

Psalm 67:3

The Christogram

May the peoples praise you, O God;

May all the peoples praise you.

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He is Risen



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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.

April 2

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

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

Elder..... Fred Sterns

April 7 - Good Friday

Elder.....(Noon) P.J. Nunez, (6:30p) Lee Crapo

April 9 - Easter

Elder.....(7AM)Lee Crapo (10 AM) Steve Rosane
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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April 16

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector..... Kim Kaniecki
Ushers.....
Greeters Beverly Roberge
Audio..... Kyle welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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April 23

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

April 30

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector.....
Ushers.....
Greeters Robert and Cheryl Langanke
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder..... Lee Crapo
Lector..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:30p Worship
2 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Elders Meeting Volunteer Luncheon	3 Active Assailant Training @ 6:30p	4 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A Outreach mtg @ 5:30 p	5 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6:30p Choir @ 7p	6 Maundy Thurs Service @ 6:30p	7 Good Friday Service @ Noon Good Friday Service @6:30p	8 No Service
9 Easter 7a Worship Easter Break-fast 8:30 -9:30 10a Worship NO Bible Studies	10 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	11 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	12 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p	13	14	15 5:30p Worship
16 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Communication Board Mtg	17 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	18 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A <u>Pastor at Emergent Leader Training</u>	19 Mary Martha Mtg @ 9a NO Bible Study NO Private Com. Youth @ 6:30p Choir @ 7p	20	21	22 5:30p Worship
23 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Stewardship Meeting	24	25 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	26 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p	27 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	28	29 5:30p Worship
30 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a						

**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

Emil Verbeke	Apr 1
Robin Fox	Apr 4
Joel Nelson	Apr 6
Michael Cavanaugh	Apr 8
Janet Beyer.....	Apr 9
Janette Williams	Apr 12
Joanna Perlewitz	Apr 13
Frances Klug	Apr 13
Lynette Newman.....	Apr 13
Kent Kahre.....	Apr 14
Sophia Orellana.....	Apr 14
Ken Williams.....	Apr 15
Linda Poole	Apr 16
Cheryl Langanke	Apr 22
Pam West	Apr 22
George Kilbertus.....	Apr 25
Belinda Freer	Apr 27
Nan Friedrich.....	Apr 30



Michael and Gayle Thomas	Apr 4 (30 yrs.)
Emil and Judi Verbeke	Apr 6 (39 yrs.)
Bill and Kathy Siedenstrang.....	Apr 11 (46 yrs.)
Jon and Shirley Lindstrom.....	Apr 28 (56 yrs.)
Vern and Judi Rudolph.....	Apr 30 (63yrs.)



Thank you to Rita and George Czanko who served for the month of March.

Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin will serve for the month of April. 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**

Alicia Bade.....	Apr 1
Steve Rosane.....	Apr 1
Judy Veal.....	Apr 3
Nancy E. Matter.....	Apr 4
Carn Bade.....	Apr 5
Rita Czanko.....	Apr 7
Carol Kloha.....	Apr 8
James Kloha.....	Apr 11
Nancy Tyler.....	Apr 12
Nell Morgan.....	Apr 12
Tammy Raimondo.....	Apr 14
Gloria Nelson.....	Apr 14
Barbara Szymanski.....	Apr 16
Emil Verbeke.....	Apr 19
Carol Stuckert.....	Apr 20
Lynette Newman.....	Apr 20
Patricia Maxson.....	Apr 22
Frances Klug.....	Apr 27
Arthur Walls.....	Apr 28
Ken Williams.....	Apr 30
Gary Witte.....	Apr 30



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.....

About Holy Week and Easter:

April 1st and 2nd: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

At the start of the service, we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem with the crowds singing His praises. Those crowds will change their tune by the end of the week. Accordingly, the service shifts gears toward

a reading of Jesus' Passion (the events surrounding His death.) New blood red and black paraments (altar cloths) have been ordered and might arrive in time for this year's observance.



April 6th, 6:30 p.m.: Maundy Thursday The word *Maundy* probably derives from the Latin word *mandatum* which means *command*. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). This service commemorates Jesus' Last Supper. The service doesn't really end, as there is no benediction. Instead, the altar is stripped while the 22nd Psalm is read in preparation for Friday's events.

