

Psalm 126:3

# The Christogram

The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

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You shall rejoice in all the good  
that the Lord your God  
has given to you.

Deuteronomy 26:11, ESV

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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 November**

**November 5**

**Elder**..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector**..... George Czanko  
**Greeters** ..... Joanne Shepker  
**Audio**..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
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**November 12**

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector**..... Jon Lindstrom  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
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**November 19**

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

**November 22**

**Elder**..... Carlos Orellana

**November 26**

**Elder**..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector**.....  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio**..... Kyle Welch  
**Video**..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Rita and George Czanko

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

**Elder**..... Lee Crapo/Steve Rosane (11/11)  
**Lector**..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten  
**Audio**..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson



# Christ Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p  Jr. Confirmation @ 7p Choir @ 7p	2  Bible Study @ 10a	3  District Youth	4  5:30p Worship  Gathering
5 8:30a Bible Study  10a Worship  11:15 Bible Study  Elders Meeting Daylight Sav- ings time ends	6	7  Trustee WD 9a  Quilters@ 10a  Outreach @ 5:30p  New Member Class @ 6p	8 Mary Martha @ 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p  Jr. Confirmation @ 7p  Choir @ 7p	9 Bible Study @ 10a	10	11  5:30p Worship
12 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:15 Bible Study	13  Council Mtg @ 6:30p	14 Trustee WD 9a  Quilters@ 10a  New Member Class @ 6p	15 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p  Youth @ 6p  Jr. Confirmation @ 7p  Choir @ 7p	16 Bible Study @ 10a	17	18  5:30p Worship
19 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:15 Bible Study  Congregational Meeting	20 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	21 Trustee WD 9a  Quilters@ 10a  New Member Class @ 6p	22 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p  Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 6:30p	23  Church Office Closed  Thanksgiving Day	24	25  5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship 11:15 Bible Study  Stewardship Meeting  Communication Board Mtg	27	28 Trustee WD 9a  Quilters@ 10a  New Member Class @ 6p	29	30  Bible Study @ 10a  Paper Pumpkin @ 6:30p		

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



**NOVEMBER  
Birthdays**

Mike Coates.....	Nov 1
Yvonne Case.....	Nov 1
Tammy Raimondo.....	Nov 3
Christopher Bell.....	Nov 4
Violet Zabel.....	Nov 6
Gary Witte.....	Nov 6
Barbara Bolton.....	Nov 6
Ron Roy.....	Nov 6
Diana Moilanen.....	Nov 7
Jo Ann Ditton.....	Nov 12
Frank Decker.....	Nov 16
Diane Bickart.....	Nov 17
Carolyn Calender.....	Nov 19
Nancy Funtsch.....	Nov 24
Richard Heinz.....	Nov 24
Tony Douches.....	Nov 25
Lynn Newman.....	Nov 26
Andrea Hazzard.....	Nov 29



**NOVEMBER  
Anniversaries**

Mike and Donna Coates.....	Nov 2 (38 yrs.)
Steve and Pam West.....	Nov 14 (53 yrs.)
Mark and Carol Stuckert.....	Nov 18 (51 yrs.)



Thank you to Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams who served for the month of October. Rita and George Czanko will serve for the month of November. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

*If you are a member or an associate member, and your information is missing or incorrect, please notify the church office.*

## 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**

Charles Henning.....	Nov 1
Pat Hurd.....	Nov 3
Jerry Swope.....	Nov 10
Rachel Thomas .....	Nov 10
Saundi Hoffman .....	Nov 14
Peggy Moran.....	Nov 20
Rick Smith.....	Nov 20
Mark Stuckert.....	Nov 22
Karen Crickenberger.....	Nov 23
Donna Racer.....	Nov 24
Barbara Bolton.....	Nov 24
Paulette Nunez.....	Nov 25
Lorie Bielec.....	Nov 26



## **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.....*

### Sing to the Lord of Harvest

*You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.*

<sup>10</sup> *You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.*

<sup>11</sup> *You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.*

<sup>12</sup> *The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,*

<sup>13</sup> *the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy. (Psalm 65:9-13 ESV)*

God placed Adam and Eve in the environment most suitable for human beings: a natural paradise full of diverse flora and fauna, all for the early humans' health and delight. Adam deeply observed creation and gave every living creature its' name. I think of Adam almost like an ancient John Jay Audubon (1785-1851), who set about to describe and paint every bird in America. Adam's relationship with God's natural paradise was transformed when sin entered the world, and the first humans were kicked out of the garden. We have sin to blame for weeds:

"thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you" (Genesis 3:18). And yet, even despite our sin, God continues to provide abundantly for us, His people. In Psalm 65 David notes that the pastures and the hills and the meadows and the valleys "shout and sing together for joy" as God provides His bounty. God promised his Old Testament people, "...you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you" (Deuteronomy 8:10, ESV). May you, too, look at God's provision in His creation and be moved to shout and sing for joy. May the Lord grant us an attitude of gratitude, that we might maintain thanksgiving in our hearts. "Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise..." (LSB 893).

