

Psalm 42:8

The Christogram

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

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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.

June 2

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

June 9

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector George Czanko
Greeters
Audio Kim Kaniecki
Video Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

June 16

Elder George Czanko
Lector
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

June 23

Elder Keith Kallstrom
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Audio Maria Hazzard
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GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

June 30

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector Carlos Orellana
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Cheryl Erwin and
Charlene Rosane

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo, Steve Rosane (6/8)
Lector Rick Smith/ Gerie Slaten/
Carlos Orellana, Steve Rosane
Audio Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
2 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	3	4 Trustee WD 9a	5 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	6 Mary Martha Flower Making @ 10a Civitan Mtg @ Noon	7	8 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
9 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	10 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	11 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block Training 11a	12 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	13	14	15 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
16 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	17 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	18 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block Training 11a	19 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	20 Mary Martha Flower Making @ 10a Civitan Mtg @ Noon	21	22 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
23 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	24	25 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block Training 11a	26 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	27	28	29
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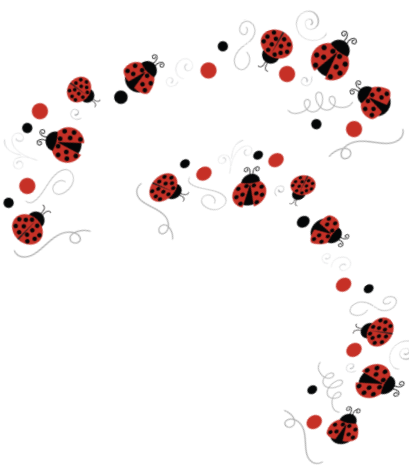
Bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday by 9:00 a.m.

**The Infirm
and
The Homebound**

*Remember to keep these
people in your daily
prayers.*

- Vi Bertsch
- Sen & Dale Campbell
- Donita Duncan
- Rosie Fyffe
- Donna Grant
- Richard and Pam Hanson
- Fran Klug
- Don & Nancy Matter
- Fran Murphy
- Jerry Poole
- Norma Tipton
- Amy Wilson

Jonathan Keating.....	Jun 2
Jon Lindstrom.....	Jun 4
Janice Newman.....	Jun 5
Nancy Tyler.....	Jun 7
Charlene Rosane.....	Jun 9
Steve Rosane.....	Jun 10
Patricia Maxson.....	Jun 12
Natalie Thiele.....	Jun 13
Daniel Zabel.....	Jun 13
Joyce Munz.....	Jun 13
Jack Kersten.....	Jun 13
Earl Womack.....	Jun 13
Ray Keating.....	Jun 14
Thomas Block.....	Jun 16
Betty Costine.....	Jun 17
Pat Mangum.....	Jun 18
Barbara Joost.....	Jun 20
Bob Kossel.....	Jun 21
Bette Decker.....	Jun 21
Sandra Booher.....	Jun 23
Becky Schwarz.....	Jun 25
Brian Rogers.....	Jun 26
Madeline Block.....	Jun 27
Beverly Roberge.....	Jun 28
Donald Rohrbach.....	Jun 28
Manfred Yost.....	Jun 29
Pamela Hanson.....	Jun 30



Andrew and Carissa Partheymueller.....	Jun 3, (40 yrs.)
George and Betty Kilbertus.....	Jun 6, (60 yrs.)
Jerold and Joyce Munz.....	Jun 7, (54 yrs.)
Fred and Cathy Sterns.....	Jun 17, (52 yrs.)
Thomas and Madeline Block.....	Jun 24, (45 yrs.)
Earl and Sandy Womack.....	Jun 27, (60 yrs.)
Manfred and Marlene Yost.....	Jun 29, (75 yrs.)



