

Psalm 66:19

The Christogram

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

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Praise our God,
O peoples,
Let the sound of his praise
Be heard

Psalm 66:8



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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 September

September 3

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector..... George Czanko
Greeters Joanne Shepker
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox/Charles Henning

September 10

Elder..... Lee Crapo
Lector..... Jon Lindstrom
Greeters
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard/Rita Czanko

September 17

Elder..... Steve Rosane
Lector..... Kim Kaniecki
Greeters
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox/Steve Klement

September 24

Elder..... Steve Rosane
Lector..... Charlotte Mantz
Greeters
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard/Judi Rudolph

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Sandy Spanier and Larry Nimetz

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder..... Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane (9/9)
Lector..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:30p Worship
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	4 Church Office Closed Labor Day	5 Trustee WD	6 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6p Jr. Confirmation @ 7p Choir @ 7p	7 Bible Study @ 9:30a Wreath Making Class 1-4p	8	9 5:30p Worship
10 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Trustee WD Outreach Mtg @ 5:30p	13 Mary Martha @ 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Confirmation @ 7p Choir @ 7p	14 Bible Study @ 9:30a	15	16 5:30p Worship
17 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg Congregational Potluck Meal	18 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Trustee WD	20 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6p Jr. Confirmation @ 7p Choir @ 7p	21 Bible Study @ 9:30a Reformation Meal Task Force @ 6:30p	22	23 5:30p Worship
24 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	25	26 Trustee WD	27 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Confirmation @ 7p Choir @ 7p	28 NO Bible Study Paper Pumpkin Club @ 6:30p FL/GA President's	29 Equip Conference - Orlando	30 5:30p Worship

***The Infirm
and
The Homebound***

Remember to keep these people in your daily prayers.

- Vi Bertsch
- Sen & Dale Campbell
- Joanne Ditton
- Donita Duncan
- Marilyn Gillette
- Hazel Gust
- Al Herman
- Judy Kargel
- Fran Klug
- Dorothy Lovelace
- Don & Nancy Matter
- Nell Morgan
- Fran Murphy
- Lois Smith
- Norma Tipton
- Amy Wilson



Charles Henning	Sep 4
Betty Davenport.....	Sep 11
Helen Gavin	Sep 13
John Freer.....	Sep 14
Tom Funtsch.....	Sep 16
Michael Thomas.....	Sep 17
Martha Bolton.....	Sep 23
Sylvia Willis	Sep 23
Keith Kallstrom	Sep 25
Lorie Bielec.....	Sep 25



George and Rita Czanko.....	Sep 1 (49 yrs.)
Donald E. and Nancy E. Matter	Sep 28 (66 yrs.)
Dawn Peters and Troy Peters.....	Sep 29 (11 Yrs.)



Thank you to Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters who served for the month of August. Sandy Spanier and Larry Nimetz will serve for the month of September. 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**

- Cathy Sterns Sep 1
- Janice Newman Sep 2
- Jonathan Keating Sep 9
- Cheryl Erwin..... Sep 10
- Cindy Cavanaugh..... Sep 20
- Donna Grant, Sep 21
- Sandra Spanier Sep 24
- Barbara Miller..... Sep 28



DON'T FORGET BAGS FOR TALBOT HOUSE —

Thank you to all of you who continue to support this ministry! Talbot House does extraordinary things to help the homeless. We are blessed to share in that ministry! Their doors are open to both men and women and they provide meals, shelter, & clothing, and direct them to medical care as needed. We collect offerings of canned goods-meat, vegetables, fruit, soup, paper goods-paper towels, toilet paper, napkins; cleaning supplies; soap-dishwashing, personal soap, laundry; toothbrushes & toothpaste. We also collect gently used clothes -free from stains, and have working zippers and buttons. There are especially marked baskets in the mail room at the back of the church to place your offerings. Our pickup day is the second Tuesday of every month. We also have a box on top of the table where you may place unused medicines, empty pill bottles, and unopened bottles of over the counter medicines. Talbot House uses the empty pill bottles to measure out soap and shampoo for the residents. Please remove labels from the empty bottles. Large containers of spices, flour, and sugar are real blessings.