Pastor Chris



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### **Some Notes on Worship**

*"Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts received with eager thankfulness and praise. Music is drawn into this thankfulness and praise, enlarging and elevating the adoration of our gracious giver God.*

*Saying back to Him what He has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure. Most true and sure is His Name, which He put upon us with the water of our Baptism. We are His. This we acknowledge at the beginning of the Divine Service. Where His Name is, there is He. Before Him we acknowledge that we are sinners, and we plead for forgiveness. His forgiveness is given us, and we, freed and forgiven, acclaim Him as our great and gracious God as we apply to ourselves the words He has used to make Himself known to us.*

*The rhythm of our worship is from Him to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them. We build one another up as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Our Lord gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Finally His blessing moves us out into our calling, where His gifts have their fruition. How best to do this we may learn from His Word and from the way His Word has prompted His worship through the centuries. We are heirs of an astonishingly rich tradition. Each generation receives from those who went before and, in making that tradition of the Divine Service its own, adds what best may serve in its own day the living heritage and something new." (Lutheran Worship, pg. 6, St. Louis: CPH, 1982)*

### **New Member Class**

Are you interested in joining our congregation, and have never had confirmation instruction in a Lutheran church? Are you looking for a refresher about the key things of the faith? Join us as we briefly walk through Luther's Small Catechism in an intimate, question and answer environment.

Every Tuesday in November, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

In person, or via Zoom.

Please contact the church office to register.



## Mary Martha



The Mary - Martha Guild met on October 11th for our monthly meeting. Mary - Martha is a guild of LWML. All women members of Christ Lutheran Church are invited to attend. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Our next meeting will be held on November 8th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments are always served.

The quilters are busy quilting for distribution to Polk County Schools (homeless children,) One More Child, homeless vets and other requested needs. The quilters earned monies from sales of some of the quilts sold that were displayed on LWML Sunday. This money will be spent on batting and other supplies needed for these quilts. We thank you for your support of these missions.



Mary Martha Recipe Collection! We have done a preliminary “look see,” at the recipes collected thus far. We would appreciate your submission of more! It is very clear that Christ Lutheran LOVES desserts! Keep the desserts coming, but we would appreciate some more entrees, casseroles, main dishes, sides, but breads and drinks are in very short supply. We really love recipes that you have made that are tried and true and especially recipes handed down in your family! If you want to share a sentence or two about the origins of your recipe, please feel free to submit it! We would like to wind down our collection within the next few months, so please submit as soon as you can. If you would like to email, send your recipes to Belinda Freer; [johnjuke2@aol.com](mailto:johnjuke2@aol.com) or Rita Czanko; [ritaczanko@yahoo.com](mailto:ritaczanko@yahoo.com)

We will be collecting family ornaments for our 2nd year! Even if your family submitted an ornament last year, please feel free to bring one this year! We are replacing our battle worn tree for the fellowship hall to a brand- spanking- new tree this year! Please put your family name on your ornament or include the name in the design. Please keep your ornaments themed for a Church Tree, no Santa’s, Disney, etc. We will have a collection box in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 5th.



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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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Please "Save the Dates" for the following upcoming events!

Saturday, January 20, 2024- Rummage Sale

Saturday, February 10 will be our Fashion Show- stay tuned for vendor lists

Our Purse and Accessories Sale will be held during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, March 10

Mary Martha appreciates the congregation's support of all of our endeavors!

Charlotte Mantz



## LWML

Christ Lutheran celebrated LWML Sunday on October 8. Information packets about LWML and our Missions were handed out along with mite boxes for collection. The Quilters displayed some of their beautiful work. What talented ladies we have here at Christ!

The LWML Fall Rally was held at Grace Lutheran on Saturday, October 14. The theme was "Being God's Jewels." Christ Lutheran took the "gifts from the heart," that we had collected for the Life Choice Pregnancy Center.

The FL/GA District President was in attendance and the theme for the convention will be "It's not about the Jars!" The convention will be held at the Marriot Lakeside Hotel, Sept 13-15, 2024. The Winter Haven Zone is responsible for decorations for this event! More information to come, but if you run into small 6-8 inch clay style jars at rummage or estate sales, please grab them for us!

