

Psalm 37:3

The Christogram

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land
and befriend faithfulness.

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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.

Serving in May**May 4**

Elder Dave Wacker
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeters
Audio Kim Kaniecki
Video Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
 GFX: Roland Fieckert

May 11

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector Charlotte Mantz
Greeters
Audio Judi Rudolph
Video Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
 GFX: Andrea Hazzard

May 18

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector Carlos Orellana
Greeters
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
 GFX: Cheryl Erwin

May 25

Elder Dave Wacker
Lector
Greeters
Audio Maria Hazzard
Video Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
 GFX: Robin Fox

ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Debbie & Rick Smith and Rita Czanko

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Steve Rosane (5/3), Dave Wacker (5/10)
 Carlos Orellana (5/17), Carlos Orellana (5/24),
 Keith Kallstrom (5/31)

Lector Debbie Smith/ Gerie Slaten/
 Carlos Orellana, Steve Rosane



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study @ 10a	2	3 5:30p Worship
4 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	5	6 Adopt a Block @ 11a Grief Share @ 1 pm Outreach @ 5:30p	7 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf @ 5:15	8 Bible Study @ 10a	9	10 5:30p Worship
11 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	12 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	13 Adopt a Block @ 11a Grief Share @ 1 pm	14 Trustee WD 9a Mary Martha mtg @ 9:30a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf @ 5:15	15 Bible Study @ 10a	16	17 5:30p Worship
18 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Congregational Meeting	19 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	20 Adopt a Block @ 11a Grief Share @ 1 pm	21 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p Jr. Conf @ 5:15	22 Bible Study @ 10a	23	24 5:30p Worship
25 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Meeting Church Potluck	26	27 Adopt a Block @ 11a	28 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	29	30	31 Memorial Svc: Pam West 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.*

Carolyn Calendar
Betty Coombs
Joanne Ditton
Donita Duncan
Gerald Frizzell
Rosie Fyffe
Helen Gavin
Donna Grant
Pam Hanson
Bob Kossel
Fran Klug
Sally Martel
Nancy Matter
Rose McLauchlin
Fran Murphy
Don Rohrbach
Paul Schierschwitz
Natalie Thiele
Norma Tipton
Amy Wilson
Fred and Marlene Yost



Lora Wacker	May 2
Cheryl Erwin	May 5
Christopher Hazzard	May 9
Jerold Munz	May 10
Logan Peterson	May 15
Gerie Slaten	May 16
Pat Calhoon	May 17
David Booher	May 18
Sawyer Timmons	May 18
David Wacker	May 18
Donna Townsend	May 19
Sandra Spanier	May 23
Marlene Yost	May 25
Allison Gillespie	May 25
Bill Siedenstrang	May 26
Judi Rudolph	May 27
Debbie Smith	May 28
Eileen Hanson	May 29



James and Carol Kloha	May 8 (20 yrs)
Steve and Charlene Rosane	May 10 (56 yrs)
Gerard and Peggy Moran	May 15 (26 yrs)
Amanda and Keith Peterson	May 27 (24 yrs)
Alfred and Barbara Miller	May 29 (49 yrs)
David and Sandra Booher	May 30 (38 yrs)



Thank you Dawn Peters, Gwen Snook and Jonelle Butler for serving for the month of April. Debbie & Rick Smith and Rita Czanko will serve for the month of May. Thank you for your service to the Lord and Christ Lutheran Church. Are you interested in serving on an Altar Guild monthly team? Please contact Dawn Peters.

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.

Kent Kahre	May 1
Taniqua Jackson.....	May 1
Henry Veal	May 1
Janet Beyer	May 5
Janette Williams	May 8
Diana Moilanen	May 12
Cheryl Langanke.....	May 13
Garrett C. Timmons.....	May 15
Joan Kersten.....	May 16
Robin Fox	May 19
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

First year Anniversary as Member of Christ Lutheran Church

David and Sandra Booher May 6
Steve and Pat Calhoon May 6

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.....

New Bible Study Starting Sunday April 27th at 8:30 a.m.

Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency

(Complete with all 5 sessions)

Starting Sunday April 27th at 8:30 a.m.