From the Pastor.....

The Missionary Task: Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"To be clear, by disciple we mean more than a person who has mastered a certain body of information or is practicing a set of spiritual disciplines, including sharing the gospel. The aim of discipleship is nothing less than the complete transformation of the believer's heart, mind, affections, will, relationships, and purpose." D. Ray Davis

The Gospel transforms us. The Good News that Jesus bore the weight of our sin on the cross, removing our shame, and rose again that first Easter morning changes us. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are called by the Gospel, enlightened with His gifts, sanctified and kept in the true faith (Luther's explanation to the 3rd article of the Apostles' Creed). We are given more than just an intellectual understanding of the Christian faith. Rather, the Lord begins His work of complete transformation that will one day be completed when Christ returns. "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Transformed people transform those around them. Disciples of Jesus make disciples of Jesus.

May we all surrender to God's will in our lives. May we all rest in God's Word. May we all be transformed by the renewal of our mind (Romans 12:2). May we all heed the call to follow Jesus, thereby making us fishers of men (Matthew 4:19).

--Pastor Chris



New Bible Study

Prayer - A Nurturing Your Faith Study

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Starting September 3rd (in-person)

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Starting September 7th (Zoom and in-person)

By: Don Everts

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The Bible study Nurturing Your Faith: Prayer is a four-session series exploring the role of different types of prayer in the believer's life. Prayers of intercession, gratitude, confession, and praise are considered in various scriptural settings by highlighting a particular prayer's context, who offered it, and why. An opening video featuring Rev. Don Everts prefaces each session and gives context to what follows.

The primacy of prayer in the life of God's people is central in the Scriptures. From the first mention of prayer around the time of Adam and Eve's son Seth (Genesis 4:26) to the apostle John's petition to Jesus: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20b), prayers to God appear everywhere in the Bible. In Nurturing Your Faith: Prayer, users will gain an historical appreciation of these four prayer types as they appear in Scripture and see how God worked through them on behalf of His people.

Each of the four sessions opens with a brief introduction to the type of prayer under examination and how it factors into our faith life. Concluding remarks shine light on how God works through our prayers and how our lives are edified by daily communicating with God in prayer. Each session's sections (the Old Testament, the life of Jesus, and the early church) feature reflection questions designed to increase users' understanding and application of prayer in their own lives.

Church Recordkeeping

The elders and I are in the process of auditing our official church membership. Each of you should expect to receive a letter this month and a form that contains what we think is your current information. Please review and correct any misinformation and mail the forms back to the church. Thank you!

Youth News

We will now be meeting at 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. This will avoid a conflict with choir practice. Confirmation class will start this month and take place from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday. To enroll, please contact Pastor Chris.



Mary Martha

“Strength and honor are her clothing; she is confident about the future”

Proverbs 31:25



Save the date! Wednesday, September 13 at 9am!

It's time to gather, ladies! Mary Martha will hold our first meeting of the 2023-2024 year. Officers will be voted in and we will be making plans for our upcoming year.

The Mary-Martha Guild of the LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9 o'clock am in the Fellowship Hall. We meet September- May of each year.

All ladies of the congregation of Christ Lutheran are invited and encouraged to attend! We support many ministries from locally to internationally. We are a tight knit community who support one another as well as all members of our Congregation. We invite you to join us at any time. If you would like to attend, we can meet you and even pick you up! Please contact any current officer to arrange a meet up! President, Belinda Freer; 863-602-5159, VP- Joyce Munz; 863-430-1130, Sec- Charlotte Mantz; 863-409-6270, or Helen Borgwardt; 863-660-0055

Mary-Martha will be hosting an “Old fashioned” potluck lunch on Sunday, Sept 17, after our morning worship service. A sign up sheet will be available, but you can bring any dish you like!