If you

are a member or an associate member, and your information is missing or incorrect,

Baptismal Birthday Blessing

Gracious Lord, we give thanks that in Holy Baptism we receive forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation. On this baptismal anniversary, bless [name] continually by Your Word and Spirit that [he/she] may faithfully keep the covenant into which [he/she] has been called, boldly confess [his/her] Savior, and finally share with all Your saints the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- Mary Heinz Jun 1
- Logan Peterson..... Jun 1
- George Kilbertus Jun 4
- Bob Kossel Jun 4
- Becky Schwarz..... Jun 4
- Betty Costine Jun 6
- David Booher..... Jun 7
- Paul Whitehorn..... Jun 7
- Allison Gillespie Jun 16
- Gerie Slaten..... Jun 16



Thank you Rita Czanko and George Czanko for serving for the month of May. Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane will serve for the month of June. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

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.....

In Holy Conversation

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father. (Martin Luther's Small Catechism, Introduction to the Lord's Prayer).*

Prayer is the topic for the hymn of the month in June (*In Holy Conversation*, LSB 772). God wants us to pray to Him. He tenderly invites us, as His children, to bring our deepest concerns to Him. Our Father wants to hear everything; indeed, He knows us better than we know ourselves. He even helps us to pray well. St. Paul writes in Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (ESV). Even when we do not know how to pray, the Spirit intercedes for us. We present our requests with complete confidence. 1 John 5:14 states, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us" (ESV). Even before the words depart our lips, the Lord is at work answering. Isaiah prophecies, "Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24, ESV). God hears the prayers of all Christians and answers in His own way and in His own time. Keep up the conversation!

A video to help you learn the hymn of the month can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/NNtPp7vTi4Y?si=2ugoyxi7KvF1ZmaA>



Adopt-a-Block

We will be hosting Dream Center's adopt-a-block program starting in July. Whitney Borem, Adopt-a Block Director for the Dream Center, will be presenting the program to us on Sunday, June 9th. We will be training for four weeks on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.: June 11th, 18th, 25th, and July 2nd. The program will launch July 9th. We pray that the Lord is leading you to help serve our neighbors through this program. To reserve your spot on the team, or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

Pastor Chris



ADOPT-A-BLOCK

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD. START HERE.



What is Adopt-a-Block?

Adopt-a-Block is an initiative that invites neighbors, businesses, local government, and faith-based agencies within a neighborhood to meet at the common table.

What is the *common table*? The common table is a place in the neighborhood where bread is broken, resources are shared, community is born, and we discover what we have in common.

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WHITTNEY BOREM

How This Initiative Works

- **BUSINESSES** // Businesses are encouraged to help provide resources and educate neighbors about the services they provide.
- **FAITH-BASED AGENCIES** // A church within the neighborhood hosts a time of weekly fellowship.
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT** // Local leaders are invited to meet and hear from their constituents.
- **COMMUNITIES** // Neighbors come to bring and receive donated items, to provide a meal for and eat with one another, and create community -- styled after the Book of Acts Church. All are welcomed.



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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

HELP WANTED! PART TIME, FLEXIBLE HOURS AND DAYS!



Yes, we are in need of workers for the many positions here at Christ Lutheran. The pay may not be in dollars and cents but serving God and your fellow church members is a reward in and of itself! Many positions do not require being an actual member but rather only a regular attendee. A few positions such as council members, Counters and Elders do, however, require one to be a member for at least one year. Below are some of the positions needing filled:

Ushers: Assist in directing members forward for weekly communion and passing the plate for the offering. One can volunteer for once or twice a month or more if desired.

Offering Counters: Serving one Sunday (after service) per month. Assist one or two other members in counting and recording the offerings received that week. (Requires one year membership)

Altar Guild: Serving one month per year (or more if desired). Prepares the sacraments Saturday prior to the Saturday evening services; then replenishing Sunday morning for the Sunday service. Also, clearing the altar after Sunday service.

