

Psalm 32:7

# The Christogram

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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I will  
*instruct*  
you and  
*teach*  
you in the way  
you should go;

Psalm 32:8

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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.

**July 7**

**Elder** ..... George Czanko  
**Lector** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Joann Shepker  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

**July 14**

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** .....  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Kim Kaniecki  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**July 21**

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector** ..... Kim Kaniecki  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

**July 28**

**Elder** ..... Keith Kallstrom  
**Lector** .....  
**Greeters** ..... Bob and Cheryl Langanke  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Cheryl Erwin and  
Charlene Rosane

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

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo, Steve Rosane (7/13)  
**Lector** ..... Rick Smith/ Gerie Slaten/  
Carlos Orellana, Steve Rosane  
**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson



# Christ Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Trustee WD 9a	3 Pastor out of the office	4 Church Office Closed  INDEPENDENCE Day	5	6 5:30p Worship
7 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	8 Confirmation Class 8a - 2p Council Mtg @ 6:30p	9 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block @ 11a	10 Mary Martha Flower Making @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	11 Bible Study @ 10a	12	13 5:30p Worship
14 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	15 Confirmation Class 8a - 2p	16 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block @ 11a	17 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	18 Bible Study @ 10a	19	20 5:30p Worship
21 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg Endowment Fund Mtg	22 Confirmation Class 8a - 2p 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	23 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block @ 11a	24 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	25 Bible Study @ 10a	26	27 5:30p Worship
28 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	29 Confirmation Class Fun Day	30 Trustee WD 9a Adopt a Block @ 11a	31 Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	27 Bible Study @ 10a	28	29 5:30p Worship

**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



Arthur Walls.....	Jul 2
Jerry Swope .....	Jul 2
Gerald Frizzell .....	Jul 7
Beth Keating.....	Jul 8
Larry Nimetz.....	Jul 12
Nicki Davis.....	Jul 12
Allison Henning Terrell.....	Jul 14
Trevor Peterson.....	Jul 15
Vi Bertsch.....	Jul 17
Rose McLauchlin.....	Jul 18
Caleb Hazzard.....	Jul 18
Garrett C. Timmons.....	Jul 22
Donna Grant.....	Jul 23
Albert Whitehorn.....	Jul 23
Cindy Cavanaugh .....	Jul 28
Carol Ceaglske.....	Jul 30



Cheryl and Charles Erwin .....	Jul 4 (46 yrs.)
Christopher and Andrea Hazzard.....	Jul 15 (29 yrs.)
Carlos and Stacey Orellana.....	Jul 15 (29 yrs.)
Richard and Mary Heinz.....	Jul 18 (26 yrs.)
Kent and Dawn Kahre.....	Jul 22 (46 yrs.)
Brian and Wendy Rogers .....	Jul 24 (38 yrs.)



Thank you Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane for serving for the month of June. Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane will also serve for the month of July. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

## 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.

Manfred Yost.....	Jul 1
Jack Kersten .....	Jul 1
Eileen Hanson.....	Jul 1
Thomas Block.....	Jul 1
Daniel Zabel.....	Jul 2
Pat Mangum.....	Jul 3
Judi Rudolph.....	Jul 4
Joyce Munz .....	Jul 10
Donald Matter.....	Jul 10
Charlene Rosane .....	Jul 10
Bill Siedenstrang.....	Jul 10
Jon Lindstrom.....	Jul 13
Natalie Thiele.....	Jul 15
Beverly Roberge .....	Jul 16
Debbie Smith.....	Jul 18
Jerry Munz.....	Jul 22
Donald Rohrbach.....	Jul 25
Pat Calhoon.....	Jul 26
Sandra Booher .....	Jul 29

## **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.....*

### Compassion

In Mark 6, we read about Jesus' apostles returning, and Jesus' invitation to "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31 ESV). The crowds followed, and we are told that Jesus "...had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34 ESV). Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison writes on Jesus' compassion:

*Throughout Jesus' ministry, He had compassion on people with a variety of ailments, both physical and spiritual. The Greek word for "pity" or "compassion" is splachna, which refers to the bowels or the inner being of a person. Splachna refers to the deep ache and hurt that a person has for another person. Quite literally, your guts can hurt for another person. Jesus used this sort of expression to describe the compassion that the Lord God feels for His people. Jesus has compassion on people on whom no one else will. Jesus has compassion on people who do not deserve to be shown compassion – including you and me. Jesus' mercy begins with the forgiveness of sins and extends to the entire person. (Harrison, M., *Mercy in Action: Essays on Mercy, Human Care and Disaster Response*, p.11, LCMS:2015)*

