Psalm 85:8a

The Christogram

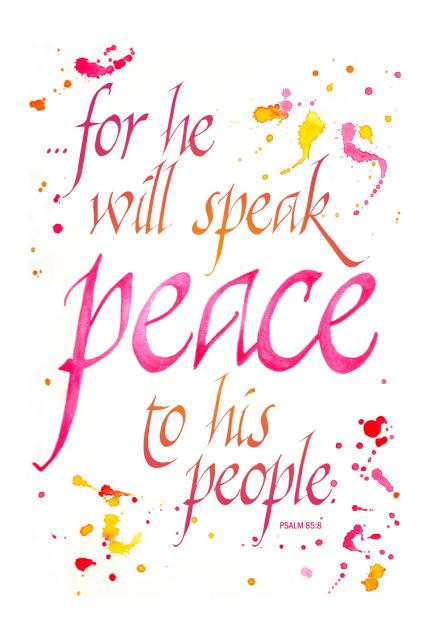
Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;

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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.

Serving in May

	May /
Elder	<u>May </u>
	George Czanko
Greeters	Joanne Shepker
	Maria Hazʻzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

May 14

Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Kim Kanieċki
	Kyle Welch
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

May 21

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

May 28

Elder	Carlos Orellana
	Robert and Cheryl Langanke
	Kyle Welch
	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder	Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane (5/13)
Lector	Rick Smith
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon /	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed	2 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A Outreach mtg @ 5:30 p	3 Mary Martha Mtg @ 9a Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6:30p	4 National Day of	5	6 5:30p Worship
7 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	8	9 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	Choir @ 7p 10 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com.	Prayer 11	12	13
Bible Study @ 11:15a Elders Meeting	Council Mtg @ 6:30p		1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p			5:30p Worship
14 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a	15	16 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	NO Bible Study NO Private Com. Youth @ 6:30p Choir @ 7p	18	19	20 5:30p Worship
Mother's Day		Pastor at Emerge	nt Leadership Conf	erence	_	
21 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Congregational Meeting	9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	23 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	24 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p	25 Paper Pumpkin	26	27 5:30p Worship
				Club @ 6:30p		
28 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Stewardship Meeting	29 Church Office Closed	30 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	31 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p			
Communication Board Mtg	Memorial Day					

Bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday by 9:00 a.m.

The Infirmed 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 Al Herman Judy Kargel Fran Klug Dorothy Lovelace Don & Nancy Matter Nell Morgan Fran Murphy Lois Smith Norma Tipton Amy Wilson

Cheryl Erwin	May 5
Christopher Hazzard	May 9
Bev Flamme	May 9
Jerry Munz	May 10
Logan Peterson	May 15
Gerie Slaten	May 16
Sawyer TimmonsBirthdays	May 18
Sawyer TimmonsBirthdays Donna Townsend	May 19
Donald Matter	May 20
Sandra Spanier	May 23
Marlene Yost	May 25
Jerry Poole	May 25
Allison Gillespie	May 25
Bill Siedenstrang	May 26
Judi Rudolph	May 27
Debbie Smith	May 28
Eileen Hanson	May 29



Thank you to Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin who served for the month of April. Debbie Smith and Rick Smith will serve for the month of May. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

We want to thank everyone who helped us make the Church look so beautiful during the Easter Week. More hands always make a difference. Thanks' again.

Alfred and Barbara

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

Kent Kahre	May 1
Richard Hanson	May 1
Pam West	May 1
Taniqua Jackson	May 1
Henry Veal	May 1
Judy Kargel	May 5
Sen Campbell	May 6
Janette Williams	May 8
Cheryl Langanke	May 13
Garrett C. Timmons	May 15
Robin Fox,	May 19
Sandy Womack	May 23
Betty Kilbertus	May 24
Jerry Poole	May 24
Keith Kallstrom	May 24
Robert Langanke	May 28
Linda Poole	May 28
Michael Cavanaugh	May 31
Marlene Yost	May 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 goodspaper towels, toilet paper, napkins; cleaning supplies; soapdishwashing, 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.



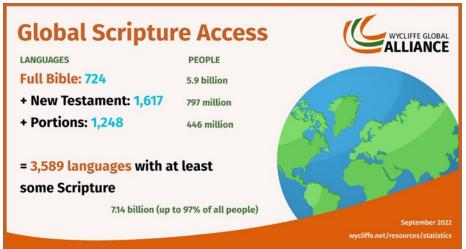
From the Pastor.....

The Holy Spirit's gifts

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid (John 14:26-27 ESV).

