

Psalm 104:33

# The Christogram

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

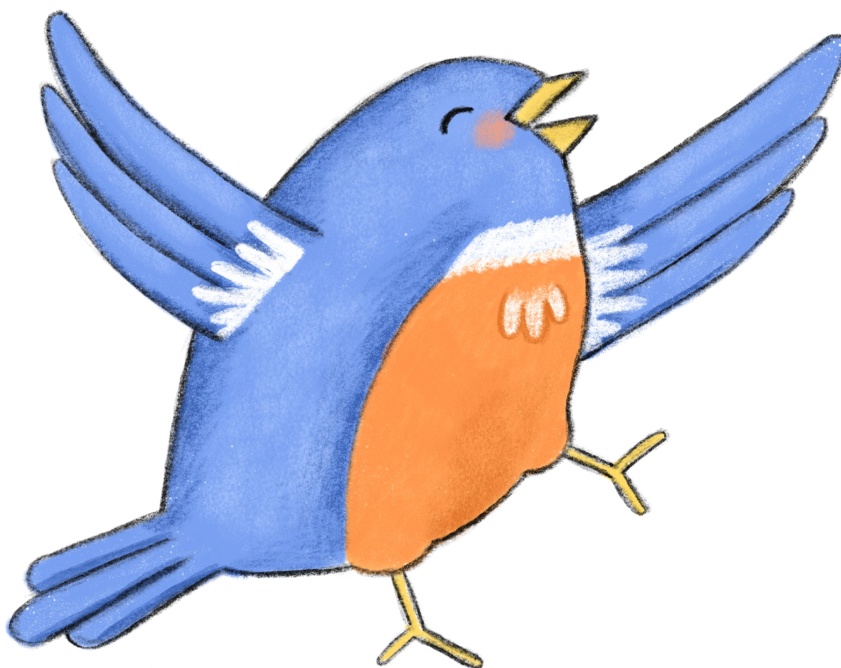
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May my meditation  
be pleasing to him

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for I rejoice in the Lord,

Psalm 104:34



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Serving in September

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George Czanko  
Keith Kallstrom  
Steve Rosane  
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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.

**September 1**

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

**September 8**

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector** ..... Roland Feickert  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Andrea Hazzard

**September 15**

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

**September 22**

**Elder** ..... Keith Kallstrom  
**Lector** ..... Kim Kaniecki  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**September 29**

**Elder** ..... Carlos Orellana  
**Lector** .....  
**Greeters** .....  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Josiah Hazzard  
GFX/Stream: Robin Fox

**ALTAR GUILD SERVICES**

Dawn Peters and Kim Kaniecki

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

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo, Steve Rosane (9/14)  
**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 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	2 Church Office Closed	3 Quilters @ 10a Adopt a Block @ 11a	4 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p	5 Bible Study @ 10a Nominating Com. mtg @ 1 pm	6	7 5:30p Worship
8 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	9 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	10 Quilters @ 10a Adopt a Block @ 11a	11 Mary Martha mtg @ 9a Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p	12 Bible Study @ 10a Civitan Mtg @ Noon	13 LWML Convention -----	14 5:30p Worship
15 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg -----	16 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	17 Quilters @ 10a Adopt a Block @ 11a	18 Trustee WD 9a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf. @ 7p	19 Bible Study @ 10a Congregational LCEF Event @ 6	20	21 5:30p Worship
22 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Stewardship Meeting	23 FL/GA District Pastors Conference	24 Quilters @ 10a Adopt a Block @ 11a	25 Trustee WD 9a NO Priv. Com NO Jr. Conf.	26 NO Bible Study Florida State	27 African Violet	28 5:30p Worship Show @ CLC
29 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	30					

***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



**SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

Charles Henning .....	Sep 4
Betty Davenport.....	Sep 11
Helen Gavin .....	Sep 13
John Freer.....	Sep 14
Tom Funtsch.....	Sep 16
Traie Ward.....	Sep 17
Michael Thomas.....	Sep 17
Martha Bolton.....	Sep 23
Sylvia Willis .....	Sep 23
Keith Kallstrom .....	Sep 25
Lorie Bielec.....	Sep 25



**SEPTEMBER Anniversaries**

George and Rita Czanko .....	Sep 1, (50 yrs.)
Dawn Peters and Troy Peters .....	Sep 29, (12 yrs.)



Thank you Debbie and Rick Smith for serving for the month of August. Dawn Peters and Kim Kaniecki will serve for the month of September. 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.

