

Psalm 24:7

The Christogram

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

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**Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty -
he is the King of glory.**

Psalm 24:10



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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.

January 1

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

January 8

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

January 15

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector Kim Kaniecki
Ushers
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
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January 22

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

January 29

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

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Debbie and Rick Smith

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo/Carlos Orellana (1/17)
Lector Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>Elders Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Quilters @ 10A</p> <p>Trustee/Wkday</p> <p>Outreach mtg @ 5:30 p</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study @ Noon</p> <p>Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p</p> <p>Choir @ 7p</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30p Worship</p> <p>Movie Night @ 6:30 p</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30a Bible Study</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>Bible Study @ 11:15a</p> <p>Fellowship Resumes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Council Mtg @ 6:30p</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Quilters @ 10A</p> <p>Trustee/Wkday</p> <p>Take down Decorations @ 9a</p>	<p>11 Mary Martha Mtg @ 9a</p> <p>Bible Study @ Noon</p> <p>Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p</p> <p>Choir @ 7p</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30p Worship</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30a Bible Study</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>Bible Study @ 11:15a</p> <p>Communication Board Mtg</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Quilters @ 10A</p> <p>Trustee/Wkday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study @ Noon</p> <p>Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p</p> <p>Choir @ 7p</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30p Worship</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30a Bible Study</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>Bible Study @ 11:15a</p> <p>Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Quilters @ 10A</p> <p>Trustee/Wkday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study @ Noon</p> <p>Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p</p> <p>Choir @ 7p</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30p Worship</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30a Bible Study</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>Bible Study @ 11:15a</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Quilters @ 10A</p> <p>Trustee/Wkday</p>				

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

Betty Coombs	1/2
LaVerne Austin	1/6
Levi Hazzard	1/6
Gwen Snook	1/7
Paul Schierschwitz	1/7
Richard Smith	1/8
Reagan Bell	1/9
Willie Siedenstrang	1/12
Lois Foster	1/20
Scott Seiferth	1/20
Heather Gordon	1/20
Sally Martel	1/23
John Gillespie	1/25
Wanda Reinert	1/27
Josiah Hazzard	1/28
Charolet Burbrink	1/29
Stacey Orellana	1/31

Richard and Pamela Hanson Jan 26, (17yrs.)



Thank you to Barbara and Alfred Miller who served for the month of December. Debbie and Rick Smith will be serving for the month of January. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

Baptismal Birthday Continued from page 5

Rick Joost	Jan 15
Linda Johnson	Jan 18
PJ Nunez	Jan 18
Diane Donaldson	Jan 18
John Gillespie	Jan 22
George Czanko	Jan 22
Donald Racer	Jan 30
Patricia Swope	Jan 31

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**

Richard Heinz	Jan 1
LaVerne Austin	Jan 1
Diane Hill	Jan 1
Carolyn Calender	Jan 1
Mary Witte	Jan 1
Nan Friedrich.....	Jan 1
Fran Murphy.....	Jan 1
Al Herman	Jan 1
Belinda Freer	Jan 1
Kathy Siedenstrang.....	Jan 1
Richard Caughey.....	Jan 1
Helen Borgwardt.....	Jan 1
Mark Boesdorfer	Jan 1
Rosie Fyffe.....	Jan 1
Sally Martel	Jan 1
Gerald Frizzell.....	Jan 1
Joel Nelson.....	Jan 1
Diane Bickart	Jan 2
Carlos Orellana	Jan 2
Pamela Hanson	Jan 5
Sylvia Willis	Jan 8
Sawyer Timmons.....	Jan 8
Erica Bell.....	Jan 10

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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.....

Identity and Purpose

Our congregation's guiding statement is:

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.

The statement reflects our congregational identity as a growing family of believers who love, accept, and welcome all, as well as our purpose of sharing God's love in word and deed.

Everything that we decide to do as a congregation will flow from the guiding statement, which is in harmony with what God's Word declares that we are called to be and that we are called to do. Not only does our guiding statement address our life together as a congregation, it addresses each of us as individuals within our congregation.



Questions for personal reflection:

What does it mean to be part of my church family? How can I be a good member of my church family?