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the church in a powerful way. "...divided

tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:3-4 ESV). The Holy Spirit continues to fall upon Christ's church. According to Wycliffe, the Holy Spirit continues to give utterance as



portions of the Bible have been translated in 3,589 languages. The Holy Spirit continues to come to you, teaching you and reminding you of what Jesus said to all of us in this broken world in desperate need of Him. We look around at the world, and our natural tendency is to have troubled hearts and fear. Instead, in Christ and as we look to Christ, we can have peace. We can be reminded of the peace of God as we are reminded of all that Jesus says to us. And we can rest in God's powerful peace; a powerful peace that points the world to Jesus.

Pastor Chris



Our Mission Remains the Same...

Living as Christ's Witnesses

Celebrating 75 Years of Mission



The Goal

Our GOAL is to raise \$1.5 million by September 2023. These funds will enable us to provide \$150,000 in grants to start ten congregations over the next five years.

For every \$2 given, \$1 will be matched.

Help us reach this goal to connect many more people to Jesus!

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"New starts reach more new people for Christ."



Celebrating 75 Years of Mission & Growth

The Florida-Georgia District began in 1948 with 22 congregations, today we are 192 strong. Less than 45% of the US is connected to the Body of Christ and the population of our states continues growing by nearly 2% per year.

God is calling us to "Go and make disciples" and planting new congregations is essential to reaching more with God's love and the only message of hope!



Living As Christ's Witnesses So That All People Come to Faith

- 192 Congregations walking together
- 59 Schools and Early Learning Centers
- Mission driven since 1948
- Sharing God's love with all people in an
- Offering the only true and unchanging hope for this life and eternity

"For such a time as this!" God has brought us together to be His hands and feet to a lost and hurting world.

The people of the Florida-Georgia District are committed to being a beacon of hope through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all people!

Our task is urgent! We ask for your prayers and financial partnership so that many more will experience Christ's love now and in eternity!



"Every congregation is a mission planting congregation. Start something new!"



Imagine... together, we can do this! Imagine... if each person and every congregation gave a thank offering, we would reach our goal!

Imagine... the joy over lives transformed and each new believer. Imagine... the renewed excitement and revitalization in

website to learn how you can be

Christ's Witness with your financial support.



Scan the QR code or visit flgadistrict.org/celebrating/5years

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President's Equip Conference

September 28 - 30, 2023

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REGISTRATION

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Conference Details

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- ·Rev. Jonathan Fisk | Pastor & Author
- ·Leah Abel | Project Manager & Ministry Facilitator
- ·Rev. Greg Finke | Pastor & Author

and Deb Burma | Pastor's Wives Speaker

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Do you want to lead a breakout session at the 2023 President's Equip Conference?

Visit the conference webpage & submit your proposal today!

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Mary Martha

The Mary Martha Guild of the LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League)
meets the second Wednesday of each month from September- May in the
Fellowship Hall at 9am. All women of Christ Lutheran Church are eligible to
be members. We warmly welcome all ladies of our congregation! If you have any questions,
please feel free to contact our President, Belinda Freer at 863-602-5159.

The Mary Martha Guild would like to thank all for the donations and volunteers who helped prepare, set up, sell, and help the customers at our Rummage Sale in conjunction with the Board of Outreach on March 25. In addition, we are grateful to the patrons who shopped! The proceeds from this event will go to One More Child. We are so grateful to be able to share in reaching out to our community!

Mary Martha will hold our next meeting on May 3, 2023 at 9am. This will our last meeting until fall when we reunite on September 6. Please plan to attend, if possible, as we will discuss business that will pick up in September. If you cannot attend this meeting, feel free to email our President, Belinda Freer with ideas you feel would benefit us during the upcoming year at johnjuke2@aol.com.

Ladies, please make sure to check your email accounts during the summer if you plan to attend the Florida/Georgia District retreat from September 22-24 in St Augustine at the World Golf Village. Registration is not yet available, however, if you plan to attend, please contact Charlotte at Clmantz @aol.com or text/call at 863-409-6270, or contact any other officer, Belinda Freer, Joyce Munz, or Helen Borgwardt. We would like to make roommate spaces available, if desired, to reduce costs, so the sooner, the better. If you haven't decided, but are interested, just let us know, as we don't have a cost package until later in May.