Elders: Assisting pastor with any needs during a worship service such as communion, candle lighting, and Baptism assistance. (Requires one year membership)

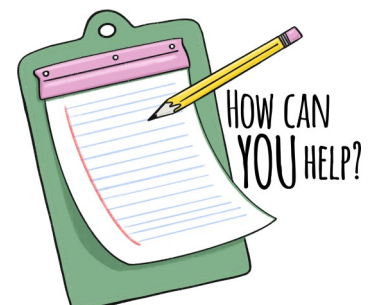
Lectors: Sign up as wanted for as often or as little as one would like, to read the first two scripture readings during a worship service.

Sound Board: A simple job requiring one to push buttons to mute and unmute certain microphones during a worship service.

Video assistance: Training would be provided to help with preparation and functions of the streaming and recording of worship services.

There are many other opportunities here to serve such as the various Boards and Committees. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran. Many hands make light work!

In Christ,
Kim Kaniecki/Board of Stewardship



MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha group met on May 8 for our last meeting of this season. We will not hold business meetings June, July and August. Our next business meeting will be held on September 4. Our normal meeting times are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, however, our first meeting is moved up due to our convention the following week.

At our May meeting, we elected and installed our officers for the 2024-2025 year. Our officers are:

Charlotte Mantz, President
 Karen Crickenberger, Vice President
 Judy Rudolph, Secretary
 Lynnette Newman, Treasurer

Please feel free to call or email any of us with any questions you have!



The Florida/ Georgia District of LWML will hold its convention in Orlando September 13-15. Our delegates voted to represent Mary Martha are Charlotte Mantz and Norma Miller. If you would like to attend the Convention, the information is on the FL/GA district website. We will also post it on the board in the narthex.

The Winter Haven Zone is tasked with making decorations for the convention. We will be holding periodic get together times to work on the crafts and decorations for the convention. We need all of the help we can get! Even if you do not attend Mary Martha meetings on a regular basis, please join us if you want to pitch in on the crafts!

At our convention, we will have the opportunity to vote on Mission Grants for the District. We are excited to have our very own Carlos Orellana's Mission team "Central American Missions," who submitted a grant application that was approved to purchase a sterilization machine for the team. Please pray that the grant is voted on at the convention.

Mary Martha will be holding a flower making meeting at the Church on Thursday, June 6 and Thursday, June 20 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

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Our next Memorial team is team 3.

Please feel free to call, text, email or send smoke signals to Charlotte, should you need anything! I will be in town for most of the summer.

Phone: 863-409-6270 call or text

Email: clmantz@aol.com

In His Service

Charlotte Mantz



Mary-Martha Guild had put together a grant proposal for a new surgical sterilizer to be placed in Comayagua Medical Hospital in Comayagua, Honduras. This is the hospital that Carlos Orellana goes to 3 to 4 times a year. Carlos is a Registered Surgical Nurse and assists in the surgeries. The hospital has an aging surgical sterilizer which has often down times. The hospital has only one sterilizer to serve 4 surgical units. The proposal will now be placed before the delegates at the September District LWML convention. We are asking for \$10,000 to purchase one unit including shipping costs. Pray that the delegates will select to support this project.

ARE YOU READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON?



DOCUMENTS

Review & store important documents



FAMILY

Prepare your family



HOME

Prepare your home



FLOOD

Protect yourself against flood risks



[FLGADISTRICT.ORG/LERT](https://www.flgadistrict.org/lert)



Some recommended resources:

<https://www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season>

https://www.cdc.gov/hurricanes/safety/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/before.html

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, May 13, 2024



Treasure: Reported by Dawn Peters

For the month of April, our actual performance is at a negative \$17,311, compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a positive \$17,061, compared to budgeted amounts. There were no noteworthy income and 2 expense items of our annual Website Subscription and Communication Services this month. Our undedicated bank assets are \$105,341.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

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

I participated in the LCMS Specialized Spiritual Care Ministry Conference remotely on May 6th-7th.

