Psalm 69:34

The Christogram

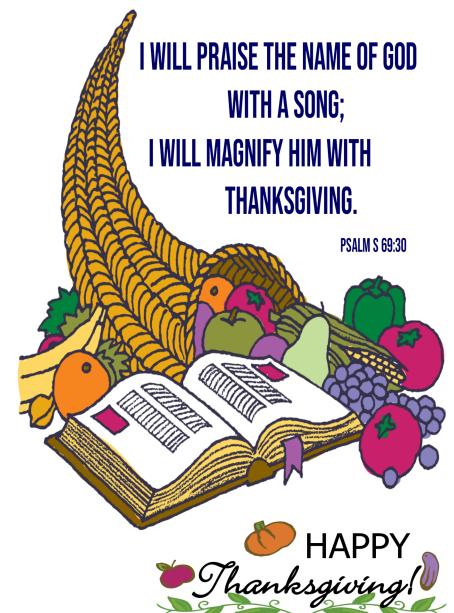
Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

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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.

November 3

Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	
Greeters	Joann Shepker
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Video	Video TD:
	GFX/Stream:

November 10

Elder	Lee Crapo
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Audio	
	Video TD:
	GFX/Stream:

November 17

	Steve Rosane
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeters	John T. Doherty, Jr.
Audio	
Video	Video TD:
	GFX/Stream:

November 24

Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	Roland Feickert
Greeters	Bob and Cheryl Langanke
Video	Video TD:
	GFX/Stream:

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve

Elder Carlos Orellana

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder	Lee Crapo, Dave Wacker (11/9)
Lector	Debbie Smith/ Gerie Slaten/
	Carlos Orellana, Steve Rosane
Audiol	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						5:30p Worship
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	4	5 Adopt a Block @ 11a Outreach @ 5:30p	6 Trustee WD 9a Mary Martha mtg @ 9:30a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	7 Bible Study @ 10a	8	9 LWML Winter Haven Zone Fa Rally @ Grace Winter Haven
Altar Guild Mtg		Jr. Confirmation	Choir @ 7p			5:30p Worship
10 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Adopt a Block @ 11a Jr. Confirmation	13 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p	14 Bible Study @ 10a	15	16 Fall Craft Fair 8 Bazaar 8-1 5:30p Worship
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8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	18 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Adopt a Block @ 11a	20 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com.	21 Bible Study @ 10a	22	23
Communication Board Mtg Church Potluck Congregational Meeting		Jr. Confirmation	1:30 - 2:30p Choir @ 7p			5:30p Worship
24 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	25	26 NO Adopt a Block	27 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a	28 Church Office Closed	29	30
Stewardship Meeting		No Jr. Confirma- tion	Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Thanksgiving Service @ 6:30 p	Thanksgiving Day		5:30p Worship

Bulletin announcements are due each Tuesday by 9:00 a.m.

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The Infirmed and Mike Coates..... Nov 1 Yvonne Case...... Nov 1 The Homebound Tammy Raimondo..... Nov 3 Remember to keep these people in your daily prayers. Christopher Bell..... Nov 4 Violet Zabel..... Nov 6 Vi Bertsch Carolyn Calendar Ronald Roy..... Nov 6 Dale Campbell **Betty Coombs** Diana Moilanen..... Nov 7 **Betty Costine** Ives Whitehorn Nov 10 Joanne Ditton Jo Ann Ditton Nov 12 Donita Duncan Frank Decker Nov 16 **Gerald Frizzell** Rosie Fyffe Diane Bickart Nov 17 Helen Gavin Carolyn Calender Nov 19 Donna Grant Nancy Funtsch Nov 24 Pam Hanson Richard Heinz..... Nov 24 **Bob Kossel** Fran Klug Tony Douches...... Nov 25 Sally Martel Lynn Newman...... Nov 26 Nancy Matter Andrea Hazzard...... Nov 29 Rose McLauchlin Fran Murphy



Mike and Donna Coates Nov 2	2 (39 yrs.)
Steve and Pam West Nov 14	1 (54 yrs.)
Mark and Carol Stuckert Nov 18	3 (52 yrs.)



Thank you Gwen Snook and Helen Borgwardt for serving for the month of October. Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams will serve for the month of November. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church.

If you are a member or an associate member, and your information is missing or incorrect, please notify the church office.

