

Psalm 119: 130-131

# The Christogram

The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.  
I open my mouth and pant,  
because I long for your commandments.

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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.

**August 4**

**Elder** ..... George Czanko  
**Lector** ..... George Czanko  
**Greeters** ..... Joann Shepker  
**Audio** ..... Kim Kaniecki  
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**August 11**

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** ..... Roland Feichert  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
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**August 18**

**Elder** ..... Keith Kallstrom  
**Lector** ..... Charlotte Mantz  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

**August 25**

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

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Debbie and Rick Smith

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

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo, Steve Rosane (8/10)  
**Lector** ..... Rick/Debbie 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	3	1	2	3
		Adopt a Block @ 11a	Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	Bible Study @ 10a		4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
4 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	5 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	6 Adopt a Block @ 11a	7 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	8 Bible Study @ 10a	9	10 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
11 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	12	13 Adopt a Block @ 11a	14 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	15 Bible Study @ 10a	16	17 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
18 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Congregational Meeting	19 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	20 Adopt a Block @ 11a	21 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	22 Bible Study @ 10a	23	24 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship
25 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg Stewardship Meeting	26	27 Adopt a Block @ 11a	28 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	29 Bible Study @ 10a	30	31 LWML Zone Rally 9-3 4p Bible Study 5:30p Worship

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



Rachel Thomas .....	Aug 1
Emma Block .....	Aug 3
Rick Smith .....	Aug 6
Judi Verbeke .....	Aug 10
Lee Crapo .....	Aug 12
Audrey Crapo .....	Aug 14
Michaela Farnsworth .....	Aug 18
Peggy Moran .....	Aug 24
Joan Kersten .....	Aug 24
Barbara Miller .....	Aug 24
Cathy Sterns .....	Aug 26
Dawn Kahre .....	Aug 27
Arleen Smith .....	Aug 28
Mary Vaughn .....	Aug 29
Jane Roy .....	Aug 31



Ray and Beth Keating .....	Aug 8 (37 yrs.)
Robert and Cheryl Langanke .....	Aug 10 (61 yrs.)
Tammy Raimondo and Daniel Raimondo .....	Aug 13 (8 yrs.)
Richard and Arleen Smith .....	Aug 14 (48 yrs.)
John and Belinda Freer .....	Aug 29 (44 yrs.)



Thank you Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane for serving for the month of July. Debbie and Rick Smith will serve for the month of August. 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.

- Trevor Peterson, .....Aug 1
- Delaney Peterson..... Aug 1
- Emma Block..... Aug 3
- Beth Keating ..... Aug 7
- Vi Bertsch ..... Aug 12
- Allison Henning Terrell ..... Aug 18
- Willie Siedenstrang..... Aug 21

**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.....*

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30, ESV)

Life can be exhausting. Anymore, it is not just the business of work, hobbies, or raising a family. Rather, paying attention to world events is exhausting. An article by Charlotte Huff on the American Psychological Association website entitled: “Media overload is hurting our mental health. Here are ways to manage headline stress.” lays out the issues involved. <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/11/strain-media-overload> Media saturation overload occurs as stressful pieces of information keep coming one after another, impacting our mental health. Humans don’t do well from a mental health perspective with a barrage of constant threats. We need to be able to retreat to safety to regroup. Headline stress can affect anyone. Psychologists suggest these strategies:

- Write down the stressful headline on paper, to slow processing.
- Turn off smartphone news notifications.
- Set the phone’s timer for 15 minutes at the start of checking social media to limit the amount of time engaged in it.
- Set a strict no-screens (including phones) policy for mealtimes.
- Add other daily tech-free periods where possible.
- Bind anxiety by taking some kind of action, perhaps donating to a cause, joining an aid group, or signing a petition.



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All these ideas are fine, but we as Christians have something much better. Jesus offers us to come to Him for rest. We can take His yoke and learn from Him. We can read the Bible. We can meditate on a Psalm. We can sing a hymn. We can pray. We can phone a Christian friend. There is no shame in setting healthy boundaries around media consumption, especially since much of it is a manipulative attempt to sell you a product or to get you to vote a certain way.

Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!” (ESV)

Pastor Chris

### **Save the date! September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Who: As many people from the congregation as possible

What: A Congregational Creative Event with Pastor John Glover of the LCEF. A light catered meal will be provided.