Or Thursday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. (in-person and Zoom)



By: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When we share Jesus with others, we're eager-urgent even-to speak the Good News. However, we do understand the need for patience in how others receive the Gospel in their lives. In Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency, we will learn via Mark's Gospel about a map, a means, and a model for having healthy spiritual conversations with others.

God's kingdom comes into the world in a variety of ways. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus relates by metaphor how it might be a net thrown, a seed sown, a light shown, or even with a burglar's sudden intrusion. The means by which it comes is God's Word. It alone works the transformation in the hearts of His disciples and those they speak the Gospel to.

Naturally, Christians experience a patient urgency to make Jesus known. But it takes time to build trust with others, and venturing into these kinds of deeper conversations isn't easy. This is where we lean on God to shape our lives and our words to make us authentic representatives of Christ. He will guide our conversations and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, draw others unto Himself in faith.

Pastor Chris

STEWARDSHIP

I can't thank everyone enough for attending our Volunteer Appreciation lunchand of course, my kitchen helpers! We had approximately 70 in attendance.

Now that our Holy week has passed I will be concentrating more on member's pictures for our on-line directory.

Today's Bible verse started with this "Let us acknowledge the Lord" ...enough said, so I will end with this as well. Sending prayers to you all!

Lora Wacker

Welcome To Our New CLC Secretary - Ellen Mocarski

Ellen is originally from the King of Prussia, PA area, having moved to Cape Coral, FL in 2004, to help care for her parents.

She has worked in both the medical and resort industry, and enjoys helping others.

Ellen's family roots and history are based in Poland, where extended family still lives.

She has one son, Dan and two daughters, Amber and Becky, as well as three sisters and one brother, all who live in other parts of the country, and overseas.

Ellen enjoys crocheting & other crafts; cooking & baking, DIYing, music, animals, thrifting and being active.



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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.

A Word from the President

Here we are going into Spring again. It's a nice time of the year for us usually. The weather is mild most of the time, random rain showers and pleasant sunny days. All this makes our gardens grow with pretty flowers and, sadly, also with weeds. Weeds can be the bane of any gardener's existence.

I was working in my garden one day and it occurred to me that some of the weeds seemed much more difficult to pull up. It was apparent that the roots of these plants were much longer and deeper than the other plants around them. It got me thinking about what we as Christians are rooted in and how deeply we are rooted in it.

In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul speaks of being rooted and built up in Christ. This is such a key idea for our faith-walk through this life. Some people are easily emotionally swayed to and fro with the curveballs that life can throw at them. While others seem to be able to withstand life's difficulties in a more peaceful, stoic way. Why is that? While I'm sure many factors come into play when determining one's ability to withstand things that come against you, I am also sure that what we are grounded in and how deeply we are in it plays a major role in the ability to persevere.

As Christians, God's Word is the thing that we are to be rooted deeply in. Studying it, memorizing it, using it in everyday conversations is crucial to being grounded and rooted in it. It's the main thing in a Christian's life that determines how to get through life strong and unconquered. Feeding and nurturing that faith just as you would a cherished plant is essential to growing those deep roots.

Pastor Block (Board of Christian Education) will be sharing various ways of getting rooted in God's word, in the coming months. We highly encourage our members to partake in these various devotionals, studies and reading material items in an effort to become more deeply rooted Christians! What a beautiful and strong garden we can be here at CLC with more and more deeply rooted and grounded members.

God bless each member here in their search for the way to best nourish their own roots! May you grow deeply in knowledge and love of our Lord.

Remember: It's hard to bear the fruit if you don't care for the root!

Kim Kaniecki
Council President



MARY MARTHA



Mary Martha held their Fashion Show sponsored by the Bungalow Boutique on March 29. It was a huge success and we thank everyone who attended, worked and donated for the event! A great time was had by all. Proceeds from the event went to the Kids attending the National Youth Gathering, this summer in New Orleans!

Mary Martha would like to thank all of the ladies of the congregation who donated and purchased purses and accessories from both our March sale and our Palm Sunday sale! The items not sold will be taken to Top Buttons!

Mary Martha will hold our last meeting for this year on May 14 at which time we will hold elections of officers. We will also be holding a planning meeting for upcoming events when we will begin our new year on September 10, 2025!

During our summer break, I will share information regarding the LWML retreat in September!