In His Service Charlotte Mantz Secretary, Mary Martha

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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 LWML District Retreat will be held September 22-24, 2023 at World Golf Village in St Augustine. The theme will be "Enough for Now, Unpacking God's Sufficiency." The retreat will be lead by Christian speaker and author Sharla Fritz. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend. The registration and pricing will be available later in May. If you wish to attend, and we pray that you do, please email Charlotte at Clmantz@aol.com/ or call or text 863-409-6270. We would like to have you join us. We could possibly have roommate match ups to keep costs down, if desired.



Please Pray for the 2023 LWML National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, WS on June 22 -25. Our theme is "Lord of the Nations," from Psalm 33:12-13. This convention will celebrate 80 years of LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League.)

We ask for prayer for the LCMS National Synodical Convention held in Milwaukee from July 29-Aug 23.

We also request prayer for Lutheran Laymen's League whose convention will be held July 28-29 in Kansas City, Mo.

Photos' Needed



Anyone who has photographs they can share of the Spaghetti Dinner, the Fashion Show, and the Rummage sale, please send them to Charlotte Mantz: Clmantz@aol.com! We would like to submit articles to both the LWML "Evangel," their quarterly newsletter and also to the FL/GA District

"Lutheran Life" magazine. The deadline is May 5 to submit the articles. We are doing a lot here at CLC to spread the love of God! Maybe we can inspire others!

Stewardship



To Everything There Is a Season

Most of us are familiar with the verses from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 where King Solomon reminds us that everything has a season. 'A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted,' etc....May tends to be a time that the busy activities that have been going on begin to slow down. While it is necessary that many things around here need to continue such as the work in the Board of Communications, the Altar Guild, the Counters, Council and the Trustees are only a few; there are other things that can and will take a much-needed break for the summer. It is good for us to rest and rejuvenate ourselves. Our bodies need it, our spirits need it. Remember that our Lord tells us in Matthew 11:28 to "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a time to express our thanks for all the hard work that our members do to further the work of the Lord and this church. If you were unable to attend that, please know how much you are appreciated! If you're able, take some time to relax and rejuvenate yourself. However, the areas of the church that must continue working will still have members who are hard at work.

We ask that you lift these members up in your daily prayers asking God to strengthen them and keep them excited and motivated in the jobs they do. Take the time to encourage those hard-working members when you see them. Maybe even offer a hand if you're able.

We would also like to remind everyone to place any "needs" you may have on the Need & Seed board in the courtyard. Any goods or services that you can offer are very

welcome on the "seed" side of the board. Allow yourself the opportunity to bless or be blessed by someone here at Christ Lutheran Church!

May God bless your month ahead as you rest in Him! Kim Kaniecki/Board of Stewardship



Outreach

Baseball Parking Totals

The total for baseball parking came to _____. The amount going to the charity Senior Orphans is _____. The Hotdog sales will also go to a local charity.

Rummage Sale

Outreach will be sending ____ from the Outreach portion of the proceeds to One More Child.

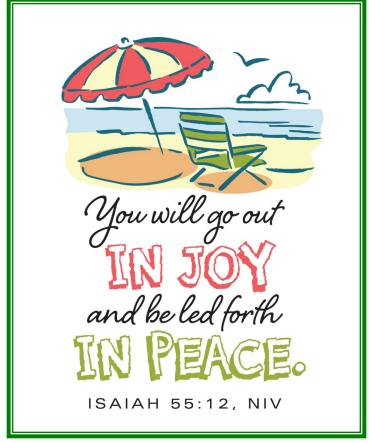
Easter Baskets

Nineteen children were given Easter Baskets at the Lighthouse Ministries. The children were very excited to receive them.

Fellowship Freewill Offerings

For April the offerings went to the Central America Missions. For the month of May the offerings will go to One More Child.





Central America Missons May 2023

These first four months of 2023 have been very busy for the Central American Mission. This year is considered the reopening year after the pandemic, but of course, San Benito Jose (SBJ) Hospital was hosting surgical teams since the second half of 2022. SBJ is hosting a surgical team each month for 2023.

My next mission is this coming June, and this will be my fourth mission this year. I would like to think that slowing down is an option, but there is always those special cases that stick in my mind; cases that are life changing in the people's life. I feel blessed to be able to work with professionals who dedicate their vocation to help those who cannot help themselves.

Christ Lutheran Church has also helped a few orphanages in Honduras. There are orphanages for girls, boys, children with disabilities like Down's syndrome, home for the elderly, and in the orphanages there are also newborns and babies.

These orphanages are also overseen by the Franciscan Friars and local leaders. They work with donations from people and institutions like our Church. Every single donation goes straight to where it is needed. Although, they have to have employees; most of the work is done by volunteers.