The Winter Haven Zone Spring Rally will be held here at Christ Lutheran this spring. Date and times will be forthcoming. Our speaker will be Deb Burma, a Lutheran speaker, writer and a women's ministry leader.

### UNUSED HEARING AIDS

Unused hearing aids can be donated. Put them in the Munz mailbox in the church mail-room. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for You.

Recently someone asked for a tax donation receipt, but Pastor Munz has forgotten who. He is holding your tax donation receipt.



### OUTREACH

#### NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Christ Lutheran Church hosted a neighborhood block party for the church members and our neighbors around the church. The party took place on October 14, 2023. This was a first time event to meet our neighbors and for our neighbors to learn about our church. The weather was perfect for this outdoor event. There were many children and young parents that attended.

Everyone had a good time.

Thanks to all the volunteers who grilled food,

assisted with the party, and were ambassadors to the attendees.



*More pictures on page 11*





### 2024 Flower Chart



The new Flower Chart will be posted in the Narthex starting in November. You can sign up for flowers for the new year. Please write your name and what occasion is being celebrated. If you would like real flowers, please let us know, otherwise they will be silk flowers. When you donate money for the flowers, please mark it for the Flower Fund. The monies in the Flower Fund pay for the Christmas and Easter Flowers that are put in the church. If you have any questions, please call me.

Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

## Stewardship

### Can I Be Trusted with Much?



Oswald Chambers wrote, "Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all to survive is prosperity." This quote provides a clear warning: Those who become prosperous are also very likely to become filled with pride. Pride can cause inflated egos and self-worthiness. Agur, a writer of proverbs, gave us this warning: "...give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God" (Proverbs 30:8-9). When our bills are paid and we have money in the bank, we may feel secure and depend only on ourselves. In speaking about the curse of success, someone once said, "Ninety-nine people out of 100 can handle adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle prosperity." The wealth that many seek can be more of a curse than a blessing.

God blesses us with work and the ability to earn our incomes. Unfortunately, we may foolishly begin to believe that we are solely responsible for the success we've achieved. As Moses wrote, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth... (Deuteronomy 8:18). We should understand that only by God's grace are we able to have a place to call home, a savings account, and a retirement plan. God's Word is clear that we are managers, not owners. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Even though it is difficult to pass the test with money, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, enables us to understand that all we are and have are gifts from God. Joseph provides us a good example of stewardship. Separated from his home and family, he still trusted God and feared Him, refusing to give in to the temptations that came with the position God enable him to fill. As second in command in Egypt, one of the most powerful kingdoms of his day, he retained his humility, realizing that he was only the manager of Egypt's resources. But he managed those resources well, working at it "with all [his] heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). Just as God empowered Joseph in his stewardship, so He does for us today, whether our resources are vast, as were Joseph's, or small.

The Board of Stewardship would like to thank our congregation for recognizing God's great gifts and responding, in kind, back to our Lord. We are truly blessed in this church by many who give of their time, talents and treasures. Always remember: Blessings have a way of flowing to us when we allow them to flow through us!

May God bless each of you this month!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki





Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell  
By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, October 9, 2023



**Treasure: Jon Lindstrom**

For the month of September our actual performance is at a negative XXX compared to budgeted amounts. For YTD our actual performance is at a negative XXX compared to the budgeted amounts. There were two noteworthy income items this month. 1. Thrivent Christa Grant Distribution and 2. Guide One Insurance Settlement for lightning damage. There were three noteworthy expense items this month. 1. Zoom reimbursement to Pastor 2. Concordia Publishing for Portals of Prayer. 3. Fourth Quarter insurance premium.

Our undedicated bank funds are XXX. The Stewardship reports our total church income is about **11.9%** higher this year than in 2022 at the end of September.

**Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard**

Greg Seltz will be preaching here, 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and during the Circuit Reformation Rally. District Middle and High School Gatherings is November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Leesburg. Pastor Block is to preach. (3 attending)

News and Notes: Deaths: Nell Morgan, Bill Lesser (August 13<sup>th</sup>; church was not notified) and the President's Equip Conference had many helpful insights with a dense schedule.

**President: John Freer**

There haven't been any major issues this past month at our church. We continue to see new visitors coming to our church, several are local residents. Please continue to greet visitors and make them feel like they are part of our church family. The nomination committee continues to work hard to find candidates to fill the vacant positions. Reformation committee is working to have everything ready for reformation Sunday. Mary Martha has completed many quilts to distribute to several local non-profits, Pastor blessed them on LWML Sunday (Oct. 8).

