

Psalm 146:1

The Christogram

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

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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.

May 5

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

May 12

Elder Lee Crapo
Lector Charlotte Mantz
Greeters Bobbi Wheelock
Audio Kim Kaniecki
Video Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

May 19

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector George Czanko
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
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May 26

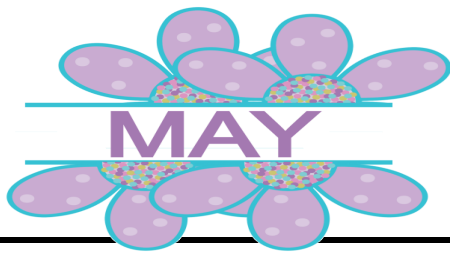
Elder Lee Crapo
Lector
Greeters Bob & Cheryl Langanke
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Rita and George Czanko

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo / Steve Rosane (5/11)
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 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p	2 Bible Study @ 10a National Day of Prayer	3	4 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
5 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	6	7 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a Outreach @ 5:30p	8 Mary Martha @ 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p	9 Bible Study @ 10a Civitan Mtg @ 11a	10	11 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
12 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Mothers Day 	13 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	14 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a	15 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Youth @ 6p Jr. Conf. @ 7p Choir @ 7p	16 Bible Study @ 10a	17	18 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
19 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Congregational Voters Mtg	20 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	21 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a	22 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p	23 Bible Study @ 10a Civitan Mtg @ 11a	24	25 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting Communication Board Mtg Prayer Team Meeting	27 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 	28 Trustee WD 9a Quilters@ 10a	29 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	30 Bible Study @ 10a	31	

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
- Judy Kargel
- Fran Klug
- Dorothy Lovelace
- Don & Nancy Matter
- Fran Murphy
- Norma Tipton
- Amy Wilson

Lora Wacker.....	May 2
Cheryl Erwin.....	May 5
Christopher Hazzard.....	May 9
Jerry Munz.....	May 10
Logan Peterson	May 15
Gerie Slaten	May 16
David Wacker.....	May 18
Sawyer Timmons.....	May 18
Donna Townsend	May 19
Donald Matter	May 20
Sandy Spanier.....	May 23
Marlene Yost.....	May 25
Jerry Poole	May 25
Allison Gillespie.....	May 25
Bill Siedenstrang	May 26
Judi Rudolph	May 27
Debbie Smith	May 28
Eileen Hanson.....	May 29



Ted and Gloria Nelson.....	May 1 (48 yrs.)
James and Carol Kloha.....	May 8 (19 yrs.)
Steve and Charlene Rosane.....	May 10 (55 yrs.)
Gerard and Peggy Moran.....	May 15 (25 yrs.)
Paul and Maria Whitehorn.....	May 17 (15 yrs.)
Amanda and Keith Peterson.....	May 27 (23 yrs.)
Alfred and Barbara Miller	May 29 (48 yrs.)



Thank you Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters for serving for the month of April. Rita Czanko and George Czanko will serve for the month of May. Alfred and I want to say thanks again to all the people that helped us during the Easter Season. It was greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without your help. Thanks again and God bless.

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**

- Kent Kahre May 1
- Richard Hanson May 1
- Pam West..... May 1
- Taniqua Jackson May 1
- Henry Veal May 1
- Janet Beyer May 5
- Judy Kargel..... May 5
- Sen Campbell May 6
- Janette Williams..... May 8
- Diana Moilanen May 12
- Cheryl Langanke..... May 13
- Garrett Timmons May 15
- Joan Kersten..... May 16
- Robin Fox..... May 19
- Sandy Womack..... May 23
- Betty Kilbertus..... May 24
- Jerry Poole May 24
- Keith Kallstrom..... May 24
- Anne Smith May 27
- Robert Langanke..... May 28
- Linda Poole..... May 28
- Marlene Yost..... May 31

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.....

Greater Works

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it” (John 14:12-14).

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ’s church in an unmistakable way: “And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:2-4 ESV). Jesus promised his disciples that they would do the works that he does, indeed, greater works than he does (John 14:12). Note that Jesus is speaking about “whoever believes in me,” not just the Apostles or pastors. What are these greater works? Jesus reveals in John 5:36 “...For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.” (ESV) “All of Jesus’ works, including His miracles, attest to His identity, that people may know Him, trust in Him, and thereby be saved” (The Lutheran Study Bible, pg. 1790). Before Easter, and before Pentecost, Jesus’ works and words were largely obscured and hidden; even his disciples didn’t “get it.” Now, the proclamation of Jesus’ identity, of Jesus’ desire to seek and save the lost, and of Jesus’ victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil are proclaimed by all believers, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit. The key? Prayer. “Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it” (John 14:13-14). May the Lord lead us to be people of prayer. May the Lord lead us to do “greater works!”



“O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!

Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!” (Psalm 142:1-2).

Thank you to those on our prayer team! If you would like to be better equipped to be a prayer warrior, please contact Rita Czanko. She has developed wonderful resources to aid the intentionality of our prayer.

