

Psalm 51:1

The Christogram

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

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*Create in me a
clean
heart,
O God;
and renew a
right
spirit
within
me.*



Psalm 51:10

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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.

March 3

Elder..... Steve Rosane
Lector..... Carlos Orellana
Greeters Joann Shepker
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

March 6 (Lent)

Elder..... Keith Kallstrom
Lector..... Carlos Orellana
Audio..... Kim Kaniecki

March 10

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

March 13 (Lent)

Elder..... Lee Crapo
Lector..... Carlos Orellana
Audio..... Kim Kaniecki

March 17

Elder..... Carlos Orellana
Lector.....
Greeters
Audio..... Kyle Welch
Video..... Video TD: Kris Welch
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March 20 (Lent)

Elder..... Fred Sterns
Lector..... George Czanko
Audio..... Maria Hazzard

March 24

Elder..... George Czanko
Lector..... Charlotte Mantz
Greeters
Audio..... Maria Hazzard
Video..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
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March

Christ Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
	 =Baseball parking					4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship 
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	4 	5 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a Outreach @ 5:30p	6 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Lent Service 6:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @7:30p	7 Bible Study @ 10a  @ 6:05p	8	9 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship Mary Martha Purse Sale 
10 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Mary Martha Purse Sale	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a 	13 Mary Martha @ 10a Luncheon @ 11:30a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Lent Service 6:30p Choir @7:30p	14 Bible Study @ 10a 	15 	16 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
17 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg 	18 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a  @ 6:05p	20 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Lent Service @ 6:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p No Choir	21 Bible Study @ 10a 	22	23 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship 
24 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting 	25	26 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a	27 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @7p	28 Bible Study @ 10a Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30p	29 Good Friday Service @ Noon Good Friday Service @ 6:30p	30 NO Service
31 Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 a Easter Worship Service @ 10 a						

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
- 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

Gayle Thomas	Mar 2
Helen Borgwardt.....	Mar 4
Sen Campbell.....	Mar 6
Maria Hazzard.....	Mar 7
Rita Czanko.....	Mar 7
Shirley Lindstrom.....	Mar 15
Gerard Moran	Mar 15
Barbara Szymanski.....	Mar 16
Art Reinert.....	Mar 18
Henry Veal.....	Mar 18
Virginia Hazlett.....	Mar 20
Carol Kloha	Mar 25
James Kloha.....	Mar 26
Gloria Nelson	Mar 26
Elizabeth Wilkens.....	Mar 27
Norma Miller.....	Mar 28
Wendy Rogers	Mar 30
Richard Hanson.....	Mar 30



Lee and Audrey Crapo.....	Mar 1 (44 yrs.)
Rick and Debbie Smith.....	Mar 2 (50 yrs.)
Charlotte Mantz and Randall.....	Mar 7 (43 yrs.)
Ronald and Jane Roy	Mar 10 (51 yrs.)
Henry and Judy Veal	Mar 23 (40 yrs.)
Tom and Nancy Funtsch.....	Mar 27 (25 yrs.)



Thank you to Gwen Snook and Helen Borgwardt who served for the month of February. Alfred and Barbara Miller will serve for the month of March. 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**

- Skylar Peterson Mar 1
- Kris Welch Mar 1
- Kyle Welch Mar 1
- Ted Nelson Mar 1
- Steve West..... Mar 1
- Amanda Peterson Mar 1
- Gary Hancock Mar 3
- Fred Sterns Mar 4
- Gerard Moran..... Mar 15
- Richard Smith Mar 19
- Gayle Thomas Mar 22
- Kim Kaniecki..... Mar 25
- Elizabeth Wilkens Mar 27
- Sarah Sicheri Mar 28
- Norma Tipton Mar 29
- Jane Roy Mar 30

DON'T FORGET BAGS FOR TALBOT HOUSE —



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



From the Pastor.....

449 O Sacred Head, Now Woundedst. 2

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor,
 And grant to me Thy grace.

