowship charity of the month (VISTE).

Options for Women

Because Christ Lutheran Church supports life from beginning in the womb to death, each year we support the baby bottle campaign for Options for Women. Options for Women is a crisis pregnancy center in Lakeland with their main office located in south Lakeland. They provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasounds, STD testing, referrals for support, and a starter layette for babies as needed. Each year we designate a Sunday in January to hand out baby bottles. We then ask for you to fill them with a check or cash in the form of dollars or all of the loose change you have. You will have about two weeks to do this. Bottles will be available in the Narthex on January 29th. Please return them by February 15th. We want to continue to support LIFE!



God's
love
endures
FOREVER.

Psalms 136:1



God is
love.

1 John 4:8



We
love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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 800-930-2562
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Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, January 9, 2023



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of December our actual income performance is \$30,227 with our YTD at \$274,436. Our actual December expenses were \$26,982 with our YTD expenses at \$307,334. Our total bank asset balance is at \$312,458. Dedicated funds are \$204,307 and undedicated bank funds are at \$108,151. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 7.0% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of December. There were no noteworthy income items or increase in assets for this month. There were four noteworthy expense items or decrease in asset for this month: AVLT \$1,793.65 for security cameras; Carlos Orellana \$2,087.09 for Central American Surgical and Orphan Mission; VISTE \$1,341 from the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar; and Guide One Insurance \$5,398.52 for 1st Quarter 2023 building insurance.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart

The donation balances for December 2022 were \$32,759 and for 2021 they were \$28,747 which were \$4,112 increase than December last year.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

- . Ash Wednesday: February 22nd
- . Exponential Church Multiplication Evangelism Conference, Orlando: March 6th-9th
- . Some evening the week of March 27th : District visitation to our circuit
- . April 9th: Easter
- . Emergent Leadership, Orlando: April 17th-20th, May 15th-18th
- . Ongoing: FLGA Missionary Pathway Cohort: 2nd Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

I wish to thank the congregation for the outpouring of generosity this Christmas. I am grateful for all who servant, who serve within our congregation and community. We will be participating in the Lenten Round Robin this year with St. Paul, Hope, Grace, and Lake Wales. LCEF Ministry Clarity Team next stage: ministry plan. REV 7:9: Carlos and I met with Pastors Cobos, Adrian, and Pfeffer this morning. Suggestions included raising up a Spanish speaking leadership to be sanctioned for ministry rolls in Lakeland. Suggestion was made to provide English Language lessons for adults, perhaps by hosting Polk County programs. Carlos will be joining me at the next Zoom coaching meeting. Director of Music recruitment: Position posted 6th of January. Two candidates have expressed interest so far. Dream Center: Robin Fox is our congregational contact. I look forward to seeing how our partnership emerges.

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Whittney Borem of the Dream Center will be joining us Sunday morning, January 22nd to inform our congregation about the work of the Dream Center and to answer questions. The Great Sending reading and study will begin the end of January.

Christian Education: Annie Smith

Nothing to report

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Church attendance increasing. Pastor Munz's 50th celebration is going well. Collections are being made and a cake will be purchased by Steve Rosane. Hispanic ministry was discussed. Christmas Service went well.

President: John Freer

Cameras and AC thermostat will be installed 1/16/23 week. No major issues this past month around the church. Blower motor for Narthex bathroom will be replaced 1/16/23 week.

Vice President: Ted Nelson

Active Assailant Preparedness program – put in the bulletin for interest.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

Nothing to report

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Narthex bulletin Board will be updated. Twenty-four children got gifts at Lighthouse Ministries. All were very happy. Movie night "Unbroken," was a success and part 2 will be shown on February 4th. Souper Bowl Sunday is February 12 after church. Baby Bottles need to be turned in by the end of January. If none are received, I will call Options for Women. The rummage sale will be March 25th and will be run by Outreach and Mary Martha. Fellowship for the next few months will go to: Options for Women in January, VISTE in February, Dream Center in March, Not yet decided upon for April, and One More Children in May. Baseball parking will be run by Fred & Cathy Sterns again. Becky's Food Truck is willing to come back and take the food over.

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Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Andrea from Dream Digital will be here Tuesday to help with the Website developments. Council approval - needed to pay Phil for his work on Audio.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Dream Center has begun working out of the two classrooms, Patsy will be here most Wednesdays. Volunteers are welcome. Several light fixtures had to be replaced. The kitchen stove safety inspection was completed. Cleaning of the attic continues. Air Filters were changed this week.

Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block

Pastor is convening a meeting with parents on Wednesday night at 6 o'clock. The Youth aren't offered any Sunday School and Kris would like to make changes to add Youth to the Sunday Morning routine. Continue discussion next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox



Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

Joel 2:13 ESV

Flower Chart



The 2023 Flower Chart is located on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. 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.

Central America Missions February 2023

I am taking a quick break to write this article. I am in Comayagua, Honduras with another surgical mission. We took a little tour to some of the small communities in the valley of Comayagua. We decided to stop in the little town of Lejamani. I found an old house that I wanted to show its construction to my fellow missionaries. It turned out that the house was over a hundred years old. It belongs to a guy who was a shoemaker; run out of business by shoemaker mass production factories. Growing up in Honduras; I had shoes made by the local shoemaker. Interesting enough, this household also had two young boys with mental and physical disabilities. What a coincidence! There we had orthopedic and podiatrist surgeons who can help them. I gave the parents the information to get in touch with the Franciscan Friars at San Benito Jose Hospital. I hope that we have a happy ending to this story, and then we may have “the rest of the story.”

We are getting ready for a busy week. The need is great and the workers are few, but all are excited and ready to start making some positive changes in the life of these people. Thank you Christ Lutheran for your financial and spiritual support. Thanks to Lakeland Hospital for donating medical supplies. There are so many people helping in this Central American Mission.

Carlos Orellana



Close to two hundred people waiting to be seen by our Surgeons.



Front of San Benito José Hospital.



The surgical team getting ready to go to the hospital