

Psalm 111: 2-3

The Christogram

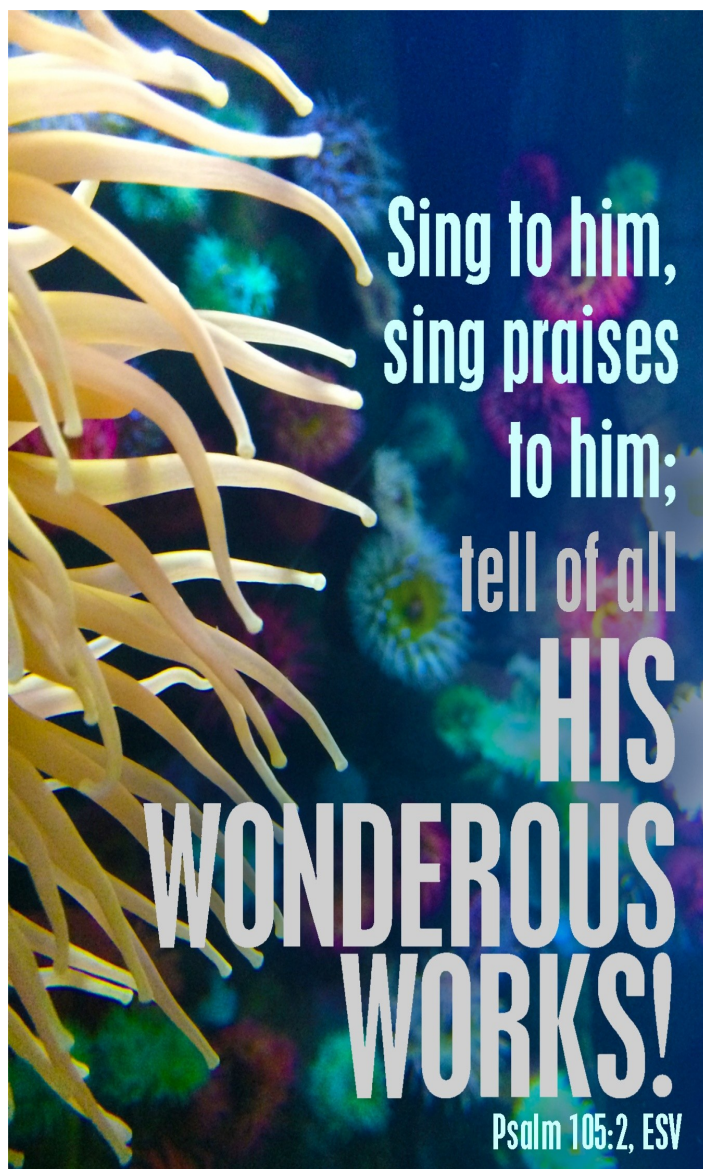
Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

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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.

Serving in June**June 1**

Elder Dave Wacker
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr
Greeters
Audio
Video Video/Streaming:
 GFX:

June 8

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector Charlotte Manz
Greeters
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Video Video/Streaming:
 GFX:

June 15

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector Carlos Orellana
Greeters
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Video Video/Streaming:
 GFX:

June 22

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr
Greeters
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June 29

Elder Dave Wacker
Lector Levi Hazzard
Greeters
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Dawn Peters and John T. Doherty, Jr.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Lee Crapo (6/7), Dave Wacker (6/14)
 Lee Crapo (6/21), Lee Crapo (6/28)

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



JUNE

**Christ Lutheran
Church**
2715 Lakeland Hills Blvd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	2	3 Adopt a Block @ 11a	4 Trustee WD 9a Quilters @ 10a Private Com. 1:30 - 2:30p	5	6	7 5:30p Worship
				<i>Pastor - District Convention</i>		
8 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	9 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	10 Adopt a Block @ 11a	11 Trustee WD 9a Mary Martha Cleaning Party @ 9a Quilters @ 10a <i>Pastor - Vacation</i>	12	13	14 5:30p Worship
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29 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	30					

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

David Leyrer
Jonathan Keating
Jon Lindstrom
Janice Newman
Nancy Tyler
Charlene Rosane
Steve Rosane
Patricia Maxson
Natalie Thiele
Daniel Zabel
Joyce Munz
Jack Kersten
Ray Keating
Thomas Block
Pat Mangum
Barbara Joost
Bob Kossel
Bette Decker
Sandra Booher
Rebecca Schwarz
Brian Rogers
Madeline Block
Beverly Roberge
Manfred Yost
Pamela Hanson



Jun 1
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Andrew and Carissa Partheymueller
Jerry and Joyce Munz
Fred and Cathy Sterns
Thomas and Madeline Block
Manfred and Marlene Yost,



Jun 3 (41 yrs)
Jun 7 (55 yrs)
Jun 17 (53 yrs)
Jun 24 (46 yrs)
Jun 29 (76 yrs)



Thank you Debbie & Rick Smith and Rita Czanko for serving for the month of May. Dawn Peters and John T. Doherty, Jr. will serve for the month of June. 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.