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Joanna Perlewitz Jerry Poole

Don Rohrbach Paul Schierschwitz Natalie Thiele Norma Tipton Amy Wilson Fred and Marlene Yost

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 <u>[name]</u> continually by Your Word and Spirit that <u>[he/she]</u> may faithfully keep the covenant into which <u>[he/she]</u> has been called, boldly confess <u>[his/her]</u> Savior, and finally share with all Your saints the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Charles HenningNov 1
Patricia Hurd Nov 3
Michaela FarnsworthNov 4
Jerry Swope Nov 10
Rachel Thomas Nov 10
Saundi Hoffman Nov 14
Steve Calhoon Nov 17
Peggy Moran Nov 20
Rick SmithNov 20
Mark Stuckert Nov 22
Karen Crickenberger Nov 23
Donna Racer Nov 24
Paulette Nunez Nov 25
Lorie BielecNov 26

First year Anniversary as Member of Christ Lutheran Church

Mary Vaughn, Nov. 27

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 goodspaper 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 bottles, and unopened bottles of pill 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.....

Christ the King

[33] So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" [34] Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" [35] Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" [36] Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." [37] Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:33–37 ESV).

We will celebrate the last Sunday of the church year on November 24th. The Gospel lessons for most of November focus on the return of Christ on the Last Day. We live in the hope that Jesus will return riding on the clouds of glory to restore creation to perfection. We will be given glorified bodies and will no longer be enslaved to sin and its consequences. We will know only good. The last Sunday of the church year is called the "Sunday of Fulfillment," or "Christ the King Sunday." We confess that Jesus is the righteous sovereign who rules over all creation in love. When He discussed the nature of his reign with the worldly sovereign, Pontius Pilate, Jesus affirmed that His kingdom was not of this world. Jesus did not kick out the Romans. Jesus did not establish a theocracy where the Apostles were in charge. Rather, the church, the body of Christ, is "to bear witness to the truth." "…it is clear that His kingdom is not of this world but centered on His voluntary cross and Passion…. Jesus the King upsets all expectations and reigns from the throne of the cross" (LSB Companion to the Services, p.263). May we all look to Jesus as he reveals himself in the weakness of the cross, and not look for God's kingdom to emerge as a system of governance this side of heaven. Jesus is bigger than any earthly political system.

Pastor Chris

As a side note: Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation Month gifts. I appreciate your appreciation!





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Stewardship



We, once again, turn our attention to the use of our time, talents and treasures. It's been obvious lately, due to the storms that have hit our area, that people do indeed step up to help others with their time, talents and treasures. This is what our Lord expects of us. To show others our love by helping them. This mindset should be with us year-round. For many it is. And that's a good thing! Thank you to all those that have stepped up to help those in need. Whether it be with donations to the needy or hands-on labor, everything is greatly appreciated here in the church and outside the church grounds too.

Also appreciated is our Pastor! We recently celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day/Month in October. We hope that you found a way to show Pastor Hazzard and his family how much he is appreciated. This doesn't need to be confined to just October though! Please find ways to show him, year-round, how much he and his family are appreciated here at Christ Lutheran Church. Between his duties as our shepherd, the work his family does with the video streaming, the audio and the choir service, they all truly bless our congregation in many ways!

We hope and pray that you all will be blessed as you have been a blessing to others! Serve the Lord and serve others!

In Christ,

Kim Kaniecki



ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Sunday, November 3rd

After Service



There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, in the church, immediately following the service. All current Altar Guild members are encouraged to attend. If anyone is interested in learning more about serving on the Altar Guild, please join us for this meeting as well, to ask questions and see if this is a place you feel called to serve.

MARY MARTHA



Mary/ Martha hosted our LWML Sunday service on October 6, and the first Fellowship Luncheon of the year. We would like to thank Thrivent for the grant enabling us to serve Southern Fried Chicken and cake!

Our next monthly meeting will be held on November 6 @ 9:30 am. This was moved due to preparations for our upcoming Fall Bazaar on November 16. Please take note of the change in date.

We will be holding our fall bazaar on November 16! We ask that each and every member of our congregation attend the bazaar and bring your neighbors with you! In addition, if you are on any social media platform, please share the poster found on the Church FB page on your own personal account and invite others to share as well! We have some great vendors including our very own member/ Ray Keating, author of The Pastor Stephen Grant novels, information for the new Civitan club that meets here at Christ! Tupperware, Avon, the Tiki boutique, Mary Kay, artisan desserts, cottage foods, wood burning, cards, lots of jewelry, towels, Christmas craft, quilts by our world famous quilters!

We will be serving concessions- our delicious hot dog fare that we have for baseball!

And....a bake sale! Baked goods by our very own Lutheran Women in Mission Mary Martha's!

The hurricanes put us a little behind, so we need all hands on deck to advertise and bring folks in!

Thank you so much for supporting us!

