

Psalm 118:1

The Christogram

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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THE LORD IS MY
STRENGTH
AND MY
SONG;
HE HAS BECOME
MY SALVATION.

PSALM 118:14, 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.

April 7

Elder George Czanko
Lector George Czanko
Greeters Joann Shepker
Audio Kim Kaniecki
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

April 14

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

April 21

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector Carlos Orellana
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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April 28

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector
Greeters Bob and Cheryl Langanke
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo /Steve Rosane (4/13)
Carlos Orellana (4/27)
LectorRick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio.....Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Pastor out of the Office | 2 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a Outreach @ 5:30p Pastor - Spiritual Care Virtual education course | 3 NO Private Com. NO Jr. Conf. Choir @ 7p | 4 NO Bible Study | 5 | 6 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship |
| 7 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon | 8 Council Mtg @ 6:30p | 9 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a | 10 Mary Martha @ 9a NO Private Com. Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p Pastor - Volunteering at SUN and FUN | 11 NO Bible Study | 12 | 13 LWML Zone Rally @ 8a 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship |
| 14 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship | 15 | 16 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a | 17 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p | 18 Bible Study @ 10a | 19 | 20 9am - 2:30pm Civitan mtg. 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship |
| 21 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg | 22 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items | 23 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a | 24 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p | 25 Bible Study @ 10a | 26 | 27 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship |
| 28 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting | 29 | 30 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a | | | | |

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



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| Robin Fox | Apr 4 |
| Maria Whitehorn..... | Apr 9 |
| Janet Beyer..... | Apr 9 |
| Janette Williams | Apr 12 |
| Andrew Partheymueller..... | Apr 13 |
| Joanna Perlewitz | Apr 13 |
| Lynnette Newman | Apr 13 |
| Frances Klug | Apr 13 |
| Kent Kahre..... | Apr 14 |
| Linda Poole..... | Apr 16 |
| Pam West | Apr 22 |
| Cheryl Langanke | Apr 22 |
| George Kilbertus..... | Apr 25 |
| Belinda Freer | Apr 27 |



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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Michael and Gayle Thomas..... | Apr 4, (31 yrs.) |
| Bill and Kathy Siedenstrang..... | Apr 11, (47 yrs.) |
| Frank and Bette Decker..... | Apr 20, (56 yrs.) |
| Jon and Shirley Lindstrom..... | Apr 28, (57 yrs.) |



Thank you to Alfred and Barbara Miller who served for the month of March.
Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters will serve for the month of April.

Thanks to all the people who helped us remove things in the Altar area for the Good Friday service and helped decorate the Altar area for Easter. It was greatly appreciated and made the Easter celebration special.

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**

- Maria Whitehorn Apr 1
- Steve Rosane Apr 1
- Judy Veal Apr 3
- Nancy Matter Apr 4
- Rita Czanko Apr 7
- Carol Kloha Apr 8
- James Kloha Apr 11
- Nancy Tyler Apr 12
- Tammy Raimondo Apr 14
- Gloria Nelson Apr 14
- Barbara Szymanski Apr 16
- Carol Stuckert Apr 20
- Lynnette Newman Apr 20
- Patricia Maxson Apr 22
- Frances Klug Apr 27
- Arthur Walls Apr 28
- Gary Witte Apr 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.....



Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen Indeed. Alleluia!

With these words we join in the celebration of the ancient church that Jesus conquered death and the grave. The stench of death has given way to the aroma of lilies and life. Mourning has given way to rejoicing. The stillness of the tomb has given way to the motion of a Savior on the move, visiting and comforting those precious to him. Darkness has given way to light. The perishable has put on the imperishable. The mortal has put on immortality. Death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54). Jesus' resurrection is God's proof and guarantee of our eventual resurrection. Sorrow has been replaced with joy. Brokenness has been replaced by God's perfect wholeness. Division has been replaced with union. *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!* (ancient liturgical verse). Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen Indeed. Alleluia!



I am volunteering at Sun n Fun this year in the role of a chaplain.

At any time, Airport Chaplains are willing to lend an open ear to all people regardless of their religious background or world view. We offer mental, spiritual and social assistance to people who are going through a personal crisis, who are having problems at work or who just need somebody to talk to. Being available is our main duty. (From International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains website)

In years past, I have served in a chaplain role with the Boy Scouts of America and provided chaplaincy services at our local scout reservation and for a large camporee. I was also credentialed and trained to serve as a chaplain as part of Federal Emergency Management Agency incident response. I am working to restore my official credentialing through the LCMS Office of Specialized Spiritual Care Ministry, which will involve completion of a virtual education course April 2nd through 4th *Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention*, information helpful also in my day to day pastoral service to the saints of Lakeland.