Death: Marilynn Gillette

Adopt-a-block: The Dream Center has invited us to form a partnership with the Restoration Life Center and perhaps a Spanish speaking congregation to provide a weekly meal for our congregations and the communities, provide food and other aid, and to build relationships with our neighbors. The Dream Center will provide resources; our congregation will provide initial volunteers and perhaps a venue. I suggest that we go forward.

I am pursuing professional certification as a Disaster Response Chaplain. I have completed Critical Incident Stress Management training, as well as Lutheran Emergency Response Team Training. I intend to complete 10 weeks of Clinical Pastoral Education training (400 hours) next summer. I might also complete an on-line training program starting this summer through Thanksgiving depending upon the time commitment. In addition to required training, the synodical endorsement process requires roughly 70 pages of application materials, letters of support, etc., which I plan to complete this summer.

Civitan is a good opportunity to serve the world around us. I encourage everyone to check-out a meeting to learn more.

Confirmation retreat is tentatively set for this summer.

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President: John Freer

This past month went very well, and we didn't have any major expenses and tithing is up. I know it sounds like a broken record, but it's a good thing we continue to see our congregation family growing. We've had several visitors request transfers or to start new member classes.

Our quarterly voters meeting is this month, be prepared to give a short report.

Dawn will be leading the voters meeting as I will be out of town.

Thanks everyone for your continuing help with the council and the church's needs.

Vice President: Dawn Peters

Nothing to report

Christian Education: Rita Czanko

Pastor is continuing to present wonderful children's sermons at both Saturday and Sunday worship services.

Children attending worship services will receive a bag with crayons, a coloring book, and a printed activity coloring lesson that matches the current Sunday message along with other items in their bag.

We now have 31 members on our Prayer Ministry Team. Our team is now scheduled to meet on the last Sunday of each month for 30 minutes.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance – Sundays we've seen as high as 112, but right after Easter it went as low as the upper 80's. Saturday is holding on to the 20's.

New members: 6

One transfer to report.

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Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon served over 65 people. Two gifts were given out to randomly selected members. Many members help supply side dishes and a good amount of food was leftover. The decor was used the following Wednesday for the Mary Martha meeting and also the LWML meeting a few days later. The vases and flowers purchased will be kept here at church for use in future events.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Reported by Cheryl Erwin - Hot dog concession money income was reported at \$5,944.91. Expenses was \$2,156.93. Five charities will received \$757 each; VISTE, CLC Youth Dept., Senior Orphans, One More Child, and Options for Women.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Nothing to report

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

General maintenance and repairs. Zone and location maps done for: A/C, exit signs, emergency lights, fire extinguishers, doors and locks with key numbers.

Replacing old exit signs.

Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard

No report given.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

Central American Missions June 2024



I will start by asking for your prayers on the grant process that Joyce and Pastor Munz are requesting on behalf of the Central American Mission. The grant request is moving up in the LWML hierarchy. I hope to know about any decision by August or September.