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As we contemplate Christ's death on Good Friday, we do so with full awareness of the Law. Jesus got what we deserve. To paraphrase the hymn, Ours were the transgressions, His the deadly pain. Martin Luther in a Good Friday sermon on Isaiah 53:8, said

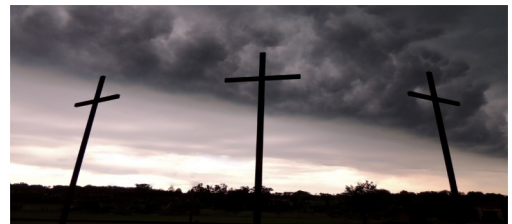
"...where one thorn pierces Christ, there more than a thousand thorns should pierce thee, yea, eternally should they thus and even more painfully pierce thee. Where one nail is driven through his hands and feet, thou shouldest eternally suffer such and even more painful nails; as will be also visited upon those who, let Christ's sufferings be lost and fruitless as far as they are concerned."

To view the cross properly, we need to see ourselves as who we are: sinners beloved by God. To see God clearly, we need to come to true knowledge of our selves. Luther continues:

"...for the benefit of Christ's sufferings depends almost entirely upon man coming to a true knowledge of himself, and becoming terror-stricken and slain before himself. And where man does not come to this point, the sufferings of Christ have become of no true benefit to him."

This Lententide, I pray that with deep introspection, you may see yourself clearly. And having gained a true knowledge of yourself, you would see Jesus clearly.

Pastor Chris



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March 28 (Holy Thursday)

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector Steve Rosane

March 29 (Good Friday Noon)

March 29 (Good Friday Evening)

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector Steve Rosane

March 31 (Easter Sunrise)

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

March 31 (Easter Worship @ 10)

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector Steve Rosane
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Alfred and Barbara Miller

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM
NO SERVICE ON MARCH 30TH

Elder George Czanko 3/2, Steve Rosane (3/9),
Lee Crapo (3/16 & 23)
Lector Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson



Turn
unto the
Lord your God:
for he is
gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and of
great kindness.

Joel 2:13, KJV

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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.

Stewardship



Any caretaker of property will tell you that it takes a lot of effort and attention to keep up an estate. The work that goes into it is ongoing, sometimes tedious, and quite often difficult. But they know that this effort must be made for the estate to stay in good shape, to last the test of time.

And so it is with us. There are things that must be done in order to keep our own personal temples (our bodies and souls) strong. Good practices like regular corporate worship, ongoing Bible studies and congregational involvement are some ways that one can maintain and strengthen them.

We urge you to browse our website and bulletin boards for ways to ‘exercise’ your spiritual workouts. There are many ways in which you can get involved in fun and meaningful things here at CLC. It’s amazing how the phrase “It is better to give than receive” comes to life when one begins to give of themselves to others. A sense of purpose and fulfillment is likely to follow. And many, including yourself, can be blessed.

In honor of all those who have given so selflessly this past year, the Board of Stewardship will host our annual Volunteer Appreciation celebration in April (National Volunteer Appreciation Month). Watch the calendars and bulletins for further information. We hope you will stop in after the worship service and enjoy some delicious food and fellowship.

Thank you to all those who have helped maintain and upkeep this place of worship! May God bless each of you abundantly!

Kim Kaniecki

Board of Stewardship



Endowment Fund

The Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was approved at a special voters meeting on November 19, 2006 and was signed by then president Lee Dux and then secretary Doris Jungerberg.

The Endowment Fund has to reach a principal amount ----- before any gifts or bequests can be expended.

Now as of the end of January our Endowment Fund has a balance of ----- in checking account, savings account ---, Thrivent investments ----- and newly opened MidFlorida Credit Union Certificate of Deposit

It is the desire of the Endowment Fund Committee to relay this information to the congregation in hopes of more financial support.

The committee is looking to the future years to be able to give back to the congregation by supporting some of our students with scholarship money for college. Also to make monetary gifts in helping missions of the LCMS.