At Sun n Fun I look forward to the opportunity to have spiritual conversations with a diverse group of people, praying for those whom I encounter.

Pastor Chris

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm

Good Friday Service @ Noon

Good Friday Service @ 6:30 pm

NO Saturday Service

Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 am

Easter Worship Service @ 10 am



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who helped with baseball parking and concessions this year. Some new volunteers stepped up to fill the spots left by those who can no longer help. And thanks to the Tigers who upped their price allowing us to fill our spots for every game! Much of the proceeds will be dedicated to the fund to repair the parking lot. There will also be funds donated to Lakeland area charities that support those in need. We are blessed to be part of this outreach, meeting fellow Christians and sharing our faith with those who may need to hear God's message.

Fred and Cathy Sterns



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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 Corner



As we make our way through the Easter Season, we all have much to be joyous over. First and foremost, that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead for us, to give us eternal life and secure our place in heaven. And, for the more tangible and daily joys we experience this side of heaven such as family, friends, and life in general. I'm sure each of you could come up with several things that bring you joy. Yes, there is much to be joyful and thankful for! How do we express our thanks to God? One way is by simply serving God in whatever way we are able.

Looking around it is obvious that many people here at Christ Lutheran are busy expressing their thanks to God! Look around and you will see many people serving Him. The volunteers that serve in so many ways are what keep this church going strong! They faithfully do the work week in and week out, year after year without expectation of payment or recognition. Simply out of their love and appreciation for God and what He's done for them.

Having said that, the Board of Stewardship would like to take the opportunity to show the church's appreciation for the volunteers who serve. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after church April 7th, 2024, for a luncheon (complete with fried chicken, sides, and cake), where you can either help us thank these people; or come and give us the opportunity to thank YOU! (No free will offering necessary).

We hope to see you there! Until then, thanks be to God for each of you!

Kim Kaniecki
Director of Stewardship



MARY MARTHA



The Mary Martha group of the LWML- Lutheran Women in Mission- invites all ladies of the congregation to our meetings and our activities. We do meet during the day time, so we understand those who are still working cannot attend. If you would like to attend an evening meeting, please reach out to me - Charlotte@863-409-6270 and we can arrange for an evening monthly meeting to keep our members abreast of our activities, as we grow as a congregation, we want all members to access all activities! All ladies of the congregation are very welcome to any of our activities, regardless of meeting attendance! Our regular meetings are held at 9am on the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise advertised. Our next monthly meeting will be held on April 10 at 9am. Refreshments by Pat C, Norma M and Lora W. Our next Memorial team (funerals/ Celebration of life) will be team 3.

The Mary Martha group held their purse and accessories sale on March 9 and 10! All proceeds went to "Peace" the Comfort dog. \$200 in sales and donations were collected. Our "leftover" donations from the congregation which were not sold are being donated to "Top Buttons," so blessings may continue!

Mary Martha held our meeting and Spring Luncheon on March 13. We met at the Church and then held our luncheon at the 1916 Irish Pub at the Cleveland Heights golf club. A good time was had by all!

The Mary Martha Quilters have been busy working on their projects!

The LWML Spring Zone Rally will be held here at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, April 13. This rally will include the congregation's in the Winter Haven zone! All ladies of the congregation are invited! Please sign up on the Mary Martha board in the narthex. Cost will be \$10 for the luncheon and \$3 for the Young Women's representatives donation (optional), but we are blessed with two young women reps and we want to support them! We will begin registration at 9am with light breakfast refreshments and, of course COFFEE! We will be working on decorations and crafts for the Florida/Georgia Convention to be held in Orlando from Sept 13-15, 2024. The theme of our rally as well as the convention is 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. "



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Our “Gifts from the Heart” for this rally is a collection of socks and undies for the children at the Honduran orphanages that we support through the Central America Missions. Carlos Orellana will give a short presentation at the rally about his work in this mission!

**Submit
Your
Recipes**



Mary Martha has been collecting recipes from the congregation in order to publish a cookbook for Christ Lutheran Church. Our final date to collect recipes will be Sunday, April 7. Please gather your recipes. There are no limits on how many recipes you may submit! We plan to publish over the next several months.

Mary -Martha would like to thank all of the congregants who support our endeavors!

In His Service,
Charlotte Mantz



The LORD your God...
will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love.