April 7th, Noon: Good Friday Chief Service Starting at noon on Good Friday, the Bible records the sky turning black until about 3:00 p.m., the hour when Jesus breathed his last breath. In some traditions, the Good Friday service lasts those three hours. As a continuation of Thursday's service, our spoken order of service will include a lengthy reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ as drawn from the Four Gospels, silent prayer and meditation, corporate prayers, and reproaches. There will be no music, and the congregation is expected to enter and leave the building in silence.

April 7th, 6:30 p.m.: Good Friday Tenebrae Service When the service continues Friday evening, the church gradually gets darker. Without Christ, our lives are truly dark indeed.

April 9th, 7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Divine Service This service begins as a reversal of the Tenebrae Service; the sanctuary gets brighter the dawn of the first day of the week when the resurrected body of the Light of the World has shown to be freed from death and the grave.

April 9th, 10:00 a.m.: Easter Divine Service Our celebration of our Lord's resurrection continues with different readings and hymns to mark the joyous event.

The Eager Conversationalist/Spiritual Conversation Curve Workshops

New video-based study starting Wednesday, April 12th & Sunday, April 16th.

The Great Sending addresses the "Why" of God's Mission, the *missio dei*. These workshops

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will explore the "How" of faith sharing. We will be watching and discussing two Lutheran Hour Ministries workshops presented by Jason Broge and Don Everts. The Wednesday sessions will be recorded and will be shared upon request. I am also open to presenting these workshops at another time.

*Drawing on Barna Group data contained in the 2018 monograph **Spiritual Conversations in the Digital Age**, Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering two workshops: the first, **Eager Conversationalists**, examines spiritual conversations. It offers insights to help us become more intentional-more eager-to engage in spiritual conversations with others. The second, **The Spiritual Conversation Curve**, offers help in getting past conversational hurdles. This is possible when we focus on someone's "spiritual posture," so as not to impose a conversation that's forced or ill-timed.*



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Emergent Leader Training

I will be attending the Florida-Georgia District's Emergent Leader Training April 17th-20th & May 15th-18th in Orlando. Topics to be covered during the retreat include a Leader's Crucial Work, Authentic Leadership, Power Awareness, Execution Goals, Project Management, Situational Leadership, Cornerstone Factor, Difficult Conversations, Facilitative Leader, and Managing Polarities.

Spring!

Spring is a time where we are reminded of rebirth and new beginnings. As the days get longer, we start to see different species of flora and fauna emerge and appear. Buried bulbs come to life, some pushing up shoots through the soil where there seemed to be nothing, producing glorious flowers that show forth the goodness of God's creation. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, who once was dead, but is alive, active, and vibrant. Jesus continues to enliven us with his vibrancy, showing forth the goodness of God's redemption in a dying world. Each morning when we wake up it is like a mini-resurrection, and we can be grateful for God's animating breath. The Holy Spirit continues to enlighten us with His gifts, making us brighter saints of the Lord.

Pastor Chris

Mary Martha



The Mary Martha Guild of the LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League,) meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am. However, this month we will meet on April 19th. All ladies of Christ Lutheran Church are eligible to become members. We support several ministries who serve our community, as well as a tight knit community of women who support one another. We invite you to join us at any time! If you would like to speak to someone regarding our guild, please call our President, Belinda Freer, at 863-602-5159. We will meet you or pick you up!



Mary Martha held their Spring Luncheon at the Huntington Hills Golf Club. Our theme was St Patrick and we played several games for St Patty's Day. We had great food and fellowship!

The Mary Martha Guild held a Spaghetti Dinner on March 12th in our Fellowship Hall. Our proceeds benefited the Comfort Dog Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Orlando. "Peace" the Comfort dog attended our event. She also attended our Worship service the next morning. We served 100+ people at our dinner! We want to thank the members and non members who purchased our dinner tickets! A good time was had by all!



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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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The Mary Martha guild sent four women representing Christ Lutheran Church to our Winter Haven Zone Spring Rally on March 4th to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills. Our rally leader was Wendy Sue Fluegge. The theme was "Destination," in which we took a "flight" and discovered our gifts given by our Lord. Our flight was great! Lots of singing and praising our God! We had a worship service with communion and met some new friends!