In His Service;

Charlotte Mantz



LWML

The LWML Winter Haven Zone Rally will be held on Saturday, November 9th, at Grace Lutheran, Winter Haven at 9 am! The theme for the rally is "On Eagles Wings", Isaiah 30:31.

Our Gifts from the Heart will be for the Hope House in Bartow! The Hope house is a newly opened Maternity home for young women in crises to raise their baby and receive life changing mentoring to help them in their journey! This home is the renovated historical home where the movie " My Girl," was filmed.

I will be posting a written list of their needs and place a box for gifts for the home in the next week. Meanwhile, you can visit their Amazon wish lists posted here.

https://www.babylist.com/list/hope-house-registry

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QNCRB7T4CFMJ?ref =wl share

Please see Charlotte or text to 863-409- 6270 for more information.

Blessings,

Charlotte Mantz





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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





Don't Miss the Upcoming Election! November 5th

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 October 21 – November 3

Vote by Mail - request a mail ballot at



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Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting in a Nutshell By Robin Fox, Council Secretary, October 14, 2024

Treasure Report:

For the month of September, 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 no noteworthy income item or increase in assets for August 2024. There was no noteworthy income item or increase in assets and no noteworthy expense items or decreases in assets.

<u>Financial: Emma Block</u>

No report due to computer issues

Pastor Report: Pastor Christopher Hazzard

Upcoming dates:

Monday, October 21st: George Czanko's Funeral was @ 12:00, Visitation @ 11 am. Sunday, October 27th: Circuit Reformation Service in Zephyrhills.

(Circuit forum preceding)

Wednesday, November 26th: Thanksgiving eve service 6:30

Sunday, December 1st: 1st Sunday in Advent

Notes:

Hurricane response debrief.

Onsolve Communication: gift from a congregant.

Junior Confirmation is now scheduled Tuesdays from 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

We have been invited to participate in FLGA District's Rev. 7:9 project, 2nd revision.

The Dream Center would like to partner with us to use the former playground as a community garden.

Pastor Rolly Feickert will be liturgist and preaching on Saturday, October 26th, and preaching on Sunday, October 27th.

President: John Freer

The nomination committee has completed their task of filling the church council positions. We have nominees for all positions except Youth.

I would like to thank everyone that helped fill these positions. Dawn will have the list of the names and positions for the ballot. Kris made the motion to approve the ballot and 2nd Kim Kaniecki. All approved.

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Vice President: Dawn Peters

Copy of insurance policy to review by all.

Brought a couple of Altar Guild needs to Carlos for the Elders to consider in the relatively near future:

A banner that goes with our "standard" white paraments rather than making do with using the one for Easter.

Candles on the candelabra that flank the cross are getting close to needing replacement.

Christian Education: Rita Czanko

Nothing to report Rita resigned from Council as of October 1, 2024.

Board of Elders: Carlos Orellana

Attendance is pretty close to it's usual for this time of year. 80-90 on Sunday; 20-30 on Saturday.

One new member.

<u>Stewardship: Kim Kaniecki</u>

The Board of Stewardship will be distributing the Gift of Treasure sheets to the congregation at the end of October. The Time and Talent sheets will not be distributed due to lack of participation in past attempts.

Board of Outreach: Blake Albright

Nothing new to report. Same as last month

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Board of Communications: Kris Welch

Nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Report: Sandy Spanier

The one emergency light was replaced in the Fellowship Hall. The tile under the lift was completed. Monitored retention pond levels during recent rain and storms. Pastor Laster wants to increase to two services on Sunday at 1 pm and 7 pm. Sandy made the motion to approve two services on Sunday's at 1 and 7 pm for Restoration Life Center COGIC, 2nd by Kris Welch. All approved.

Youth Board: Pastor Hazzard

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

The motion to approve the fundraiser for the Endowment Fund for November 9-10, 2024 was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Fox

Central American Missions November 2024



Our thanks to God; the storm has passed and the damages are things that we can repair or replace. We continue to worship God with the comfort that we have always enjoyed.

Our surgical group is also getting ready for our first mission of 2025. This will be in the second half of this coming January. This coming Thursday, October 24th; I will be going down to Miami to make a shipment of medical supplies and items for the orphanages.

The balance in the Central American Mission is very low to cover the expenses. Any size donation will certainly help. Please mark your donation in an envelope for Central American Mission and place it in the offering plate.

For the last three years we have made a financial contribution to the Friars, the orphanages, and the house for the elderly to celebrate Christmas. May God help us this year so that we can continue to help them to have a small celebration for Christmas.

Thank you Christ Lutheran for your support to the Central American Mission. May God bless us all.

Carlos Orellana



Guatemala March 2024 Our little patients in Guatemala