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Come and Join



LWML Spring Rally

Christ Lutheran Church
2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd

April 13, 2024
9am - 1pm

\$10 (includes lunch)

Gifts from the Heart

Bring children's underwear and socks
to donate to Honduran Orphanages

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, March 12, 2024



Treasure: Reported by Dawn Peters

For the month of February, our actual performance is at a negative \$4,170, compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a positive \$7,090, compared to budgeted amounts. There were no noteworthy income or expense items available this month. Our undedicated bank assets are \$81,511. The Stewardship Report shows that our total church income is about 38.5% higher this year than it was at the end of February 2023.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Sun N Fun April 9th-14th

Saturday, May 4th, Guest preacher (my niece is graduating from Florida Southern)

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

Rev. 7:9 program has transitioned to Immigrant Ministry Connections.

Linda Johnson relocating back to Florida.

LCEF process continues.

President: John Freer

The plumber again had to be called after we had water flowing out the fellowship bathroom during the congregational meeting. The cost was \$525 to clear the drain again, this is a cost of over \$1400 over the past year.

Terry is updating the rental contract for the fellowship room to include not putting anything in toilet other than paper.

Baseball parking and the hotdog concession stand for the baseball spring training has been profitable. We've had a lot of volunteers support the parking and concession. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Easter will be here soon, and members have requested Council and Elders members along with the help of other volunteers to make breakfast between the two services. The menu will be the same as last year. We need everyone to help again.

We are seeing new visitors worship with us. Please continue to make them feel they are part of our church family; we are continuing to see our congregation grow.

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

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Vice President: Dawn Peters

Ongoing updates to church website

Christian Education: Rita Czanko

The Prayer Ministry has been launched on February 25th to 13 people attending the Inaugural prayer meeting in which they committed to pray through the portfolio for all church members. This initial team will pray through the prayer portfolio during the month of March, looking for any needed additions or corrections. The Prayer Ministry group will meet after church on March 17th to receive their April prayer pages. I will be presenting the prayer portfolio to the Elders on Sunday, March 10th after worship service. Pastor Chris will introduce our Prayer Ministry to our congregation at worship services on April 6th & 7th.

I have assembled bags with crayons and coloring books that are given to children by the Greeter for worship services. More will be made once more supplies arrive from Oriental Trade.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance – Sundays 110's, Saturdays 30's, Lent 30's

Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

We will be hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation on April 7. Publix Fried Chicken and Cake will be provided. Side dishes are appreciated.

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Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Baseball parking has a full lot with each game.

Hot dog sales have been robust.

Free Will offering in March will go to Viste.

Easter baskets will be prepared after church on March 24th and delivered that afternoon to Lighthouse. We have 13 children at this point and seven grandchildren of Olga's that she takes care.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

The spare tech equipment was sold, and the money will be used to help with the costs of the audio upgrade.

All services of Holy Week will be streamed through YouTube.com.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Fellowship hall bathroom was clogged. Roto Rooter cleared the line for \$525.00.

General maintenance

Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard

No report given.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

Central American Missions April 2024



As of this writing; I am on my way to Guatemala on my third mission so far for 2024. My wife and I are going with a medical group based in Wisconsin. We serve mostly Mayan communities. They all come from far away places in pickup trucks and more likely some of them do some hours of walking before they reach the trucks. The hospital is located in San Lucas Toliman; one of the twelve communities located around Lake Atitlan, in Guatemala. These communities are named after the twelve apostles.

We will be providing surgeries in podiatry and orthopedic. Unfortunately, we see a lot of cases of club foot in children and some adults. There are also some cases of amniotic band amputations; these cases are typical in the Mayan population. It is suspected that the mothers suffered malnutrition during pregnancy and that is the reason for amniotic bands. It is said that some Mayan mothers starve themselves during pregnancy to have small children.

This is a very exceptional mission. The Mayan Indians in this area speak nineteen different dialects; sometimes we have to have a translator for the translator. The cases we deal with here are very challenging, but we also have very talented podiatrist and pediatric orthopedic surgeons. I feel privileged to work with this surgical group.

Please continue your support for this mission. Every dollar you donate; goes directly to help those who cannot help themselves. Don't forget to mark your donations for the Central American Mission. Keep this mission in your prayers. Thank you, Christ Lutheran for helping us to help the poorest of the poor in Central America.

Carlos Orellana



See pictures on page 16



↑ *Some of our returning patients. Notice how one foot looks normal and the other one not.*



↑ *One of our young patients for our week of surgeries. The younger the patients; the more specialized care they require.*



← *One of our patients. He lost his hand to amniotic bands; now we will be working on his right foot. Last year we worked on his left foot.*