How am I growing in my Christian faith? What can I do to grow more?

How can I help God's kingdom grow in Lakeland in general, and how can I help Christ Lutheran Church grow specifically?

What specifically do I do to show love, acceptance, and hospitality to those I encounter in my everyday life?

What does God's love for today's world look like?

How do my words reflect God's love?

How do my actions reflect God's love?

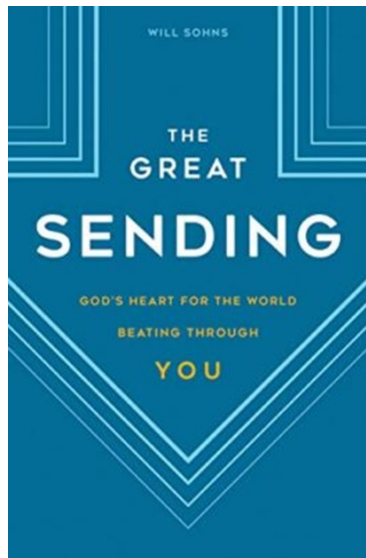
Is there anything for which I need to repent that comes to mind as I reflect on our guiding statement?

What unique gifts has God equipped me with to fulfill our guiding statement? How can I be a blessing to others?

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The Great Sending:



Due to a generous donation from a sister Missouri Synod congregation, we have ample copies of *The Great Sending: God's Heart for the World Beating Through You*, edited by Will Sohns, so that every family will be able to receive a copy. I have been preaching through the themes of the *Great Sending* at the encouragement of the Florida Georgia District LCMS. We will be discussing the devotional readings starting January 22nd as part of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Bible study, as well as the Wednesday noon Bible study. Everyone is encouraged to read the devotionals, even if you are not planning to participate in the Bible studies. A reading schedule will be distributed with the books. May we all see our roles in the Missio Dei, God's mission.

Pastor Chris

LWML

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.

The LWML National Convention will be held June 22-25, 2023 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme will be; "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" (Psalm 33:12-13).

The FL/ GA District retreat will be held Sept. 22-24, 2023 in St. Augustine, FL. More details will follow in the coming months.

Our Missions Grants that were voted upon by the delegates for the FL/GA District have been received. Although the convention was canceled due to Hurricane Ian, the delegates voted electronically. Copies of the Missions are available upon request. We ask that the congregation pray for our Missions that mean so much to so many!

Mary Martha



Mary Martha met on December 7th at the Church for our regular meeting. We then dismissed for our annual Christmas party at Huntington Hills. We had a fantastic time with games, door prizes and of course great fellowship!

Please keep your recipes coming! We would like to include a recipe from YOUR family! Please write legibly and please put your name on it unless you wish to remain anonymous! Please put the recipe in the narthex box or in any officers mail box; Belinda Freer, Joyce Munz, Helen Borgwardt, or Charlotte Mantz! We thank everyone for their recipes thus far! Keep 'em coming, please!

Mary Martha is hosting a Fashion Show on February 18, 2023 from 1-4 pm where we will serve hors d'oeuvres. We will have fashions and accessories from Tiki Boutique, Lularoe, and Main and Monroe boutique. We are in search of models for this event! Please let us know if you are interested! All shapes and sizes are needed! This is your chance, ladies! Ticket prices and fliers will be available soon! Everyone is invited and bring a friend! Proceeds from this event will go to "Top Buttons," a local ministry for young women!

Mary -Martha will team with the Outreach Committee to hold a Rummage sale on March, 25! Please start saving your donation items. Please, no big furniture items or appliances. We will communicate more details in the coming weeks and will announce when you can bring in your items!

Mary Martha previously announced a Spaghetti dinner on the same date as the rummage sale, but that has been moved up to March 11, from 4-7 pm! We will have eat in, take out, as well as curbside service! The proceeds for this event will go to "Peace," the service dog! Fliers for this event will be put out for you!

Thank you to everyone that helped, participated, and came to the Christmas Bazaar! We raised \$1,316 for VISTE.

Our next meeting will be on January 11, 2023 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall! We hope to see you ladies there! All women of our congregation are welcome to the Mary Martha guild!