The last Sunday that the choir will sing is May 19th. Please join me in thanking the choir for the wonderful year of lifting voices to the Lord. Please also join me in thanking Elena Miraztchiyska for her excellent leadership.

Pastor Chris





Stephen Wiesenauer Free Burma Rangers



Stephen and his family are based in Chiangmai, Thailand. From there Stephen works with the Free Burma Rangers (FBR) to bring help, hope, and God’s love to displaced and oppressed people in Burma’s conflict zones. FBR does this by training and equipping highly mobile multipurpose relief teams that share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide critical emergency medical care, shelter, food, clothing and human rights documentation in their home regions.

Stephen serves FBR primarily as a Chaplain and Coordinator for Chin State (western Burma). As Chaplain, he provides spiritual care for FBR, indigenous spiritual leadership training in Burma, and the training of field chaplains. As Chin State Coordinator, he oversees strategic relationships and team training, leads missions on the field, and mentors chaplains. Stephen is sent through Friends Network where he also serves as a missionary counselor.



Ministry to Displaced Children



Training spiritual leaders



Training Indigenous Teams

We are the Wiesenauer Family, Stephen and Krista and our children Lydia, Josiah, Greta, and Micah. Our work is funded 100% by the financial support of friends like you! Please pray and consider regularly supporting our mission. Visit our giving page to start supporting us, subscribe to our newsletter, and become gospel partners.



Documenting war crimes and human rights violations



Ministering to victims seriously injured in conflict zones



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Stewardship Corner



The Board of Stewardship together with the Fellowship team of the week hosted the annual Volunteer's Appreciation Luncheon on April 7th.

Approximately 65 people attended and enjoyed delicious fried chicken and strawberry filled cake from Publix. Two lucky ladies won the surprise door prizes that were so generously donated by our local plant nursery, K & K Nursery: a pot of lovely yellow Gerber Daisies and a potted blue Hydrangea. The hall was decorated in blue and yellow floral centerpieces and table coverings which were then able to be used for the Mary Martha meeting and the LWML meeting both held the following week. Many thanks, again, to all our volunteers throughout the year and those who helped with the event.

The busy season is beginning to quiet down as we transition into summer but opportunities to serve God still abound here at Christ Lutheran. It has been announced that our dedicated altar guild leaders, Barb and Alfred Miller are stepping down so there will be a definite need to fill that position quickly. We urge all our members to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve as it is an important and necessary position.



Again, thank you to all who give of themselves to serve here at Christ Lutheran Church. May God bless you all abundantly!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki

Board of Stewardship



MARY MARTHA



Mary Martha met on April 10 for our regular monthly meeting.

On Saturday, April 13, Christ Lutheran Church and Mary Martha hosted the Winter Haven Zone Spring Rally. At the rally, we worked on decorations for the upcoming Florida/ Georgia District Convention which will be held September 13-15 in Orlando. A big thank you to Lynnette Newman for demonstrating and teaching us how to make paper flowers for the convention. Election of Zone officers was held for three open positions. A communion service was held in the Sanctuary and Pastor Hazzard installed the new officers and dedicated our mission gifts


Our guest speaker was our very own Carlos Orellana! Carlos gave us detailed information regarding Central American Missions, particularly regarding the orphanages in Honduras. At the Rally, our Gifts from the Heart, socks and undies for the children, were gathered. Please pray for this Mission. A grant request has been submitted to the Florida / Georgia District to be voted on at our convention this fall.

Mary Martha will hold our last meeting before our summer hiatus on May 8. Election of officers will be held.

The next memorial team will be team 3

Charlotte Mantz
Mary Martha





**Rejoice
in hope,
be patient
in tribulation,
be constant
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12, ESV

Seminary Student Sponsorship

The seminary student that we have sponsored for the last four years is now graduating from seminary school in St. Louis. Caleb Wehling found out where he will begin his pastoral ministry during the Service Call Ceremony on April 23rd at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Caleb has been assigned as an Associate Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Prayers for Caleb, Alicia, and Lucy Wehling.



Baseball Parking

First, Cathy and I wish to thank all the volunteers (all 33 of them) for their willingness, time and energy which made this year a success.

We sold out every game with the exception of one, a night game. We met several friends from years past and made many new ones. We were commended for our generous attitudes and uplifting spirits, The music provided by Pastor Hazzard was enjoyed by visitors and volunteers alike, Pastor also acted as crossing guard with thanks from many. The city marked the crosswalk after Pastor suggested it to the city after last years games.

One visitor (unbeknownst to us) collected a few rocks from our garden. When she returned for the next game she presented one to the hot dog concession and one to the parking crew. She had printed scriptures on each. We have placed them back into the garden for all to enjoy.



Our efforts netted us \$17,409,80. These funds will be distributed with 50% going into the church general fund, 40% into a parking lot maintenance dedicated fund, and 10% to charity. Four charities have been selected to receive \$435.00 each: Lighthouse, Senior Orphans, VISTE and Central America Mission.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their efforts which made this such a fun success.