- Cathy Sterns..... Sep 1
- Janice Newman..... Sep 2
- Jonathan Keating ..... Sep 9
- Cheryl Erwin ..... Sep 10
- Cindy Cavanaugh..... Sep 20
- Donna Grant ..... Sep 21
- Sandra Spanier..... Sep 24
- Barbara Miller ..... Sep 28

### **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.....*

### **Stand Firm, or Let Go and Let God?**

Ecclesiastes 3:1–3, 7--8

[1] For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

[2] a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

[3] a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

[7] a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

[8] a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace. (ESV)

Solomon affirms that there is a time for everything. The difficulty is that we are not always privy to what time it is. Do we stay in a broken marriage knowing that God can heal it, or do we leave for the sake of the physical and emotional safety of ourselves and our kids? Do we dig our heels in with a family member who engages in overt activities that are clearly sinful, or do we ignore the sin that is hurting them for the sake of maintaining the relationship and peace, or find some middle ground? These are tricky questions, and different people will be led to different conclusions. Dr. Henry Cloud gives us some wisdom in his book *Necessary Endings*, “What reason is there to have hope that tomorrow is going to be different? (The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior) What in this picture is changing that I can believe in? The difference between hoping and wishing is that hope comes from real, objective reasons that the future is going to be different from the past. Anything other than that is simply a wish that comes from your desires.” We all have desires to see the world transformed into a Godlier, loving place. We have desires for happy endings, where those close to us don’t get hurt. Our wishful thinking isn’t necessarily God’s will. So, rooted in the counsel of God’s Word, we pray for the promptings of the Spirit to give us discernment. Leslie Vernick writes, “I don’t think Jesus hoped that Judas would change.... I don’t think that David hoped Saul would change after repeated lies and false promises. Each of them lived in reality and truth, not in wishful thinking or false hope.” May the Lord grant each of us the wisdom to know when to stand firm, and when to let go.

Pastor Chris

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### **Congregational Creative Event 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. The Dream Center of Lakeland will provide the meal, and give us an adopt-a-block experience just for the members of our congregation.

**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.

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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



### Time, Talents and Treasures

In the book of Mark, chapter 12, Jesus tells the story of a woman who gave two small copper coins that were worth less than a penny. It was all she had to give and she needed that money to live on. "...she gave more than all those rich people," he tells us.

Exodus tells us how Moses, who stuttered, didn't think he was capable of being God's spokesperson. But God knew better. He knew that Moses could do the job He required of him.

So often we tell ourselves that we don't have the time, or the ability or the money to do the things we know in our heart God is asking us to do. But all too infrequently, we realize that if we step forward in faith, God surprisingly finds a way to use what we have in order to accomplish His will.

This fall we will again be voting for council members to lead our church. There are several vacancies needing filled. Those that are stepping down are doing so for various reasons such as health issues, family obligations and yes, even burnout (or trying to avoid burnout).

This is a critical time for our church. Leaders are needed to help move us into a new year of growth and action. Sometimes it is 'new blood' that is what an organization needs. Fresh eyes and new ideas.

We are asking each of our members to examine their hearts and ask themselves how they can serve God here at Christ Lutheran. No matter how small or assuming you may think you are, I assure you, you can do more than you think you can!

Our time, talents and treasures are how we show God how thankful we are for His blessings and provisions in our lives. How will you use yours? Step out in faith! Be bold! You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you!

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 will hold our first meeting of our fiscal year on Wednesday, Sept 4, at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting was moved up by one week due to our upcoming convention the following week. Mary Martha normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September thru May. All ladies of our congregation are welcome to come! Do not hesitate to call Charlotte with any questions you may have.

Mary Martha is excited to start a new year with several events on the horizon. Please take note of the Church Bazaar on November 16 and LWML Sunday on October 6!

In His Service;

Charlotte Mantz, President  
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## LWML Sunday

Mary Martha will be celebrating LWML Sunday on Sunday, October 6th.

We will also serve our first fellowship meal of the fall.



READY TO  
*serve*

••••• LUKE 1:38 •••••

 **Lutheran Women**  
in Mission SUNDAY

# Lutherans For Life

## 2024 Southeast Regional Conference

November 9, 2024

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
16173 Marsh Rd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787



### LIFE SHINES IN DARKNESS

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
has not overcome it. John 1:4-5

To register or for additional conference  
Information visit  
[LutheransforLife.org/conferences](http://LutheransforLife.org/conferences)



### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We are starting a Civitan Club in Lakeland! Civitan is the only service organization dedicated to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We offer people the opportunity to serve their communities and make the world a better place. Come join like minded people to see how YOU can impact our world!