Please pray for the 2023 LWML National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, WI on June 22-25. Our theme is "Lord of the Nations." Theme from Psalm 33:12-13.



The Florida/ Georgia District retreat for LWML will be held September 22-24, 2023 in St Augustine, Florida at the World Golf Village. Registration details will follow.

EASTER SUNDAY



On Easter Sunday the Prelude music will start about 9:30 am with Easter Music.

Stewardship



Heading into the Easter Season we all truly have much to be joyous for. Certainly, that our Lord and Savior rose from the dead for us to secure our place in heaven, but also for more tangible, daily things like seeing the pandemic slow down, life beginning to resume a normalcy we had previously grown used to and even just seeing Spring begin to sprout forth life. Yes, there is much to be joyful and thankful for! How do we express our thanks and praise to God? Simple, by serving God in whatever way He has shown each of us.

By the looks of it, there must be many, many people here at Christ Lutheran that are busy expressing their thanks to God! Look around you and will see so many people serving Him. The volunteers that serve in so very many ways are what keeps this church going strong! They faithfully do the work, week in and week out, year after year without expectation of payment. Simply out of their love for God and this church.

That's why, once a year, the Board of Stewardship likes to take the opportunity to recognize all the volunteers who serve us. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after church April 2nd, 2023 for a luncheon (complete with fried chicken and sides, cake and a small 'thank you' gift) where you can either help us thank these people; or come and give us the opportunity to thank YOU! (No free will offering necessary, this is "on us"!)

We hope to see you there! Until then, thanks be to God for each of you!

Kim Kaniecki

Director of Stewardship



Outreach

Baseball Parking

Baseball Parking ended March 26th. Thank you to everyone who helped with the parking during this Spring season. A charitable donation will be made to Senior Orphans from the proceeds.

April Fellowship Hour

This month the Free Will offerings will go to Central America Missions.



Movie Night

Movie Night has been put on hold until the Fall.

Rummage Sale

Outreach will be giving a charitable donation to One More Child from the proceeds of the Rummage Sale.

Options for Women

The final amount from the Baby Bottle Drive was received. Thank you for your generosity.

Lighthouse Ministries

Once again we will be doing Easter Baskets for the children living in Lighthouse housing. There are approximately 24 children.



Central America Missions April 2023

Thank God for the goodness of the American people. Every time that I get on a plane going on a medical mission; I get to see other missionaries going South to work on different projects helping the poor. In Guatemala, I met a group that was building stoves. In Honduras, I have seen missionaries doing different kinds of building projects. The impact of these missionaries is much more than what the U.S. government is already doing.

In our own community, Christ Lutheran is involved in helping those in need and of course helping the Central American Mission.

I just got back from a back to back surgical mission. One in Comayagua and the other one in Guatemala. This was a challenge for me, but with the help of God, I was able to do my job. My next mission will be June 10-17.

Christ Lutheran, thank you for supporting this mission. I most likely will run out of money budgeted for this mission, but I am certain that God will provide and the work will be done. Keep this mission in your prayers; the work is definitely life changing for so many people. The work of the Lord is getting done.

Carlos Orellana



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Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, February 13, 2023



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of February our actual performance is at a negative compared to budget amounts. For YTD our actual performance is at a positive compared to budgeted amounts. Our actual February expenses were LCEF for additional payment on courtyard study and Gaspard for altar paraments. Our total bank asset balance is at _____. Dedicated funds are _____ and undedicated bank funds are at _____. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 14.6% higher this year than in 2022 at the end of February. There was one noteworthy income item this month of ___ for baseball parking revenue.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Some upcoming events are; the Circuit District Partnership Event, St. Paul's: Thursday, March 30th, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Maundy Thursday Communion: 6:30 p.m.; Good Friday Noon: The Reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and Prayer; Good Friday Tenebrae: 6:30 p.m.; Easter Sunrise: 7:00 a.m.; Easter Main: 10:00 a.m.; Emergent Leadership, Orlando: April 17th - 20th, May 15th-18th; and Region 3 Pastor's Meeting, Christ the King, Orlando: April 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Some News and Notes are as a congregation, we've been extremely busy. The Holy Week Paraments ordered, should arrive in time for use this year. The Mexican Consulate will be hosting day camp here for six weeks in June and July. Also a more formalized prayer ministry will be starting soon.