Mary-Martha would like to thank all those who brought in donations for our “Undies -Sunday's” drive during the month of August!

Mary-Martha is continuing to collect recipes for our upcoming CLC cookbook. A box is in the narthex. Please put your name on your recipes. You may submit as many recipes as you would like!

Mary-Martha will be putting up a new Christmas tree this year in the Fellowship Hall for our 2nd annual Family Ornament Christmas Tree! It's not too early to get together with your family to create or order an ornament! Please include your family name on each ornament! A collection box will be available later in the fall!

Next up for Volunteer serving teams: Team 3

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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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Wreath Making Class - Learn how to make a wreath out of musical note sheets on Thursday, September 7th, from 1 - 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. You'll need to bring a few supplies with you such as: a glue gun and glue sticks, a cardboard box, small clamps, scotch tape, stapler, a small decorative cord for hanging, and other items for decorating the wreath (ornaments, garland, ribbon, etc.) There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Volunteers needed for Fellowship Hour. We are asking for volunteers for fellowship teams which will begin Sunday, October 1st through Sunday, May 19, 2024. Light snacks to be served after church service in the Fellowship Hall to enhance our Christian family and fellowship, welcome visitors, and our winter visitor. A minimum of six teams with at least five to six people on each team is needed. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Craft Sale and Bazaar - This year the Craft sale will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9am – 1pm, and will cover two holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas. The non-refundable fee for inside the Fellowship Hall is still just \$25.00 which includes two chairs and an approx. 8X6 space which is air conditioned or if you would rather be outside in the courtyard a space is \$20. Both options have electricity available, you will need to supply your own extension cord. You can bring your own table but it must fit in the 8X6 space or you can rent a table from Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) for \$10.00, please let me know if you want a table when you reserve your space. Space is first come first serve. Make checks payable to CLC Church with "Bazaar" written in the memo line. Each vendor is ask to donate one item from their table for the Door Prize table. For more information or questions, please contact Belinda Freer at johnjoke2@aol.com or call 863-602-5159. Proceeds will be given to a local non-profit.



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LWML

Ladies, mark your calendars; The Winter Haven Zone fall rally will be hosted at Grace Lutheran, Winter Haven on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Details will follow in the coming weeks.



The Florida / Georgia LWML 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 is on the board in the narthex. Contact Charlotte Mantz @ 863-409-6270 for more info.

Mary Martha will be collecting baby items for the St Gerard maternity home in St Augustine, for our “Gifts from the Heart” Mission at the District retreat. A box is available in the Narthex. Charlotte will take these to the retreat on Sept 22, so please turn your items in by Sunday, Sept 17th!

Gifts from the Heart - The St. Gerard Campus, a Faith-based, pro-life, non-for-profit located in St. Augustine, Florida, focused on the empowerment of young parents, families, and our community through support, education, and healing. Established in early 1980's by founder Carol Wolf. The mission was to support pregnant mothers in need who have been shunned by family and seeking support. In 1987, SGC was opened at its current location and since then has developed a fully accredited Christian High School, licensed maternity home, onsite daycare facility, adoption assistance and a pregnancy resource center. The mission has remained a pro-life, faith-based, safe-haven for mothers ranging from ages 12-20. Services are available and free to all the women in the community.

Donations Needed:

Diapers (currently size Newborn, 4, 5, and 6)	Toiletry items
Baby wipes	Toothbrushes
Baby formula,	Toothpaste
Burp cloths	Deodorant
Diaper cream	Travel size shampoo
Pacifier	Facial wash cloths
Soft swaddling blankets	Combs

CLC COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee is currently searching for CLC members to prayerfully consider volunteering or accepting a position when asked, whether it be a one year or two year position.

The officers needed are President, Vice President, Financial Treasurer, Christian Education, Youth, and Elders.

Election will be in November at the Congregational meeting.

The new officers will begin serving in January, 2024.