Charlotte and Norma Miller will be attending the National LWML Convention from June 25th through 29th in Omaha, Nebraska. Charlotte will be a delegate from the FL- GA District. Missions are located at LWML.org. Some of these Missions might be local to your hometown, or organizations you have supported in the past. Let me know if you have input!

In His service;

Charlotte Mantz

Christian Education

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter. I had the opportunity to proclaim the message of the risen Christ to the people of Our Savior, Zephyrhills. They are in the calling process and now their Interim Pastor, Pastor Steinke is in the hospital. If you remember, Pastor Steinke served as the Interim Pastor after I retired. Please keep Pastor Steinke in your prayers for healing and the people of Our Savior for a new pastor.

After my hip surgery, I was confined to my home for a couple of months. I was thankful that I could watch our service online but I sure missed the opportunity to be with God's people, in God's House, and to come to the table to receive the body and blood of my Lord and Savior. What a joy it was to come back to God's House. I remembered the words of King David, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'" (Psalm 122:1). Then there is Psalm 26:8, "I love the house where You live, O LORD, the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 27:4, "One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple."

Just like me those two months, I also know that some of our members are homebound. They would like to be in His House but cannot. How I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my Lord by visiting them and give them the Lord's Supper.

I am also grateful that they can watch our service online and some do. Thankfully, I was able to watch another worship service online. My dear mother, who will turn 95 on May 12th, watches every Sunday in addition to her worship experience at St. James, Montague, the worship service Worship Anew. The service is less than a half hour and it includes the Invocation, a reading from one of the Psalms, two - three songs and/or hymns, two Scripture lessons, the lessons you will hear from our worship service, the Apostles' Creed, a message, a prayer, the Lord's Prayer and finally the Benediction. The service is recorded at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition to our worship service I will watch on Sunday, Worship Anew.

The service is available on their website, WorshipAnew.org, YouTube Channel, Facebook, and streaming on Roku, AppleTV, Amazon Firestick and Google TV devices. By all means be in the Lord's House but if you can't watch not only our service online but also Worship Anew too.



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"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

Pastor Block

Outreach

We filled 31 Easter Baskets on April 13 to be distributed to Lighthouse Ministry and various others. Thank you everyone who helped with donations and putting baskets together. They were very well received. March fellowship offerings totaled \$266.75 to benefit Viste. Thank you all who support this mission. April fellowship offerings are designated to the Central American Mission. May offerings are designated to CLC Youth group.



ADOPT-A-BLOCK is growing in leaps and bounds. What a blessing this is for so many people! We have been serving 115-130 people each week in April. As always, we can use more help. Join us on a Tuesday to see what it's all about.

Options for Women Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$1,879.00. Thank you to all who participated in this campaign, and the return of all the baby bottles.

Thank you to our CLC Congregation for the generous support of our Outreach Missions. Please pray for the Central American Mission and the great work they do, and for all our Outreach Campaigns.

Terry, we will miss you..... Thank you for all the help and support you've given me over the last few months.

Welcome Ellen. We're looking forward to working with you.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

Wendy Rogers, Outreach

On a personal note: On behalf of the Lakeland-Polk Civitan Club -thank you for your continued support. With your help our Butter Braid Pastry Campaign and Spirit Night at Il Forno were both a success.

Wendy Rogers, President
Lakeland-Polk Civitan Club

Central America Missions May, 2025



Last March, I did my second surgical mission of this year in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. This city is located at the edge of Lake Atitlan. I feel rewarded just by being there. This area of Guatemala is amazingly beautiful.

The type of surgeries we do there are Podiatry and Pediatric Orthopedic, although we also take some adult orthopedics, that are post traumatic surgery. We had a few cases of nonunion broken femoral. This is usually because of infections and they are not healing. I can't imagine living with a broken leg.

As a reminder, I also collect items for the orphanages in Honduras. They will take items for the kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, etc., that we may want to dispose of. I also take clothes for boys and girls.

Christ Lutheran Church, thank you for your support to the Central America Mission. Keep us in your prayers. May God help us to help those who need it the most.

Carlos Orellana



Nonunion broken femur. This patient has been in this condition for some time now. We are his only hope to regain use of his limb.



We can provide hope for this little girl to gain independence.