President: John Freer

The Hot Dog sales are going well during the baseball parking. We continue to see many new visitors at the church. It is wonderful to see.

Vice President: Ted Nelson

Active Assailant Preparedness training will be April 3 @ 6:00 P.M.

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Christian Education: Annie Smith

Nothing to report.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

We continue to see new faces at our services and fellowship.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

The board of Stewardship had a brief meeting and discussed more details of the Volunteer luncheon which will be held on April 2nd after church.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

The final amount for Options for Women baby bottle money was _____. They were very grateful. Movie night will be paused until the fall. Lighthouse Ministries will be in need for Easter baskets. Look for information to be coming out soon. Donations for Rummage Sale, 50% is going to One More Child. Baseball parking will be donating 10% to Senior Orphans. Hot dog sales are undecided as to who will get the 10%. A Prayer Walk will be scheduled mid-April.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

We will be updating pictures on website over the next month or so. If you have an event coming up, or pictures to share, please send to me or Robin Fox.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

We are trimming the palm tree clusters by the sanctuary and helping the baseball parkers & hot dog concession. Will start regular trustee workdays again in April after baseball season. The bathroom in the Fellowship Hall had to be repaired due to things being flushed that don't belong in the toilet.

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Youth Board:

Robin and Barb had the Youth working for the Dream Center in our Storehouse to earn service hours.

From Robin and Barb, “You were more helpful than you will ever know! Thanks for your help and use of your strong muscles. We would love to have you back anytime.”

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fox

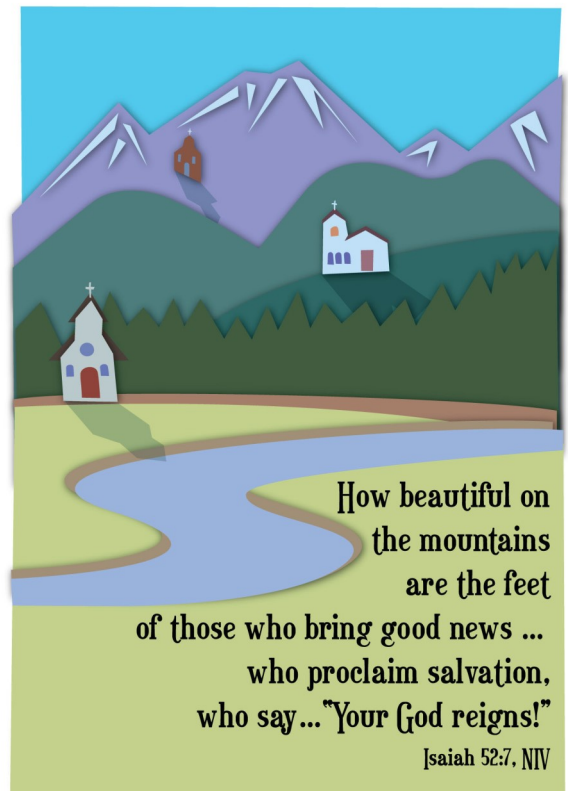
The Good News

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Psalm 67:1-5

Could the psalmist have looked across the years to see the gospel go throughout the earth? This psalm surely speaks of the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), when Jesus commanded that the gospel be taken to all nations. Count yourself among that great crowd of believers worldwide who know the Savior; praise him for his Good News; and share that gospel so that the harvest will be abundant.



How beautiful on
the mountains
are the feet
of those who bring good news ...
who proclaim salvation,
who say... “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7, NIV

Central America Missions March 2023

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Guatemala: this guy broke his leg during the pandemic. Went untreated and healed out of alignment.



Our surgeries are in almost field conditions, but deliver good results.



Dresses donated to the girls of Hogar Nazareno.



Dresses made by Golden Links, a quilting club from Lakeland where Cathy Sterns is a member.



Thank You.