When: Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Fellowship Hall

Why: A committee has been looking at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that our congregation is experiencing. Based on our guiding statement, we are preparing a specific ministry plan that will guide our actions for the next three to five years. We would like your input and perceptions as we move forward. A set of questions has been prepared that will help focus our efforts as we move forward.

Looking for Christ Lutheran in social media? Check us out at our website: [www.clakeland.org](http://www.clakeland.org)  
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



### Don't Leave It Up to the Rocks!

Our church is currently reading its way through the book of Psalms. I was particularly drawn to chapter 19. In it David speaks of how “the heavens declare the glory of God”, of how “the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” He says “They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth.” The book of Luke tells us also, that “even the rocks would cry out” if man didn’t glorify God.

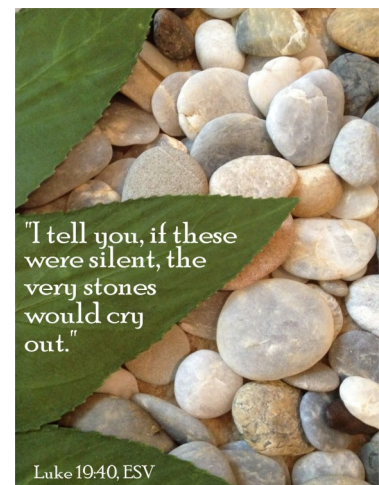
It causes me to wonder in what ways our church “cry out the glory of God”. Yes, we certainly see many areas that are accomplishing that. The Dream Center that assists the needy, the Adopt a Block program that seeks to reach out to our neighbors and share God’s good news, the quilts being made for many stressful situations people are encountering near and far, just to name a few.

The Board of Stewardship would like to encourage each member of Christ Lutheran Church to seek out ways in which they could “declare the glory of God” in their life by becoming active in various roles within the church. It’s common knowledge that approximately 20% of the people are doing 100% of the work in the church at large. Let’s break that misnomer here at CLC. Let us each find more and more ways to be the hands of God here and in our surrounding communities.

We challenge you to ask your Lord to show you ways in which you could best serve Him. Then with all the courage and joy you can muster up, step out in faith and act upon those insights and instincts given to you in answer to your prayer.

May this coming month reveal those wonderful and varied opportunities! And may you be blessed “pressed down and running over” as you yourself “proclaim the glory of the Lord” in your own lives!

In Christ,  
Kim Kaniecki  
Board of Stewardship





## MARY MARTHA



Mary Martha will host the LWML Winter Haven Zone in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 31 for the purpose of finishing up our decorations for the Florida/



Georgia District convention to be held in September. We will be meeting from 9 am -2 pm. We have several craft projects to complete on that date for us to transport to the convention in

Orlando. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend whether or not you regularly attend Mary Martha meetings! We will serve a light lunch that day with beverages. Please join us, if you are able! We have great fellowship and fun!

Mary Martha Guild is on hiatus for the summer. We will hold our first meeting for our new year on Sept 4 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend!

The Quilters are also on hiatus for the summer. Their date of return is to be determined.

Should anyone need to contact us, please feel free to contact Charlotte at 863-409-6270 or email at [clmantz@aol.com](mailto:clmantz@aol.com). Please feel free to text me. I will contact you back as soon as possible.

In His Service;

Charlotte Mantz

## Fellowship Hour

Christ Lutheran has a tradition of serving a light lunch that we call “Fellowship Hour,” from October 1 through the end of May each year. This is a great opportunity for us to mix and mingle and meet one another, catch up and visit and love one another!

During the next few weeks, we will be asking for those who are able to sign up for a team to serve on!

Each team serves approximately every 6 weeks. You will contribute to the meal, help set up and clean up afterwards. It’s a great way to meet others ! It’s really a lot of fun!

We will be setting up a table to recruit after services during the next few weeks, but please feel free to reach out should you wish to join a team!

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Joyce Munz: [jmunz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmunz@yahoo.com). 863-430-1130



I HAVE  
CHOSEN THE WAY  
*of faithfulness;*  
I HAVE  
SET MY HEART  
*on your laws.*

Psalm 119:30, NIV

**...A Very Present Help...** (Psalm 46:1)

Our lives are cluttered with rule books, but the authors never come with us to help us follow the rules. But God does. God not only provides the rules and guidelines, but comes with us personally each day to strengthen us so that we can live according to those rules. All we must do is respond to his direction.