The Friars also work on reintegrating the kids back to their homes or parents. Sometimes families find themselves in a temporary crisis. The Friars also have Social Workers who assess and supervise the different situations.

I think that in our life there is a window of opportunity to do something good for others, and that opportunity is now; that is why I don't think I can slow down. If we can help; we must do it while we can. To help the Central American Mission (CAM), you may do it by putting a marked envelope for the Honduras mission or CAM in the offering plate. You may also donate items in the Honduras box in the Narthex.

Our Church has a line item budget for CAM. That money is almost out or already out. Regardless, God will provide and we will be able to help those who cannot help themselves. The shipments and surgical missions will continue. Prayers for CAM.



Carlos Orellana

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Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, April 10, 2023



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of March our actual performance is at a negative compared to budget amounts. For YTD our actual performance is at a negative compared to the budgeted amounts. Our actual March expense was Guide One 2 nd quarter insurance payment of
Our undedicated bank funds are The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 19.7% higher this year than in 2022 at the end of March. There were 10 noteworthy income items this month for each for baseball parking revenue and a Sharefaith contribution of A few proposed budget changes were made with Council's approval.
Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard Some upcoming events are: Emergent Leadership, Orlando: April 17 th -20 th and May 15 th -18 th : Emil Verbeke Memorial service: April 23 rd , Highland Fairways Clubhouse @ 1 PM: Region 3 Pastor's Meeting, Christ the King, Orlando: April 29 th ; Ongoing: FLGA Missionary Pathway Cohort: 2 nd Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom News and Notes.
Deaths the past month: Sally Henning, George Miller, Rudy Rudolph, Emil Verbeke; District Event at St. Paul's was very informative; PROBEM (Spanish Consulate) will include Maddie Block and Olga Concepción; next phase with LCEF Visioning Tom Eggebrecht will be starting soon.
Pastor plans to become current in his certifications for CPR/First Aid Training (in-person, \$67.00), Crisis Prevention; Intervention Training (online, \$228.00), and SAMHSA's Creating Safe Scenes (online, free) within the next month.
Council will form a task force to review and revise church safety and security policies and procedures to ensure that we have best practices in place in consultation with the Florida Georgia District's legal counsel and our insurance company.
President: John Freer The Hot Dog sales after expenses were The Easter Breakfast went well thanks to council members, Youth, Elders and volunteers that helped. It took in The treasurer had books audited. Everything was good with no discrepancies. Great job Jon! We continue to see lots of visitors at church services. A new TV monitor was installed on the balcony wall. The next Congregational Voters meeting will be on May 21 st .
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Vice President: Ted Nelson

Active Assailant Preparedness training opened our eyes. We need to get started with the Safety Task Force ASAP.

Christian Education: Annie Smith

Larry Nimetz and Annie are working on a Bible Study called "The Bible Project". More information to follow.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance is increasing and new transfers and membership are increasing also.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

Volunteer Luncheon was well attended (over 75 people attended,) fun was had by all.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Rummage sale profits and who the donations are for:	for One More Child. Our
Seminary student's biannual gift of was sent. Lighthouse	Ministries Easter baskets
totaled 19. The children were very excited. Neighborhood pra	ayer-walk date led by Pastor
Hazzard is on April 22 @ 10 AM. People are needed to sing in	n the choir.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Holy Week and Lenten service streams seemed to go very well. No glitches reported or seen. Steve Rosanne hung a new monitor in the back of the sanctuary for Pastor. We will be working with audio and streaming people over the next month or so to finish fine tuning our set up. Marvin will be joining these sessions as needed to help with the audio set up. Robin will be meeting with the streaming people at St. Paul to learn the new streaming program we purchased. Volunteers needed to occasionally relieve Robin, Josiah, and myself for streaming and Maria, Kyle, and Lee Crapo for audio

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

We are continuing to paint outside doors, clearing palm clusters & general maintenance as needed. We helped set up rummage sale and weekly Tuesday work sessions are to continue.

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Youth Board:

The Youth are continuing to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Fox



Our Dream Center, Storehouse, is in need of personal items. If you could help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Some items are:

Body wash Shampoo Conditioner

Toilet paper Dish soap Razors

Body lotion Deodorant Toothbrushes

Tooth paste Dryer sheets Fabric softener

Paper towels Toilet paper Body wipes

Household cleaners Laundry Detergent

Thank you so much from the people of Lakeland, the Dream Center, and myself in advance. You can make a difference in someone's day!

Robin Fox

Central America Missons March 2023

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