Mary Martha Guild would like to extend their Blessings for you and yours in this New Year!

Charlotte Mantz

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.

Outreach

Angel Tree

Thank you to all who helped to fill the wishes of the 24 children at Lighthouse this year! We served them by donating two presents/child plus a Bible or religious storybook according to their age. When we started the tree this year, there were "only" 22 children in Lighthouse.

Two more children-age 2 and 6 months-were added December 9th. Because of your donations to the dedicated fund, we were able to take care of these children. The gifts were sorted after Fellowship on Sunday, the 18th, by members of the Outreach Board. The gifts are left unwrapped and placed in black bags with the child's name on the outside. The Bibles and story books are wrapped and a donation from Christ Lutheran Church is written in each one. Pastor Munz, Blake Albright, and the Youth Group



delivered the gifts to Lighthouse on Monday, December 19th. The moms then are able to wrap the presents to the children with the donations we had of wrapping paper, tape, and tags. We ask that you continue to support Lighthouse with your prayers and financial donations. Again, thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter at this shelter for women and children. It was greatly appreciated.

Christmas Decorations

Thanks to all who helped to decorate and make the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall look so nice! We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, to take the decorations down. Anyone who can help is invited to meet at the church at 9:00 A. M.



Movie Night**January 7, 2023****6:30 PM**

Movie night will resume on January 7 at 6:30 P. M. in the fellowship hall. The movie is titled "Unbroken" and is the true story of a man who survived a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WW II. The February movie is "Unbroken-Path to Redemption", and will follow this man's path to forgiveness of the things he did and that were done to him.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain. We will have pizza (we will have at least pepperoni, and one of sausage), but you can sign up to bring salad, dessert, etc. - if you are able. There is no charge for the movie. We do accept donations for the charity of the month for Fellowship. January's charity is Option for Women.

**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. Please watch the January bulletins for exact dates. We want to continue to support LIFE!



Stewardship Corner



Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new year is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigoration about seeing the JANUARY calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things.

God doesn't always call us to do great things, however. He asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end He gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet – and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaches us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises in your church. You may not be a great orator, but you can volunteer to be lector. You may not be an ambassador, but you can be a greeter at church. There is a multitude of ways to use your talents at your church and in your community.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities – that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of His people. The Agape event in February is a perfect opportunity for us to show God's love to others. Please consider ways in which you can help in this endeavor as well as the other events scheduled to take place this year at Christ Lutheran Church. The motivation to do this comes from the same One who gave the gifts! Just as He was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but His greatest gift, His Son, so we are motivated by love for Him to serve those He calls us to serve.

May this New Year bring you a renewed sense of appreciation for those gifts from God; and a determination to find a way to thank Him in as many ways as possible! May God bless you in your decisions to serve Him.

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki

A graphic with a dark brown background and a lighter brown wavy border on the left. The text "Share Your Talents" is written in a white, serif font. "Share" and "Your" are on the top line, and "Talents" is on the bottom line in a larger font size.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS are in your church mailboxes. 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 the 2023 envelopes until the new year starts. Thank you for your gifts of treasure.



New Flower Chart



There is a new 2023 Flower Chart 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

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship will resume on January 8th with team one serving. As always, we encourage you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and time to visit. There is never any charge. We do have a free will offering for a different charity each month. In January, we will be supporting the Options for Women, a pregnancy crisis center.



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, December 12, 2022



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of November our actual performance is at a negative \$9,161 with our YTD at a negative \$37,691. Our total assets is \$309,740 with dedicated funds at \$204,401 and undedicated bank funds at \$105,339. The stewardship reports our total church income is about 6.0% higher this year than in 2021 at the end of November. There was one noteworthy income item this month, an anonymous donation of \$15,000. There were two noteworthy expense items this month, \$1,139.35 for Surge Protectors, and \$2,000 to LCEF for payment on the courtyard study.