**Thursday, September 12 / Noon**

**lunch provided**

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Enter from Granada St.**

#### GUEST SPEAKER

**Dale Rhodes**

**The Gathering Place**

**Questions?**

**WENDY ROGERS**

**TEXT 517-403-3318**

**Lakelandcivitanclub@gmail.com**

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# Christ LUTHERAN CHURCH



## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH

### 8AM - 1PM



FALL

BAZAAR

## CRAFTS

## BAKE SALE

## door prizes

## gifts



## FALL & CHRISTMAS ITEMS



## YUMMY

# concessions

PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

SEVERAL SIDES

## brats

## TREATS



PROFITS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITY



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## Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell

By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, August 12, 2024



### **Treasure Report:**

For the month of July, our actual performance is at a negative , compared to the budgeted amounts. For YTD, our actual performance is at a negative , compared to budgeted amounts. There was one noteworthy income item or increase in assets and two noteworthy expense items or decreases in assets.

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

Death: Don Matter (no service planned)

Upcoming dates:

August 24th and 25th, I'll be out of town to attend to obligations concerning my mother-in-law's estate.

August 31st and September 1st: Pastor Stephen Wiesenaur will present about Free Burma Rangers instead of a sermon. He will also present during the Bible study hour.

September 19th, LCEF planning congregational event

September 23rd—25th: District Pastors Conference in Daytona Beach

October 27th: Circuit Reformation Service in Zephyrhills.

Thanks for the support and condolences at my mother-in-law's death. Andrea and I appreciate the support. Andrea is executor of the will, and occasional trips to Maryland will be needed as part of those duties.

The LCMS National Youth Gathering is next Summer. I suggest that we participate. I would be very open to someone else taking the lead in organizing the trip.

Thank you to those who are making Adopt-a-block a success.

### **President: John Freer**

The Nomination Committee has been working hard to fill the vacant council positions.

The five vacant positions are President, Christian Education, Stewardship, Outreach and Youth chairpersons.

If you know anyone that would meet the requirements for a position, please let me know or one of the nomination committee members.

We are having issues with the Fellowship Hall roof. It is leaking. Trustee Chairperson will give additional update.

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We continue to see new visitors, and some are joining our church family, please keep welcoming visitors. We have had numerous comments from visitors and new members regarding how welcome they felt from the members of our church.

**Vice President: Dawn Peters**

Comprehensive list of who is responsible for approving what and what items belong under which expense account.

**Christian Education: Rita Czanko**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana**

Sunday attendance is in the 80's and Saturday attendance has been in the 20's. This is typical for this time of year.

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

Steve Rosane has stepped up to be the head usher.

**Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki**

Nothing to report

**Board of Outreach: Blake Albright**

Nothing to report.

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### **Board of Communications: Kris Welch**

Hooking up a UPS to protect the network.

### **Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier**

Working on Fellowship roof problem, filing a claim for warranty coverage.

Checking out two small leaks in the sanctuary.

Replaced battery in one AED and waiting for replacement pads for the second.

Updated the water filtration systems in the kitchen, ice maker and water fountain in the sanctuary.

Recoded the door keypads and repaired one broken lock.

Repaired one electrical outlet and added a new outdoor electrical outlet.

Purchased new indoor/outdoor rugs for several entrances.

Cleaned out east retention pond, reopened drain lines and replaced sod.

Cleared the gutters, flushed the down spouts and drain lines.

I want to thank all who helped with these projects.

### **Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard**

The Youth went to the Zoo.

### **New Business:**

Charlene Rosane, Pat Wiesenauer, Lee Crapo, Pastor Block, Cheryl Erwin are the nomination committee. Motion to approve Emma Block, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Spanier.

Motion to approve Karen Crickenberger as treasurer by Emma Block and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Spanier.

All approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

## Central American Missions September 2024



The Central American Mission is involved in other programs in San Benito José. One of them is the outreach program to the mountains. This program is run by the Friars through grants. As you may see in the pictures; some families live in precarious situations. At the present time, the Friars are focused on assessing the health situation of the people in the mountains. Some of your donations have reached these people who need our help.

Please continue with your help for the Central American Mission and in return; we will make sure that it goes to those who need it the most.

Christ Lutheran, thank you for helping your neighbor and keep us in your prayers

*Carlos Orellana*

*This was a couple years ago;  
going up to the mountains  
with Hector. He manages  
the program.*



See more pictures on page 16

*This is the home for this family. Unfortunately we discovered that they have some serious health issues. This was also one of the most remote areas.*

*The Friars also have some medical students doing their residency program at San Benito José.*



*Some years ago; we were preparing the building for a medical mission arrival.*