

Psalm 121:7

# The Christogram

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

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The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade  
on your right hand.

Psalm 121:5



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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 June**

**June 4**

**Elder**..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector**..... P.J. Nunez  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** ..... Joanne Shepker  
**Audio**..... Maria Hazzard  
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**June 11**

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector**..... George Czanko  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** ..... Dan and Violet Zabel  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
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**June 18**

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

**June 25**

**Elder**..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector**..... Jon Lindstrom  
**Ushers**.....  
**Greeters** ..... Robert and Cheryl Langanke  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM**

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane (6/10)  
**Lector**..... Rick Smith  
**Audio**..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



# Christ Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:30p Worship
4 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Elders Meeting	5	6 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	7 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6:30p	8	9	10 5:30p Worship
← Campamento de Verano Day Camp →						
11 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a	12 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	13 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	14 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	15	16	17 5:30p Worship
← Campamento de Verano Day Camp →						
18 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Communication Board Mtg	19 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	20 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	21 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6:30p	22	23	24 5:30p Worship
← Campamento de Verano Day Camp →						
25 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Bible Study @ 11:15a Stewardship Meeting	26	27 Trustee WD Quilters @ 10A	28 Bible Study @ Noon Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	29 Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p	30	
← Campamento de Verano Day Camp →						

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

Jon Lindstrom .....	Jun 4
Janice Newman .....	Jun 5
Nancy Tyler .....	Jun 7
Charlene Rosane .....	Jun 9
Steve Rosane .....	Jun 10
Patricia Maxson .....	Jun 12
Natalie Thiele .....	Jun 13
Daniel Zabel .....	Jun 13
Joyce Munz .....	Jun 13
Earl Womack .....	Jun 13
Betty Costine .....	Jun 17
Pat Mangum.....	Jun 18
Barbara Joost .....	Jun 20
Bob Kossel.....	Jun 21
Edna Wright.....	Jun 21
Rebecca Schwarz .....	Jun 25
Madeline Block.....	Jun 27
Cheryl McMahan.....	Jun 27
Beverly Roberge.....	Jun 28
Donald Rohrbach .....	Jun 28
Manfred Yost.....	Jun 29
Pamela Hanson .....	Jun 30



George and Betty Kilbertus .....	Jun 6, (59 yrs.)
Jerry and Joyce Munz .....	Jun 7, (53 yrs.)
Michael and Cindy Cavanaugh.....	Jun 16, (50 yrs.)
Fred and Cathy Sterns .....	Jun 17, (51 yrs.)
Jerry and Patricia Swope.....	Jun 21, (66 yrs.)
Earl and Sandy Womack.....	Jun 27, (59 yrs.)



Thank you to Debbie Smith and Rick Smith who served for the month of May. Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane will serve for the month of June. 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**

Mary Heinz.....	Jun 1
Logan Peterson .....	Jun 1
Sophia Orellana.....	Jun 1
George Kilbertus.....	Jun 4
Bob Kossel.....	Jun 4
Rebecca Schwarz .....	Jun 4
Betty Costine .....	Jun 6
Allison Gillespie .....	Jun 16
Gerie Slaten .....	Jun 16
Anne Smith.....	Jun 27



## **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.....*

### Emergent Leader

*Emergent Leader increases a leader's ability to initiate, realize, and manage growth for themselves, for their organizations, and for those they lead and serve. The experience explores core leadership models through teaching, peer review and evaluation, cohort accountability groups, skill development practicums, and assignments between events and is provided by a team with experience and proven results in leadership and organizational development within the church and business worlds. The Emergent Leader training is being offered for people working or volunteering in Lutheran Organizations of North America.*



Thank you for allowing me to participate in this life-changing development course. The Lord is at work; the harvest is plentiful. May the Lord refine me as a leader so that together we may better share God's love in word and deed! --Pastor Chris



New Sermon Series from Lutheran Hour Ministries:

*Spiritual Conversations* focuses on the “how” of evangelism and the perceptions of faith sharing from both sides of the conversation: the sharer and the hearer. This series will equip Christians to be effective in sharing the unchanging Good News in the digital age.

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June 11 <sup>th</sup>	HOW WILL THEY HEAR	Text: Romans 10:13-17
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	WHY WE STOPPED TALKING	Text: Luke 22:54-62
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	BEAUTIFUL CONVERSATIONS	Text: Isaiah 52:7-10
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BECOMING EAGER CONVERSATIONALISTS	Text: Ephesians 6:10-20
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS	Text: 1 Peter 3:13-17

### Discovery Bible Study

Acts Bible Study: Sundays 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at noon

Using the highly interactive Discovery Bible Study format, we will read sections of the Book of Acts and ask:

What does this tell you about God?