Church Financial Secretary: Diane Bickart

The donation balances for November 2022 was \$32,510 and for 2021 they were \$22,425 which is an increase of \$10,085 than November of last year

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Upcoming events: Blue Christmas: A Service of Remembrance and Hope: Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve: Communion 6:30 p.m. Christmas Day (Sunday): 10:00 a.m. (No Bible study, Confession & Absolution, Communion on the 28th) New Year's Eve Service (Saturday): 5:30 p.m. 1st Sunday after Christmas: January 1st, 10:00 a.m. 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. Pastor David Roskowic will be preaching this weekend. I will be conducting the liturgy on Sunday. LCEF Ministry Clarity Team next stage: ministry plan. REV 7:9: Carlos and I will be meeting with Pastors Cobos, Adrian, and Pfeffer in January to explore options. Carlos will be joining me in the next Zoom coaching meeting. Director of Music recruitment: The team will be posting the position immediately after Christmas. The elders plan to increasingly aid in visitation. Emergent Leadership : Cost \$1350. The fee includes 8 days of training, 6 hotel nights and 15 meals.

Christian Education: Annie Smith

Bible Study after church is going well. Belinda Freer said Rummage Sale will be taken over by Mary Martha and Outreach

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Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance is increasing (102 on Sunday) Elders are still trying to recruit new people.

President: John Freer

The voters meeting went well, approval was given for the new budget and the new slate of council officers. We have been able to fill the following vacant chair positions for: Outreach (Blake Albright), Youth (Kyle Welch has agreed to assist---Pastor Hazzard & Amanda Peterson), & Christian Education (Annie Smith). Trustees have had several major expenses this month. We'll need approval for two AC coils that are leaking & need replaced, the air conditioners were installed are about 6-8 years ago and coils usually only last approximate 5 yrs. We have had eight cameras and a DVR damaged by lightning that needed to be replaced or relocated. This will be partially covered by our insurance policy. Please continue to welcome the new visitors coming to our church.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

New Member book is still in progress

Board of Outreach: Pastor Jerry Munz

We had a successful Movie Night and Bazaar. We have three event applications and a reimbursement for Central America Missions for Council to approve. Angel Tree is doing well. Chili Cook-Off is Jan. 22nd

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Nothing to report.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Old records were collected and taken to shredder on Saturday (42 boxes). Rewiring of sanctuary bathrooms & repair of fans was complete. A ladder had to be built to access the wiring of the bathrooms. Helped store and set up for the bazaar as well as clean up and reposition tables and chairs. Three Apostle ferns were replaced. The old ones were placed in other flower beds. Helped with the decorating of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Christmas. One A/C unit in the pastor's office and one in the sanctuary need new coils, they were leaking freon. Security Cameras will be repaired by AVL. Three thermostats will also be replaced.

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Youth Board: Kyle Welch/Emma Block

Youth meetings cancelled for December due to Advent services. Youth made \$74 at the Christmas Bazaar.

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.



New Year's Eve Service with Communion @ 5:30 PM

First Sunday after Christmas Service with Communion @ 10 AM January 1, 2023

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

Central America Missions January 2023

The end of 2022 came so fast with almost no time to reflect on our accomplishments. Although the surgical missions started at past mid year, we provided more help than previous years. Two surgical missions were done, touching the lives of hundreds of people. In many instances these were life changing procedures that gave them a better chance in life. I am blessed to be part of this mission. We also continue to provide help to a couple of orphanages in Comayagua, Honduras. We supported them by sending clothes and items that they need to raise these children. Monetary donations were also sent to a home of orphan elders so they could celebrate Christmas with a dinner. This home of Elders is run by a group of Nuns in Danlí, Honduras.

No help is too little when it is received by someone who has nothing. With the help of Christ Lutheran Church we are able to touch the lives of so many people. We are also grateful to Lakeland Regional Medical Center, from where I collect medical donations. May God help us and guide us to use our resources properly and efficiently, and to be able to reach as many lives as possible.

May God continue to bless us and the Holy Spirit continue to move us to share our blessings with those who are in need. In 2023 we ask for your prayers and support to the Central American Mission. May God bless us with peace and prosperity in 2023.

Carlos Orellana



These two boxes are the shipment sent this December. Each box weighs over 200lbs.



Like I said, life changing surgery.



"Traffic jam" in Comayagua.