For more information, please contact Pastor Thomas Block(863-853-9792) or Carol Ceaglske (863-660-2426). This is a wonderful opportunity to use your talents for helping with God’s work.

2023 Florida-Georgia District President's Equip Conference



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLE MAKERS

President's Equip Conference
September 28–30, 2023



Workshops at the President's Equip Conference

More than 50 workshop opportunities will be available at this year's conference! These workshops aim to offer practical information, personal growth, and new insights to use in your congregation, ministry, and community.

Some selections include:

- Start With Why*
- Coming Alongside: Difficult Conversations*
- Discipleship in an Age of Connect Loneliness*
- Building the Thinking Classroom*
- Hot Topic—Ministry Safety*

Visit the [President's Equip Conference webpage](#) for a complete list of the workshops, descriptions, and who is leading them.

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!](#)

Registration Pricing

- \$199 per person, starting 8.16.23
- \$250 per person, starting 9.1.23

Stewardship



Pray for Your Pew!

“Do what? Pray for my pew?”, you say? “Yes!”, I say! Pray for your pew! Let me explain. I once read a story about a church that was, for a while, watching its membership decline. It really concerned the pastor and many members, as one would imagine. In the meantime, they hired a new janitor. She was a quiet friendly Christian woman. Shortly after, they began noticing new people in the pews. More and more people began to attend the church. The pastor was so pleased but wasn’t exactly sure what had changed to cause the increase in attendance. Then one day, he happened to walk into the sanctuary as the janitor was cleaning. He watched her as she cleaned up and down each row. He noticed her mouth moving in silence, gently touching each pew as she cleaned. When she was done, he went to her and asked her if she minded sharing what she doing. She said that she had always been in the habit of praying over each pew, that God would fill that pew with souls that needed Him. It began to make sense to the pastor. Now he understood why the pews were beginning to fill! The prayers of a faith-filled woman were likely one of the reasons he’d been seeing the increase of new members.

The Board of Stewardship would like to ask all our members to do as this janitor did, except instead of praying for all of the pews, we are asking that each of you pray for the pew that YOU sit in each week, and if the pew in front of you is empty, pray for that pew also. Pray that the Lord brings souls in need of His forgiveness and restoration. The “prayers of the righteous availeth much”, the Bible tells us in James 5:16. The power of prayer is wondrous. It can accomplish so very much.

Please recognize that power you have! Use that power to further the kingdom of God here at Christ Lutheran Church! Be the *praying* hands that God needs here. Together we can accomplish much! All glory to God alone!

Kim Kaniecki/Board of Stewardship



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, August 14, 2023



Treasure: Jon Lindstrom

For the month of July our actual performance is at a positive _____ compared to budgeted amounts. For YTD our actual performance is at a negative _____ compared to the budgeted amounts. There were no noteworthy expense items this month.

Our undedicated bank funds are _____. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about **16.5%** higher this year than in 2022 at the end of July. There were no noteworthy income items this month.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Some upcoming events are LCEF strategic planning meetings, President's Equip Conference: September 28th -30th, Orlando, and Circuit Reformation Rally, October 29th, we are hosting.

News and Notes: Funerals: Ken Williams, Kenny Ditton, and Connie Timmons. Pastor John and Beverly Flamme are moving out of the area. Sunday Morning Bible study will be changing topic in September. Wednesday Bible study will be discontinued and changed to a new day and time. A Missionary Pathway training cohort will be formed in September. A formal recognition of new members will begin to take place monthly. The music program is set for growth with our new music director. The Rogers have requested the occasional use of Fellowship Hall for charity: Civitan which the Elders approved. Junior Confirmation classes will be starting soon.

President: John Freer

There haven't been any major issues in the month of July at our church. One AC unit was replaced in the church office. A New Music Director has been hired. The estate of Floyd Johnson has been settled and the church will receive a monetary donation from the estate. We continue to see new visitors coming to our church, several of them are local residents. Please continue to greet visitors and make them feel like they are part of our church family. The nomination committee has been working hard to find candidates to fill the five vacant positions. If any of these committee members have questions or you have suggestions for filling the vacant positions, please help them any way you can.