What does this tell you about yourself and the world?

How will you live this out?

All are encouraged to attend.

Pastor Chris



## Mary Martha



The Mary Martha Guild of the L.W.M.L. - Lutheran Women's Missionary League- meets the second Wednesday of each month from September - May each year. All women of Christ Lutheran Church are welcome to attend and all members of CLC are eligible for membership. We support several ministries who serve our community as well as district and national ministries. We would love to see you at our next meeting in the fall. For more information, please contact our secretary, Charlotte Mantz @863-409-6270 or email [clmantz@aol.com](mailto:clmantz@aol.com). While we do not hold regular meetings during the summer, those of us who are in town are certainly here to help, should you need us. You may contact the Church office and leave a message, or call Charlotte at the listed number. I will be available most of this summer.

Our Memorial team will be available this summer for any needs in the Congregation. The next team to serve is team 3.

The Mary Martha Guild met on May 3rd for our last meeting of our fiscal year. We will hold our next meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 9am.

The Florida/ Georgia District LWML retreat will be held September 22-24 in St Augustine. More details are found under the LWML report.

August will be our collection month for "Undie Sunday's." We will be collecting new undies for all sizes - children through adult, however, an urgent need has been given to us by both the Talbot House and Central American Missions for toddler sizes - boys and girls- undies and socks as well. We will have a box available in the narthex. These can be brought in at any time, but August will be our drive!

Mary Martha has plans to sponsor a good old fashioned pot luck dinner after our Sunday morning worship service on September 17. Get your jello salad recipes out! Just kidding! All dishes are welcomed! We will place a sign up sheet in the Narthex closer to the time, for those wishing to see what is being brought or what we need, but it's still "Potluck!"

Mary Martha continues to collect recipes for our CLC cookbook! We will close this out at a later date, but please continue to bring in recipes!

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Looking for Christ Lutheran in social media? Check us out at our website: [www.clclakeland.org](http://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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Mary Martha will be sponsoring the second annual Family Decorations for our Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall this year! We plan to purchase a new tree for the Fellowship Hall. Even though Christmas is far away, perhaps this summer your family will get together for a fun creation.

The Mary Martha Guild hopes that you and yours have a blessed summer season. We pray that you have safe travels and wonderful memories to share!

## LWML



The LWML National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI June 22-25. Our theme is "Lord of the Nations." While our congregation doesn't have a representative attending, our Winter Haven Zone will be represented. Please pray for safe travels for those attending and for the Missions they will be funding.



The Florida / Georgia District retreat will be held in St Augustine, Florida; Friday, Sept 22-Sunday, Sept 24, at the Renaissance World Golf Village. The speaker will be Sharla Fritz and the theme is "Enough for Now." A sign up sheet has been placed in the Narthex. Attached to the sign up, you will find a few Registration Forms printed, directions and deadlines for registrations. In addition, the list of needs for "Gifts from the heart" to be brought to the retreat which will benefit St. Gerard Maternity Home and Resource Center located in St Augustine. Should you wish to write them a check, that option is available as well.

Unfortunately, at this date, the hotel registration information has not been sent, only the retreat info. Joyce Munz is working on expediting this info to us and the Narthex sign up sheet will be updated as soon as we have that information. All of this information is found in the Newsletter of the "Evangel," LWML newsletter, as well as <http://www.flgalwml.com>. You may register and pay at this site.

The first deadline is due June 30 for early registration, so we intend to get the info regarding the hotel out as soon as possible. Please call Joyce Munz at 863-430-1130 or Charlotte Mantz at 863-409-6270 should you need further information.

The LWML Winter Haven Zone Rally is scheduled for the fall at Grace Lutheran, Winter Haven. No dates have been set.

## Stewardship



Have you ever thought: “I don’t matter” or “What I do doesn’t matter”? Maybe “I’m not an important person In anyone’s life.” I think we’ve all had thoughts like this at various times in our lives. Some more than others perhaps. It would really help if we would ‘step outside’ of ourselves for a moment and see us as God sees us. The talents and abilities He has given each of us are unique and valuable to others. Think about the miracle the Gospel writers told us about with the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. There was likely a mom who prepared that lunch for her son that day. Just another mundane daily job she had to do. Never thinking for a moment the impact it would have later that day when thousands were able to be fed.