**Vice President: Ted Nelson**

Nothing to report.

**Christian Education: Annie Smith**

We currently have two children who became members of our church family last month. Considerations need to be made for Sunday school class, and possibly increase our education budget for 2024. Cheryl McMann, was mentioned to me by Kim Kaniecki, as having interest in teaching a Sunday School class. Currently we have 4 Bible study classes going each week for members to get involved with: Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at church and on ZOOM with Pastor Chris, Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. at church with Larry Nimetz, Sunday morning before service at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Chris, Sunday after service at 11:15 a.m. with Mike Coates.

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### **Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

Two members are ready to begin Elders: Keith and George. The Decker's have been accepted for membership. Mark Boesdorfer has transferred out.

### **Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

We are busy welcoming the following new families: Deckers, Kerstens, Keatings, Whitehorns, Rogers, Wackers & Partheymuellers. We are encouraging members to express appreciation to our Pastor during Pastor Appreciation Month. I am still reminding everyone to "Pray for Your Pew" (praying for God to send people in need of His love to fill that pew.)

### **Board of Outreach: Blake Albright**

The Central American Missions – Carlos shipped medical supplies and blankets to Central America. For Fellowship there are six groups set up and scheduled. Donations are going to be: October funds are going to Senior Orphans, November for One More Child, and December funds will go to Gideons. The rest of the year we have the Angel tree gifts for Lighthouse children. Our Seminary Student is a Senior this year. Caleb Wehling, will get a gift for Christmas. All went well for the Neighborhood Block Party on October 14<sup>th</sup>. VISTE needs jellied raspberry Sauce. There will be a box in the Narthex.

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

We are making spending requests: A motion was made by Kris Welch to start a Youth Group Matching Expense Fund. Kris asked to approve funds for connecting the camera in the choir loft. All approved. Kris is asking for approval XXXX to complete the audio system in the sanctuary.

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

We are continuing to clean up the yard & fence line. Painted the courtyard columns. Shampooed carpets in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Purchased repair kits for the outdoor flood lights. Replaced broken bi-fold door in Fellowship Hall. Quotes for the office flooring were presented. All approved Ronnie's Carpets.

### **Youth Board:**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business:**

Review 2024 budget as proposed by Council members. Sandy Spanier made the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kris Welch. All approved. Investment Option –A motion was made to open an LCEF note for XXXXX at 5.5% interest for 18 months. LCEF was approved by all. The budget was approved for XXX.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox



## Central America Missions November 2023



The morning of September 13, 2023, my fourth grandson was born, coinciding with my surgical trip to Nepal. I got to meet my grandson on my way to the airport. Nepal is on the other side of the world; north of India and Southwest of China. The place where we operated was truly the end of earth. Fourteen plus hour flight from New Jersey to Dubai, plus a four hour flight from Dubai to Katmandu. From there another three hour flight to Biratnagar. From there we had another three hour bus ride up the mountains. We finally got to Dhankuta where the locals had a very elaborate reception for us. Nepali people were so grateful to have us there. Unfortunately, this is the only mission that goes there, and they only go once every two years.

We operated for two weeks with a day of rest in between. We had two sections working simultaneously. One was the main operating room where I was working. The other was the outpatient treatment. In the main OR we did 138 surgeries. Outpatient took care of 239 patients.

Our specialties were General Surgery and GYN. We also had a Proctologist who saw 205 patients in the two weeks of operation. Needless to say, everyone in our mission was busy.

This certainly was a cultural shock for me. It seems that Buddhism is the only religion there. Although, with some limited English, I talked to some locals and I gathered that there is some form of Christianity there. I was greatly impressed by how religious they are. Especially in the mornings, I could see people doing rituals at their houses, vehicles, shrines, etc. It was everywhere. People were very friendly and crime was the least of my concerns, but always vigilant.

This was a very rewarding trip; as always is with this type of mission. I was glad to be part of this team, and thankful to God for allowing me to be helpful to others.

Keep the mission in your prayers. We have to prepare shipments for the young and adult orphanages in Honduras. Hopefully, we will be able to put smiles on the faces of the young and elderly this Christmas. Thanks to donations from the Dream Center, Christmas will look better at the orphanages.

Carlos Orellana



*In action! Most of the local equipment doesn't work. We had to carry our own equipment.*

*More pictures on page 16*



← Hard to forget this little boy. He came with huge Bilateral hydroceles. He was hard to wake up after surgery.

Napali smile →



Here is most of → the Oloha Surgical Group. Based in Hawaii but coming from all over the States.



← Child waiting for Surgery

The few lucky ones who got → to be seen by the Doctors.