St. John writes, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19 ESV). In the same way, we can feel compassion for others as God has first felt compassion on us. We live in a broken world of broken people living broken lives. Our old sinful self might tempt us towards judgmentalism: "those people need to do/act/be better." Yet the Christ in us looks at our neighbors with compassion. Viewing our neighbors with compassion (and everyone is our neighbor) and treating them according to the law of Christian love is not an act of weakness or compromise. Rather, to love our neighbors is an act of strength and honor. We look at broken people as Jesus looks at broken people: with the eyes of compassion, mercy, and grace.

Pastor Chris

I will be largely out of the office for a staycation July 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me in the event of a hospitalization or death. Otherwise, I will be happy to be of assistance on July 6<sup>th</sup> or the following week. Pastor Chris

Junior Confirmation class will be meeting Mondays, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for mini-camp style instruction. On Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, will be a "fun day" at a Florida entertainment attraction of the confirmands' choosing.

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An email we received from Lakeland Regional:

**June 10, 2024**

*Dear Community Clergy and Faith Group Leaders,*

*Lakeland Regional Health is dedicated to caring for the community and our patients. For nearly four decades, we have worked with local congregations to send notifications to assist with visiting and supporting members of their congregation who were in the hospital.*

*We appreciate the purpose behind these visits and helping communicate to a patient's spiritual community. However, after reviewing privacy policies and patient registration processes, Lakeland Regional Health **will discontinue sending the notifications** to local congregations **effective July 8, 2024.***

*To ensure that our patients have complete control of who is notified of their admission, the patient and/or their designee will be responsible for notifying their congregation if they choose to do so. Therefore, the hospital will no longer notify the congregation of their patients admitted to the hospital.*

*This ensures the hospitalization conversation is expressly between members and their congregation. Please communicate specific instructions to your members and their family members regarding hospitalization notifications....*

*Thank you for your continued support of our patients and their family members. We appreciate the important services that you provide to Lakeland Regional Health patients, their family members, and our community.*

*Thanks,*

*Brian Hurley MDiv, BCC*

*Director of Pastoral Services and Ethics*

*Chair Lakeland Regional Health Ethics Committee*

*Lakeland Regional Health*



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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.

## Fellowship

Christ Lutheran Church members would like to thank Belinda Freer and Violet Zabel for their years of faithful service in setting up and operating the Fellowship ministry. They are stepping down as coordinators and they left big shoes to fill! You are greatly appreciated!

### **We want YOU!**

Friends, we are gearing up for our coming year of Fellowship. These are light meals served after our Sunday service. We host these from the first Sunday in October through May. We must have enough volunteers for at least 6 teams in order to make this magic happen! We will need 6 Team Captains and each team needs to have 5-6 people on the team. Your team would serve every 6 weeks or so. We have three team leaders who are stepping down and so we definitely need everyone who is able to help out this important ministry. Not only does Fellowship provide an opportunity for us to have time to visit with each other, it gives us a place to invite visitors and newcomers to meet new friends with a warm welcome!

You aren't trying out for America's Top Chef? You don't bake? You don't cook? Our goodies are not required to be homemade! Publix or Sam's will do it for you! We just need for you to bring it, serve it and help clean up!

How to sign up, you ask? Just give us a call, a text or an email and we can give you all of the details!

We will have a table set up in the narthex during a couple of weeks in July and August for any questions as well! Thanks for your thoughtful consideration!

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Joyce Munz 863-937-6756 [jamunz@yahoo.com](mailto:jamunz@yahoo.com)





## MARY MARTHA



Mary Martha Group of the LWML is on hiatus for the summer. Our next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 4th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our quilters are also on hiatus for the summer.



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.

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.

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In His Service

Charlotte Mantz

## Saturday Bible Study

Due to people going on vacations during the summer months, Larry's Saturday Bible class "**Heaven and Earth**," has been suspended until August. Anyone wishing to continue with the **Bible Project classes** on U-Tube (free) can pick up where we left off, Session 10 "**The Beginning and Nothingness**," with Dr. Tim Mackie.