Thank you,
Fred Sterns
Parking Chairman

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, April 8, 2024



Treasure: Reported by Dawn Peters

For the month of March, our actual performance is at a negative \$23,098, compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a negative \$16,008, compared to budgeted amounts. There were no noteworthy income or expense items available this month. Our undedicated bank assets are \$89,176.

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Thanks to the many volunteers in our congregation. City officials have taken positive note of our service to the community.

I completed a three-day Critical Incident Stress Management training in preparation for Disaster Chaplain certification. I am weighing options regarding the next steps in training.

I was invited to be a panelist for a National Revelation 7:14 “skunkworks” session.

LCEF process continues.

Pentecost will be the last day the choir sings until Autumn.

Barb Miller has informed the elders that she will be stepping down as head of the altar guild.

An anonymous donor has agreed to cover the cost of a Holy Week chasuble.

President: John Freer

Our Easter Breakfast was a great success with the help of the Church Council, Elders and Volunteers. We served approximately 125 meals.

I would like to thank everyone that helped cook, serve the meals, and clean up.

We continue to see new visitors worship with us, please continue making them feel they are part of our church family; and we are continuing to see our congregation grow.

Recently we had some visitors request to become members of our church.

The baseball parking and hotdog concession made approximately \$20,000. I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help with this event.

Our next Congregational Voters meeting will be on May 19, 2024 after the church service.

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

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Vice President: Dawn Peters

Website Project Update

Updates

Overhauled Pages

New Pages

Brainstorming

Stats

Vision

Christian Education: Rita Czanko

PRAYER MINISTRY Updated prayer need pages for April for the Prayer Ministry Portfolio has been distributed to the 16 current members.

THE CRY ROOM has been cleaned and refreshed. Old, used crayons were not able to be sharpened so they were removed, and new crayons are in place.

GIFT BAGS FOR CHILDREN A new gift bag policy has been established and put into place. A previous policy of giving a bag to a child to be used only during the service then returning the bag as they leave has now been changed to: A child will receive a new bag to be used during service and then take their bag home with them. The new gift bags will contain new crayons, and a printed activity/coloring lesson that matches the current Sunday message. FYI: Four families with seven children received an Easter book, activity/coloring lesson and new crayons at our Easter Worship service.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance-Sunday high 110 people; Saturday in the 30's; a spike on Maundy Thursday of the 60's and Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast had a full Fellowship Hall

New Member: Traie Ward and Roland Feickert

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Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki

The board of stewardship will be hosting a luncheon to celebrate all the work of our volunteers this past year. This event will be held on April 7th after the worship service. All are invited to come and celebrate the hard workers. There will be no free will offering necessary as this is a gift to you from the church.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

23 Easter Baskets and the children were very delighted.
Free will to Viste for March was \$287.
April Free will is going to Central American Missions.
Pastor Munz is working on a grant for the Central American Missions.

Board of Communications: Kris Welch

MABE confirmed that they will be beginning work on the audio upgrade Monday morning. It should take 2-3 days. They will be at the church before 9am on Monday. I also want to thank Dawn Peters for the amazing work she's been doing on the website. Thank you so much!
Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

Minor repairs and maintenance.
Helped with baseball parking: 17 games - sold out with the exception of one evening game. 33 volunteers working approximately 3 hrs. per day. \$17,409.80 was collected. The funds will be distributed 50% to the church's general fund, 40% to a dedicated parking lot maintenance fund and 10% to charities. Charitable distribution will be \$435.00 each to Lighthouse, Senior Orphans, VISTE and Central American Mission.

Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard

No report given.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

Central American Missions May 2024



On April 13th I got the opportunity to talk about the mission to a group of women from LWML. It was an impromptu presentation, I was delighted for my first opportunity to talk in person about the Central American Mission to a group of people. It was a wonderful experience; thank you ladies.

Our surgical missions work with an army of volunteers. It takes a lot of work and coordination for our leaders to put a mission together. It is an all year round operation. Imagine the team getting there and one of our essential pieces of equipment is not working! That's what may happen with our instruments sterilizer. In Honduras, as in Guatemala, we have only one sterilizer to rely on. These sterilizers are old and often fail. Many times we manage to bring them back to service, but one of these days it will be our last chance.

Pastor Munz and Joyce managed to put together a grant application to the Lutheran Women Missionary League. Hopefully, CAM will get it and we will be able to replace an old sterilizer in one of these places. It is a miracle to keep this old equipment working. God will help us to succeed in our surgical missions. We are blessed to be able to help those who cannot help themselves. Keep up your support and prayers for this mission. Thank you Christ Lutheran.

Carlos Orellana



Donated medical supplies for Hospital San Benito Jose shipped by Christ Lutheran Church.

See more pictures on page 16



The assessment and planning of surgery.



Children born with omniotics bands if untreated; results in painful amputations



Carrying a child after surgery.



Dresses donated by Cathy Sterns from her sewing club in Lakeland.