Each of us have daily mundane jobs that must be done. Many of us do these jobs without thinking for a moment the impact it may have to someone else. We need to allow ourselves to see us as God sees us and realize that even in the simple actions of daily life, we can positively affect someone else.

There was a woman who struggled each Sunday to prepare all her children for church. It was a struggle many of us can relate to. “Was it worth it?” she wondered? “Why do I need to go through all this effort?” “What difference would it make if I didn’t go?” After church an elderly woman approached her and told her how blessed she was each week to see this woman’s children. The joy they gave her filled her heart and gladdened her and how much she looked forward to seeing them each week. The effort, it turns out, wasn’t necessarily only for *her* benefit!

Often what we do or don’t do truly has an impact on those around us, whether we know it or not. God has you right where you are for a reason. He may or may not show you why you’re there but we must trust that He has us right where He wants us.

The Dream Center that is being coordinated here at Christ Lutheran Church is a perfect example of people doing mundane jobs like folding and packing. But the impact it has on people at a later date is profound! The blessings are far-reaching. Sitting in that room may seem very mundane and unimportant but if we could see the smiles and know the relief it provides to others, we would be very inspired to do it more!



I pray that each member of family here at Christ, sees their worth through the eyes of Christ and is able to know their value to the world around them. I pray that we all would seek and find more ways to use the abilities we all have for the glory of God and good of those around us.

May God bless your coming month with eyes that see and a heart that feels its worth!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki/Board of Stewardship

### Christian Education

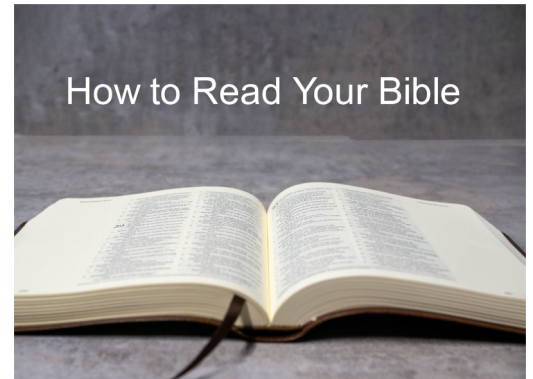
Christian Education would like to invite you to reconnect with your Bible in a class video series called “ How to Read Your Bible” hosted by Larry Nimetz.

The class will entail a few short series of videos followed by open discussion.

The Bible is God’s written word to humanity, written by different authors to help us understand and take part in His master plan for us.

Please join us by signing up. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex beginning in June.

Class will begin Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 4 - 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



### Songs of Ascent

Psalms 120 - 134 are called “Pilgrim Psalms” or “Songs of Ascent.” They were sung by those who journeyed (and thus “ascended”) to the temple for the annual feasts. Each psalm is a “step” along the journey. Psalm 120 begins the journey in a distant and in hostile surroundings; Psalm 122 pictures the pilgrim arriving in Jerusalem; and the rest of the psalms move toward the temple, mentioning various characteristics of God. Explore the goodness of our God through these passages.



### Central America Missions June 2023

Our next surgical mission is in a little over a week. I need to leave June 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, my trip is on hold until I get my renewed passport from the State Department. Your prayers would be highly appreciated, but it will be in God's plan.

The help that Christ Lutheran sends to Honduras helps several orphanages in Honduras. In May, our Church sent 1600 pounds. This is a lot to be able to send. The shipping company gives me a break because of our mission. The donations were combined with medical supplies and with items to be used in the different orphanages. We help Hogar Nazareno which has three different orphanages; one for girls, one for boys, and another for special needs. There is another separate orphanage that we help, and I call it Don (Mr.) Goyo. Gregorio is a gentleman from Spain who came to Comayagua and has dedicated his life to help orphan boys in Honduras.

His approach to help these boys is very unique. He provides for the boys during the week; from education to everything they need. On weekends, he allows the boys to go see their families, if their situation allows for a safe stay. Sometimes families go through transitional crisis. This approach helps them to provide a safe environment and time to heal. By helping them, Christ Lutheran is a part of this healing process. This model is also being used at Hogar Nazareno.

Honduras also celebrates Mother's Day in May. I received newsletters from Hogar Nazareno and there were some very touching stories about girls that have grown up and become mothers themselves; how they have followed the Mother role model that they received at Hogar Nazareno. These are the success stories and Christ Lutheran is a part of it.