Vice President: Ted Nelson

Nothing to report.

Christian Education: Annie Smith

Nothing to report.

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Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance is still low. We are getting some transfers, though. We have had several deaths recently. We are reviewing the CLC membership roster. Keith Kallstrom was nominated as an Elder and he accepted. Pastor Block is going to assist Pastor Hazzard with the Shut-in visitations.

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

We discussed creating a new welcome letter for new members and ongoing ways to shepherd new members.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

The Dream Center will be joining Outreach with our Block Party on October 14th.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Volunteers have started shadowing Robin and Andrea H to begin running the graphics part of the service. Going forward, there will be a formal monthly schedule again for Audio, Video, and Graphics service on Sundays. The "snake box" has been returned from Hi Tech Services and is ready to be hooked up again. We are still waiting on the quote to come back from MABE for the next round of upgrades and services needed.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

We have had a busy month. Several things have been repaired or fixed or just done: The dead palm tree was cut down and removed, cleaned fence line of weeds, sprayed weed killer, fertilized & mulched, cleaned marques & added website on west side, the office A/C was replaced and 2 vents were added for better air flow, repaired toilet in Sanctuary men's room, fixed sprayer in kitchen, repaired broken hinge on kitchen cabinet, cleaned stove, replaced batteries in a few clocks, painted west Fellowship door, renewed agreements with pest control, lawn care and lift maintenance, lift inspection complete, renewal of certification filed and waiting on response from Tallahassee and last but not least we are looking into updating the fire alarm system

Youth Board:

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fox

Reformation Meal Task Force

The Reformation Meal Task Force has met two times and our meal plan has come together for our meal to be served on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Christ Lutheran is hosting the Winter Haven Zone Reformation Sunday Service. Our zone includes five Churches: Christ, St Paul, Grace-Winter Haven, Hope-Plant City, Our Savior-Zephyrhills. We will serve a meal after the Worship Service. We are expecting approximately 250 guests for this meal. The task force will meet again on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. All members are invited to join us. If you are not interested in the planning, we will need a lot of help for that weekend! We will begin sign up sheets later in the month. Please pray for our hosting of this service and the meal following. If you have any questions/suggestions, etc., please call or text Charlotte at 863-409-6270 or email at clmantz@aol.com.



Reformation



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!

flgadistrict.org/give

"New starts reach more new people for Christ."



"Living as along-siders, means going to where people are!"

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 ever-diverse society
- 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 our congregations.

Visit the FLGA District website to learn how you can be Christ's Witness with your financial support.



Scan the QR code or visit flgadistrict.org/celebrating75years



Central America Missions September 2023

I want to thank Christ Lutheran Church for their support to the Central American Mission. You are a big component of this mission. Hundreds upon hundreds of people benefit from your cheerful giving, and I can assure you that the people we serve are the poorest of the poor.

The Friars are also working to reach the people who live in the isolated areas. The purpose is to help them with preventive medicine and education; along with the Gospel. I have accompanied the Social worker working in these areas. I am really impressed with his dedication to help these people.

One of the orphanages we help sent a thank you note along with a couple of pictures through WhatsApp. They are very grateful for the donations that Christ Lutheran Church collects in the Honduras box in the narthex or through collections at the Dream Center. You may recognize the t-shirts in the pictures.



The boys orphanage - the t-shirts look familiar

In Guatemala, I am working to find a way to send shipments to the Atlitan area; I will keep you posted on any progress in this mission. So far, we are scheduled to go to Guatemala next March. The need is great, but it's a real logistical nightmare.

Christ Lutheran, thank you for your support. Your donations are always appreciated, and your prayers are most helpful.

Carlos Orellana

Don Goyo's boys: don is Mr. In Spanish. Goyo is a nickname for Gregorio (Gregory)