Matthew Alexis	Jun 1
Logan Peterson	Jun 1
George Kilbertus	Jun 4
Bob Kossel	Jun 4
Becky Schwarz	Jun 4
David Booher	Jun 7
Ashton Rzepka	Jun 9
Allison Gillespie	Jun 16
Gerie Slaten	Jun 16

*First year Anniversary as
Member of Christ Lutheran Church*

Ashton Rzepka Jun 9

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.....



Time and tide wait for no man.

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. (John 9:4, ESV)

On May 18 th the Mexican Navy training ship Cuauhtémoc hit the Brooklyn Bridge, tragically killing two cadets and wounding many others. As I followed the news coverage (I find the age of sail fascinating), I was reminded of the saying, “Time and tide wait for no man.” While modern sailing ships have motors to be used for propulsion to aid navigation, the tall ships of a different era did not. The ships masters would consult the tide charts and the weather patterns to see when it was safe to embark from port. The result is that multiple ships would often try to embark as soon as the tide shifted to an ebb tide. If one was still ashore, then one was left behind. The water levels would still be high, while the ship would be aided by the downstream, outbound current. The Cuauhtémoc departed during flood tide, requiring the vessel to navigate against the current while leaving port. This circumstance unfortunately eliminated a critical safeguard in the event of a mechanical malfunction.

Time and tide wait for no man. All too often as Christians we get stuck in a rut. We behave exactly as we always did without noticing that the tide has shifted. In previous congregations, we held onto print newspaper advertising perhaps longer than was appropriate as people stopped reading the newspaper. In New England, churches were one of the few public places that did not have air conditioning, leading to discomfort for those habituated to constant coolness; some did not worship in the heat of the summer. In the essential ways of sticking to doctrine derived from God’s Work, we will always be unapologetically counter-cultural, swimming against the currents of the world around us. There are some things that will always be right and always be wrong. There are traditions of the church that will not be abandoned to cater to the whims of a fickle culture. That said, we have the flexibility to not go against the current when we don’t have to. We don’t need to put up unnecessary boundaries to spiritual seekers in areas where Scripture is silent. We can “go with the flow” in ways that are consonant with Scripture as we join Jesus in His mission to seek and save the lost. The same Jesus who defied

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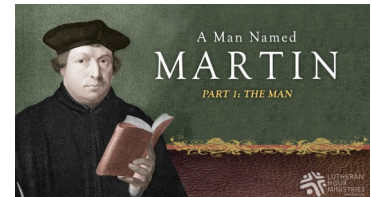
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the currents of the Jewish and Roman cultures of His day by eating with tax collectors and sinners and ultimately paying the price of death. May we remain faithful in the essentials, and flexible in the non-essentials for the sake of those who need to be introduced to Jesus.

Pastor Chris

I will be unavailable from after church on June 8th until Monday the 16th . Andrea and I will be vacationing in honor of our 30th wedding anniversary in July. In the event of a pastoral need, please contact one of the elders. –Pastor Chris

Bible Study



In *A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man* viewers encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther -- a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, former Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

Join us in-person every Sunday morning in June at 8:30 a.m., or in-person or on-line Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Looking for Christ Lutheran in social media? Check us out at our website: www.clclakeland.org

Feel free to leave comments! We are also on Facebook at: Christ Lutheran Church Lakeland-LCMS.

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A Word from the President

Preparation is key. I'm sure most people would agree with that. When someone such as a mechanic has a job to do, they would have to have all the tools at hand that they would need, in their toolbox, otherwise their job would be quite ineffective.

A pastor would seldom step up to a pulpit and just "wing it". There would be hours spent preparing for the words he plans to give at the next worship service. He would likely research facts, look up references and pray for spiritual guidance. Only then could he rest assured that what he says would be effective and worthwhile.