May God continue to bless you and may we also continue to share our blessings with others. If you are inclined to help the Central American Mission (CAM); you can place your donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked for "Honduras Mission". We also continue to collect items that you may not need around your house. From toiletries, kitchen items, clothing etc. Place the items in the Honduras collection box in the Narthex.

May God bless you.

Carlos Orellana



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Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell  
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, May 8, 2023



**Treasure: Jon Lindstrom**

For the month of April our actual performance is at a positive compared to budget amounts. For YTD our actual performance is at a positive compared to the budgeted amounts. Our actual April expense was XXXX for our 4<sup>th</sup> payment for the courtyard study to LCEF and XXXX for the Central American Mission.

Our undedicated bank funds are XXXXXX. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about 15.4% higher this year than in 2022 at the end of April. There was one noteworthy income item this month for XXXX from Thrivent Mutual Fund 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dividend.

**Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard**

Some upcoming events are: Emergent Leadership, Orlando: May 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>; President's Equip Conference: September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Orlando; Ongoing: FLGA Missionary Pathway Cohort: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. via Zoom; and Circuit Reformation Rally, October 24<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting.

Things discussed this month; a death this past month was Caroline Oakley; PROBEM update; Rev 7:9 update; Emergent Leadership brief coming soon; Next phase with LCEF Visioning with Tom Eggebrecht starting soon: Pastor completed an online Crisis Prevention & Intervention Training. CPR/First Aid Training and SAMHSA's Creating Safe Scenes are pending. Pastor also researched and trained in several other areas relating to safety and security: and we are planning a Neighbor Better Knowing Neighbor Block Party in October.

**President: John Freer**

We continue to see new visitors coming to our church, several are local residents. Please continue to greet visitors and invite them to Fellowship. We have a voters' meeting this month on May 21<sup>st</sup>, please plan to attend. Council members will need to give a brief report, except for the Financial Secretary.

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**Vice President: Ted Nelson**

Active Assailant Preparedness training opened our eyes. We will be starting with the Safety Task Force ASAP.

**Christian Education: Annie Smith**

Larry Nimetz and Annie are working on a Bible Study called “The Bible Project” on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

Attendance is dwindling due to our snowbirds heading back home. There is a way people can pay their offering ahead of time by setting it up an automatic payment straight to the church. Talk to your individual banks on how to set it up. There are a lot of new members applying for membership.

**Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

Was unable to meet with the board, so there is nothing to report.

**Board of Outreach: Blake Albright**

Central American Orphanage getting okay for shipment payment for Carlos, June trip. Hot Dog sales money profits going to VISTE. Neighborhood prayer walk went well. Fellowship free will offering for May is going to Central American Mission. One More Child sent a thank you note for the money from the April Fellowship. It is posted in the Narthex. Future Neighborhood Block Party more information to come as the time gets closer. Blake will be out of town from May 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Board of Communications: Kris Welch**

MABE came out on Monday 5/1/23 to fix the video/streaming issue from the Sunday service on 4/30/23. There will be a training class for the new ProPresenter service building software, most likely in June. This will be open to anyone interested. After finishing the work with High Tech, we will be using MABE going forward for any issues or training for the audio, streaming, and video programs. Please email me, or Robin Fox, with any announcements, events, or pictures that you would like on the church website or social media, or on the pre-service announcement slides.

### **Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier**

All doors on the east side have been painted & windows cleaned. The area behind the bi-fold doors in Fellowship Hall, have been cleaned to accommodate a storage space for the summer program. The yearly fire extinguisher inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. Waiting on a proposal for Lift maintenance. Several small maintenance issues were completed. Working on completing the last two flower beds. Continuing attic clean-up. Continuing to trim up cluster palms. Steve Rosane will be adjusting outdoor lighting.

### **Youth Board:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Fox



### **Registration is NOW OPEN!**

The **President's Equip Conference** is a gathering where everyone in your congregation, including volunteers, leaders, pastors, board members, educators, youth leaders and administrators can gather to work alongside each other to connect people to Jesus.

**September 28–30, 2023**

**Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace**

*The FLGA District is also celebrating 75 years of mission and ministry!*

**[Visit the event webpage to learn more!](#)**

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The boys at Don (Mr.) Goyo

"Mami Ali" for the girls of Hogar Nazareno.