As opportunities open, we would like to support Christ Lutheran Church with capital improvements, debt reduction or building programs.

We usually have our annual fundraising drive in the fall. However, we would like the congregation to consider making donations as you are able throughout the year.

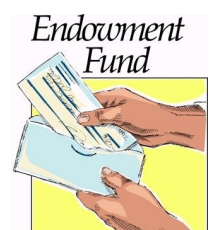
The Endowment Fund has a separate checking account so please make your check payable to the Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

We welcome special gifts in memory of a love one, and you may want to talk with your financial advisor regarding using your Required Minimum Distribution as a donation to the Endowment Fund for tax purposes.

On behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee, I would like to thank you for all the support you can give us.

Peace Be With You,

Helen Borgwardt
Chairperson



OUTREACH

Baby Bottle/Options for Women

Christ Lutheran Church donated over \$1400 to Options for Women. Thank you for your generosity!



Senior Orphans



Christ Lutheran Church donated over 60 cans of soup from the Souper Bowl Can Soup Drive. Also February Fellowship Free-will offerings will go to Senior Orphans.

Lighthouse Ministries Tour

Lighthouse Ministries will be giving a tour of their facility on March 5th, at 10 AM. If you are interested in taking the tour, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Blake Albright.

MARY MARTHA

Purse and Accessories Sale


Mary Martha will hold their annual Purse/ Accessories/ Jewelry store on Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th! Please bring your contributions to our box in the narthex on Sunday mornings! Proceeds from this mission shall go to "Peace the comfort dog"



Meeting and Spring Luncheon

Mary Martha will host their annual spring luncheon on Wednesday, March 13th. Our regular monthly meeting will begin at 10:00 am followed by our luncheon @ approximately 11:30 am, 1916 Irish Pub; 2900 Buckingham Avenue, Lakeland, inside the Cleveland Heights golf club. The clubhouse faces Edgewood Drive. We will order off the menu: Cost about \$15-20. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!





SERVICES FOR LENT
GUIDED
to the CROSS

Upcoming Lent Services and Holy Week Services

Wednesday, Feb. 28th - Guided to Love @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 6th- Guided to Perseverance @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 13th - Guided to Hope @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 20th - Guided to Trust @ 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday @ Noon and 6:30 PM

NO Service on Saturday March 30th

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunrise @ 7 AM and Easter Worship @ 10 AM



**Let your face shine
upon your servant;
save me in your
steadfast love.**

Psalm 31:16, NRSV

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, February 12, 2024



Treasure: Reported by Dawn Peters

For the month of February our actual performance is at a positive -----, compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a positive ---- compared to the budgeted amounts. There were no noteworthy income items available this month. There was no noteworthy expense available this month either. Our undedicated bank assets are --. The stewardship report shows our total church income is about 54.1% higher this year than in January 2023.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Fall Pastor's Conference: September 23rd -25th, 2024.

Deaths: Barbara Bolton, Mike Cavanaugh

New Members: Andrea and Jacob Trent completed instruction.

Upcoming baptisms: Michelle Mendoza, Paul Whitehorn IV (Ives)

Working genius updated map.

Confirmation and youth during Lent

Sun n Fun volunteer? Carlos Orellana made a motion for Pastor Hazzard to volunteer at Sun n Fun and 2nd by Dawn Peters. All Approved.

On March 11th from 9-1 Added to the Calendar.

On April 8th from 10-2 Added to the Church Calendar.

President: John Freer

There haven't been any major issues this past month.

We have been given several new carpet samples to look at for the sanctuary. As you have noticed, the church needs some updates as the carpet and gutters need to be replaced. I would like to start an ad hock committee to investigate the cost of replacing the items mentioned above as well as numerous other items that might need to be replaced/updated.

Baseball parking and the hotdog concession stand for the baseball spring training starts this month. A lot of volunteers have signed-up for the fund raiser event.