A new topic will be picked for August. Any suggestions on topics of interest to you, please contact Larry Nimetz.

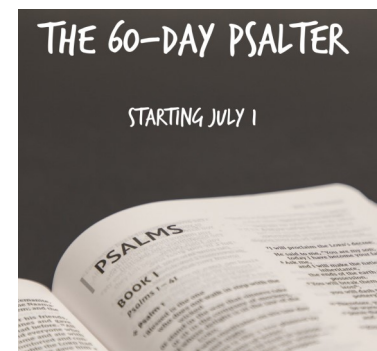
He can be reached by phone, 219-629-3953 or email [nimetz44@yahoo.com](mailto:nimetz44@yahoo.com).



## The 60-Day Psalter

Starting July 1

Please join us in the practice of praying the Psalter as part of our daily prayer and private devotional time. We will be following a 60-day cycle. There will be daily prompts posted on both Facebook and Instagram, if you follow us on either social media platform. A download of an introduction and the complete 60-day reading plan will be available on our church website starting June 26, or printed copies will be available on the tables as you enter the church beginning on June 22. We pray that spending this time in the 'prayer book of the Bible' will bless you and will be the beginning of a practice that you will repeat regularly.



## This Month in Communication

The Board of Communications has been busy the last couple of months, and are asking for some feedback. In May, we had an audio system redesign with the aim of improving the quality of sound in the sanctuary, as well as what goes out on our stream. Also, the website has received a lot of attention, thank you Dawn Peters, with the hope of making it easier to navigate and to find things.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with running the stream, video presentation, or the soundboard. We have built a pretty simple system that just takes some practice, so please don't let the technology scare you. All levels of experience are needed. If you have any questions or concerns or feedback, please reach out to Kris Welch at [communications@clclakeland.org](mailto:communications@clclakeland.org).

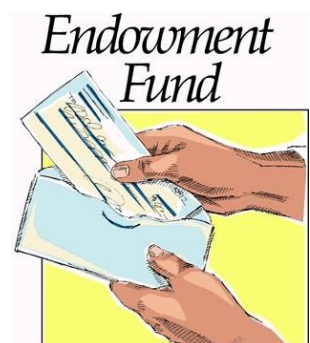


## Endowment Fund Committee Meeting

The Endowment Fund Committee will be having their next meeting on Sunday, July 21, 2024 following the worship service.

The meeting will be held in the Zoom Room, 1st door on the right in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the Committee.

Helen Borgwardt, Chairperson



## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, June 10, 2024



### **Treasure: Reported by Dawn Peters**

Treasure's report was incomplete.

### **Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard**

Out of the office the week of July 1-5 .

Confirmation Classes for the summer will done in a mini-camp style meeting on Mondays, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, will be a "fun day" at a Florida attraction.

### **President: John Freer**

Nothing to report

### **Vice President: Dawn Peters**

Website - Continuing to work on updates. Have added a "help needed" section to the homepage listing off the various roles we've mentioned need filled. Other updates are in various stages of behind the scenes progress.

Social Media - Keeping up with regular content on Facebook and Instagram.

Trying to keep a wide variety of content that will benefit and bless as many different people as possible.

60 Day Psalter Project - Getting prepped to launch this new series beginning July 1.

Pastor has already reviewed the Introduction and the 60-Day Psalter cycle to be used.

Making available in as many formats as possible. PDF available to download from the website from link on homepage; will make it a permanent part of the website under "Faith Formation". Daily prompts on both social media accounts. Printed handouts also available as you enter the church.

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**Christian Education: Rita Czanko**

Pastor is continuing to present object lessons for the children sermons.

Children attending worship service receive a gift bag with new crayons, a coloring book, 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. New portfolio packets will be placed in their mailboxes at the end of the month. I am thankful to the Lord for their dedication to praying.

**Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

Sundays run in the high 80's to 90's, Saturdays in the 30's. We are having more and younger visitors attending. The Altar Guild will be co-chaired by Dawn Peters and Charlene Rosane.

**Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

Nothing to report

**Board of Outreach: Blake Albright**

Nothing to report

**Board of Communications: Kris Welch**

Nothing to report

**Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier**

General maintenance done around the buildings. Exit lights replaced.

**Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard**

No report given.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox



 ADOPT-A-BLOCK LAKELAND

# Adopt-a-Block @ Christ Lutheran

BUILDING COMMUNITY. BLOCK BY BLOCK.

**TUESDAYS**  
**11:00AM-12:00PM**  
**2715 LAKELAND HILLS BLVD.**

*Your neighborhood needs you!*

*Find out how you can make a  
difference, today!*



## YOU ARE INVITED TO:

**SHARE:** Do you have items you would like to share with someone in your neighborhood? Drop off clothing, toys, home goods, hygiene items, non-perishable food, etc. Tuesdays between 11:00-12:00!

**RECEIVE:** Don't be shy! Stop by Tuesdays from 11:00-12:00 to pick up a new or gently used item from a neighbor!

**BREAK BREAD:** Tuesdays from 11:00-12:00, neighbors have an opportunity to simply get together and share a free meal. Why? Because neighborhoods are stronger, safer, and more enjoyable when we know one another!

*\*Please Note: Adopt-a-Block is on break the weeks of July 4th and Thanksgiving, and the last two weeks of the year.*

Join our Facebook group page:  
"Adopt-a-Block Lakeland: Christ Lutheran Church"





## Central American Missions July 2024



The next three to four months are going to be quiet for the Central American Mission (CAM). With the exception of August or September when we will hear from LWML about the grant allocation.

I said a quite time, but we will continue to collect items and send shipments to the orphanages in Comayagua. I do have a big enough shipment to make, but I am waiting to have more funds in our account. If you feel inclined to help this mission; deposit your donations in the offering plate, in an envelope marked for Central American Missions. Most of the items that I have right now are for the orphanages.

My next surgical mission isn't scheduled until January 2025. I continue to be in touch with other surgical groups and offered myself to cover for them in case of an emergency. Sometimes volunteers need to cancel their participation for various reasons.

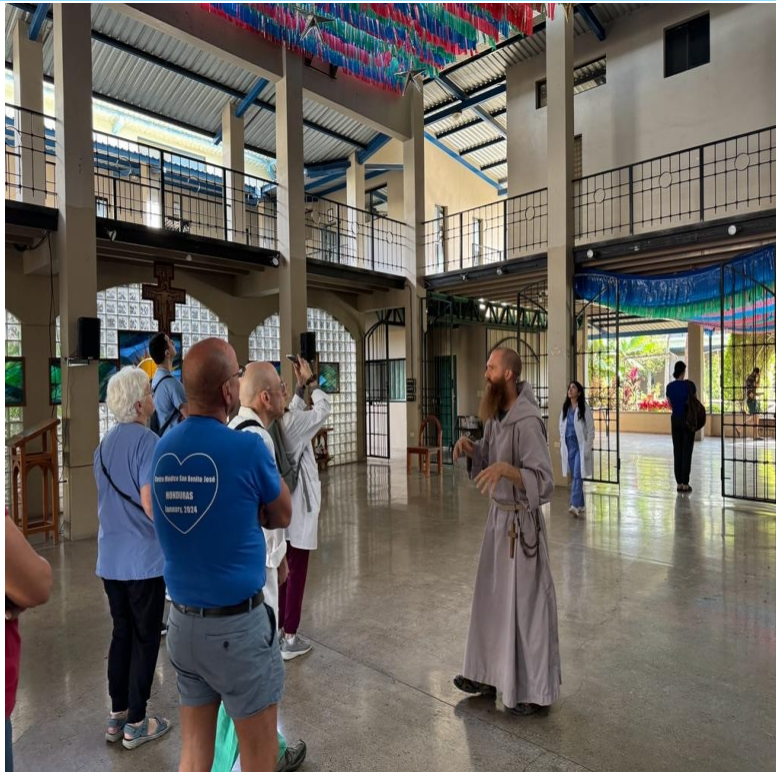


*Setting up for our week last January.*

Thank you Christ Lutheran for your support thus far. Keep us in your prayers; that we continue to be encouraged to help those who cannot help themselves.

*Carlos Orellana*

*See pictures on page 16*



*Casa Guadalupe, where the Friars lodge the patients and families that come from a distance.*



*This lady is coming with a non-union broken arm.*



*There is physical therapy after surgery. Another program supported by volunteers, but this program has to run all year round.*