“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.”

Psalm 119:33





Mary - Martha Guild presents Christ Lutheran Church 11th Annual Fall Bazaar that will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 8am-1 pm. Craft vendors, concessions, a bake sale will also be on site.

Proceeds will go to local missions

We are accepting vendors for this event.

Please contact Charlotte Mantz; [clmantz@aol.com](mailto:clmantz@aol.com) 863-409-6270  
or Joyce Munz: [jmunz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmunz@yahoo.com) 863-430-1130



## Don't Miss the Upcoming Election!

### August 20th

**Vote at Your Precinct -**  
Polls open 7 am - 7 pm on Election Day

**Vote at an Early Voting Location -**  
Vote at one of ten locations  
**August 10 - August 17**

**Vote by Mail -** request a mail ballot at  
534-5888 or by going to PolkElections.gov



**PolkElections.gov**

**(863) 534-5888**



## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, July 8, 2024



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

For the month of June, our actual performance is at a negative \$7,852, compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a positive \$2,770, compared to budgeted amounts. There was one noteworthy income item or increase in assets for June 2024. There were two noteworthy expense items or decreases in assets for June 2024.

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

Nothing to report due to his emergency absence.

### **President: John Freer**

The nomination committee has been formed to replace the council members that are leaving at the end of this year. If you are a present council member and planning to run for a council position next year please let us know. This will help the nomination committee try to find potential candidates to fill the vacant position.

Not much else is going on now.

We continue to see new visitors every Sunday.

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**Vice President: Dawn Peters**

60-Day Psalter Project: This project is underway. Seems to be getting a decent amount of interest. Have had to replenish the printed copies provided in the church and have received a couple of inquiries via email/text message.

Website- 60-Day Psalter has a button for “download” on the Homepage; will have a permanent dedicated page on the website under Faith Formation in the menu bar before it concludes.

Working on getting a dedicated page on the website for our partnership with the Dream Center, featuring both the Storehouse and Adopt-a-Block, probably under Our Church in the menu bar

**Christian Education: Rita Czanko**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

Attendance on Sundays in the 80’s and on Saturdays in the 20’s. This is typical for this time of year.

We continue to process applications for membership every month so far.

Nothing to follow.

**Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

Currently going through old and new Time and Talent sheets in search of areas of service to target individuals on.

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**Board of Outreach: Blake Albright**

Nothing to report due to his absences from surgery.

**Board of Communications: Kris Welch**

Nothing to report

**Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier**

Cleaned out the east retention pond, cleaned drains and re-sodded  
Continued general maintenance and inspections

**Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard**

No report given.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

## Central American Missions August 2024



I continue to ask for your prayers for the Central American Mission. The decision from LWML is getting closer. This is the application for a grant submitted by the Munz from our Church. With this grant our plan is to buy a couple of sterilizers. The ones that we have right now are reaching the end of their service. The sterilizers are crucial in our mission to perform our surgeries.

In Honduras and Guatemala we operate with donated equipment. These machines were already at the end of their service when they were donated, but by some miracle we have managed to make them work all these years.

The Friars at San Benito are doing a fund raiser the month of August. They are organizing a 5K run. The Friars live in a disadvantage area and they provide many different services to the community. They also have outreach programs to the communities in the mountains, and have programs for the youth, so they don't fall victims of gangs. The Friars have a giant operation in Comayagua, Honduras. There are only eight guys, but they have a tremendous impact in the communities they serve.

The Central American Mission needs your financial support if possible. I would like to start thinking about helping with donations for the orphanages for Christmas time. With small contributions; we can have something substantial when Christmas comes around.

May the Lord bless Christ Lutheran Church for their support to those who are in the most need.

Carlos Orellana



*I continue to receive pictures of dresses donated by Cathy Stern's sewing club*

*See more pictures on page 16*



*Our Canadian Podiatrist.*



*Inspiring to see young surgeons volunteering*



*Thirty thousand dollar portable X-ray machine. Donated by Findalgo Rotary Club from Washington state.*



*Portable X-ray machine. We have one in Honduras and another in Guatemala.*