We continue to see new visitors worship with us. Several visitors are winter visitors. Some visitors have requested transfers to our church or are taking the new members' classes. Please continue to make them feel they are part of our church family.

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Vice President Dawn Peters has been working with Tammy Street and Jon Lindstrom to prepare treasure report for council and for the Quarterly Voter's meeting. Dawn will give the treasure report tonight.

We are still in need of a Treasurer to read the monthly and quarterly report.

It's been a long time since we've had young children in our church on a regular basis. It was great to see Pastor do a children message this past Sunday.

We should consider starting up a Sunday School program again.

Vice President: Dawn Peters

Nothing to report.

Christian Education: Rita Czanko

Working with other council members on various projects

Rita - prayer ministry

Kris - website

Browsed the Church Directory - needs some updating as well.

Working Genius follow-up

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance on Sunday-triple digits, Saturday-30's

New members 1, Andrea and Jacob going through the information classes.

Peaceful release of 2 people.

New visitors – keep an eye out to welcome them.

3 deaths

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

The Board of Stewardship will be working with the Board of Christian Education to more closely monitor members.

We will be tracking their first annual membership date and current involvement in the church.

Also been trying to encourage regular non-members to solidify their membership with CLC.

Encouraging regulars to get or wear a name tag.

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Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Baby bottles collected ---- and was taken to Options for Women.

Tour of Lighthouse Ministry will be on Feb. 13th at 10 AM.

The Souper Bowl was a great success.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Robin Fox, Andrea Hazzard, and Taniqua Jackson are attending a Pro Presenter training class on February 17th. This will give them a better understanding of what the program can do. The cost of the class is ---- for all three to attend.

Pro Presenter was renewed through Feb 2025 -----.

MABE is currently scheduled to do the audio upgrade and training in April, but will move us up if they are given an opportunity.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Assisted with Christmas decorations, rummage sale & African Violet Society

Repaired lights in the choir loft, the outside flood light on the SE side of the Sanctuary, one light in the hallway & one in the quilters room

Cleaned up after a storm & staked up a blown over palm tree.

Inventoried & mapped location of all fire extinguishers & fire system.

LWML Rally for Sept. 12-15 8AM-3 PM.

Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard

Souper Bowl Sunday was a success.

The Youth have been having fun challenging each other to Ping Pong.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

Central American Missions March 2024



Christ Lutheran Church has been helping surgical missions in Central America since at least 2014. I did my first Surgical mission when I volunteered in 2010 for Haiti's earthquake. I remember the Board of Elders suggested to include the surgical mission in the Church budget. Before that, the Church used to contribute by making donations in the offering plate.

A few years ago, it was given the name of Central American Mission. This mission has grown. At first it was one surgical mission a year; last year we did five missions. Now we also include help for the orphanages for children and the elderly. The need is great, but our resilience to help has been consistent.

Throughout these years and working on these missions, I have had the opportunity to see the positive changes that we all have brought to these people. As an example; last year we had a kid who could barely walk; to get around he had to hold on to someone's arm. Our team did surgery on his foot last year. This year he came back for surgery on his other foot, and he is getting around much easier. According to his mother he is able to play with the other kids. What a blessing to be part of this work.

We all are part of this wonderful work. Thank you Christ Lutheran Church for your prayers and financial support. The Dream Center for their donations. Our local hospitals for donating medical supplies. May God continue to bless us, so we can share our blessings with those who cannot help themselves.

Carlos Orellana

This is a child that we operated on his left foot in the 2023 mission. Holding to his mother's arm to be able to move around.



The same child now coming back for surgery on his right foot. Notice that now he doesn't need anybody to hold on to.



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Inspecting our shipments

One of our biggest shipments, over 2300 lbs.



Stacey and Linda making preparations.

Assessment on one of our patients. We do Podiatry, Orthopedic, General and GYN surgery. It is very easy to give examples of Podiatry, but the other specialties also have some very interesting cases.