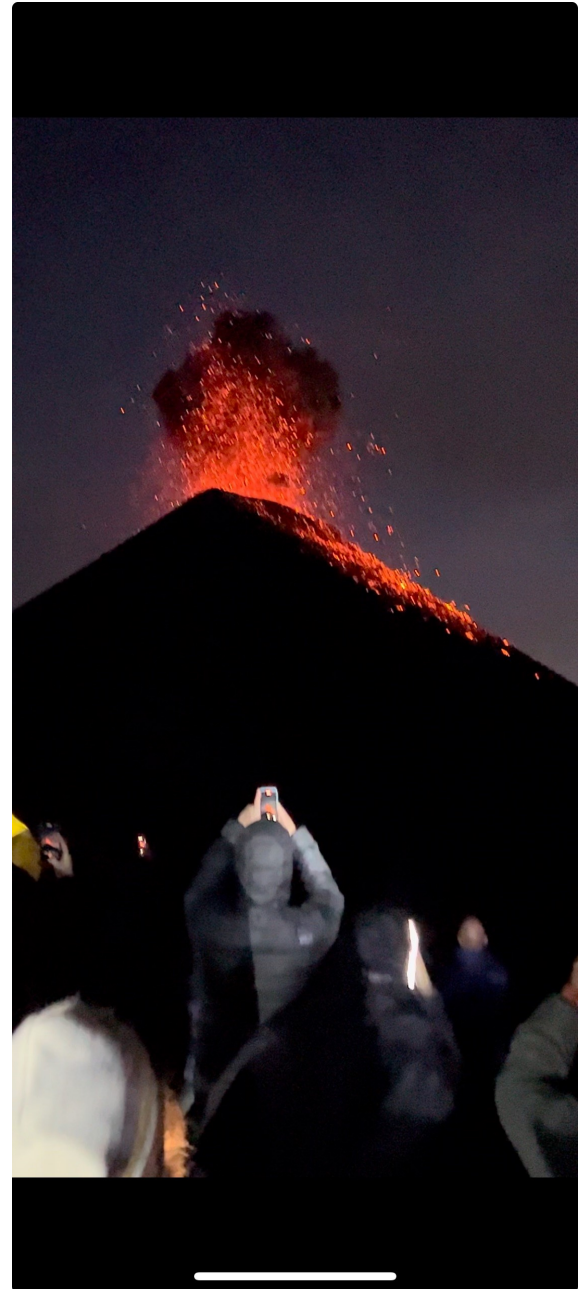
I am looking forward to the day when we go on these missions, and we don't have to worry about the sterilization of our instruments. I am sure there will be other issues, but at least this one will not be a worry.

It looks like I am not doing very much for the surgical mission this year; I have already accomplished three missions this year. There is a possibility for another one in September, but I will wait to see if they are able to staff it.

Thanks to the Dream Center and Robin; I have about 500 lbs. of clothing ready to ship to the orphanages. I will wait to collect more so I can make that trip to Miami worthwhile.

I will continue to ask for your help in prayers, donations of items, or financial support. Christ Lutheran is a generous giving church. I am grateful for your support. Thank you for helping your neighbors.

Carlos Orellana

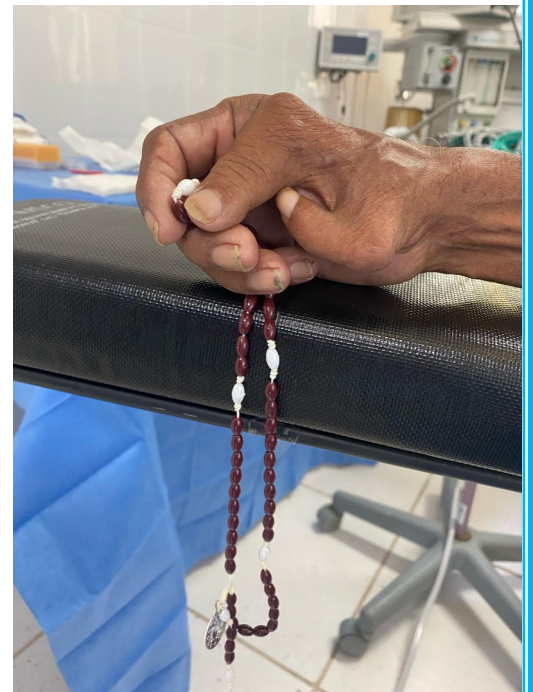


On my last mission to Guatemala; I took an overnight trip to see the Volcan Fuego. A truly amazing display of power.

See more pictures on page 16



This team was on my second mission to Honduras this year. We did about 7 gallbladders a day.



That extra digit! The surgeons make it look like a simple procedure when the patients are young. It is complicated when the patients are older.



Load it up! This bus belongs to the Friary since early 2000. We load it to the max every time and it has taken so many missionaries throughout the years. It just keeps on showing up!