I have spoken many times on the church being a 'body' with many parts. In order for these parts to be effective, we must prepare them. One of the roles in the church that many, if not all, are capable of performing is prayer. But for our prayers to be effective, we must be prepared even for that. Much of that preparation is simply understanding how effective prayer is accomplished.

First, we must pray in accordance with God's will. When God's will is unknown, we should ask God to reveal that to us. Staying in the Word also helps us to know His will.

Second, we must pray with faith. The woman that touched the hem of Jesus *knew* that she would be healed if she simply touched his garment. That kind of faith can move mountains.

Thirdly, obedience is key. Things what would displease our Lord can be a hindrance in our prayer life.

Other important things include forgiveness of sins and others, humility, and earnestness. These are all valuable qualities of an effective prayer life.

There are many things in our personal lives and in the life of the church that require an effective prayer. Our church is in need of elders and other roles of service. The leaders of the church are asking that each of you as members of this church pray earnestly for the Lord to help us fill these roles. If you are unable to fulfill any of these needs, please



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consider the importance of your prayers in this area. We know that the prayers of the righteous availeth much (James 5:16).

So let us all get our “toolboxes” ready for an effective prayer life and begin to lift our needs up to the Lord with confidence. Only then can we look expectantly for positive answers to our prayers. May your prayer life abound with positive results and may you give glory to God for it all! Blessings to you all in the coming month.

Kim Kaniecki

Council President

MARY MARTHA GUILD

Mary Martha held their final meeting for the fiscal year on May 14, 2025.

Mary Martha elected new officers for the coming year:

Charlotte Mantz, President ; Lora Wacker, Vice President
Norma Miller, Secretary ; Joyce Munz, Treasurer



Please feel free to contact any one of us. We are here to serve the Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church!

The Florida/ Georgia LWML District retreat will be held Sept 12-14, 2025 in Georgia. Details to follow, all ladies are invited to attend. Our “ Gifts from the Heart” for this event will be a maternity home called “ Safe Harbor,” in Brunswick, Georgia. We will be providing a box in the Narthex soon for baby and mamma items!. We will also hold a collection for those items that are more expensive such as Pack ‘n Plays, etc.

The following dates were decided upon at our meeting for upcoming events:

October 5, 2025 will be LWML Sunday. That date will also be the kick off/first date of “Fellowship “ for the fall!

November 8, 2025 will be the LWML Zone Rally for the Winter Haven Zone. Our theme will be “ Seeds of Hope.” All ladies are invited to attend,

December 6, 2025 will be our Craft Fair/Bazaar! Spread the word to your crafter friends!

Mary Martha Guild of Lutheran Women In Mission, also named Lutheran Women Missionary League will meet again on Wednesday, September 10th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are members of the LWML. Those who participate in our Mary Martha guild must be members/ associate members of the LCMS in order to vote at meetings. We welcome you at any time!

Christian Education

After I wrote my article on watching Worship Anew, I forgot to mention that one of our older members, Fran Klug watches Worship Anew faithfully on Sunday. I don't know if anyone else watches this worship service but I'm sure you have been blessed with the messages from the six pastors who lead these worship services.

Please keep in your prayers the people of Our Savior, Zephyrhills. Yesterday they found out their call for a new pastor was declined. They will be extending a new call to a pastor from Kentucky. Pastor Steinke, their formal interim pastor, is doing better. He and his wife attended the service yesterday but he is still weak and he is using a cane. Keep Pastor and Mrs. Steinke in your prayers too.

Growing up, the hymnbook we used was The Lutheran Hymnal. For many years this was the hymnbook of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Then if you remember came the "blue" hymnbook and now we have the Lutheran Service Book. Even though our services are now in the bulletin we still have the Lutheran Service Book in our pews. I hope once in a while you take the opportunity and go through this hymnbook.

When you open the cover you will see Prayers for Worship. I especially use the ones before and after communion. When you get to Roman numeral X you will see the breakdown of the Church Year followed by the Feasts and Festivals. On XII you will see the section on Commemorations. As you go through each month how many of the men and women do you recognize and how many do you not recognize. Why not take the opportunity and look up the ones you do not know and see how much information you can gather about each one of them.

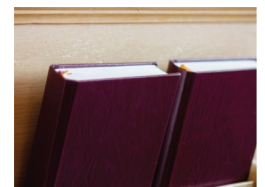
The next part is the section of the Lectionaries. If you want to know what lessons we read each Sunday this is the place to look. Years ago we had only the One-Year Lectionary, now we have three. This year we are in Series C.

On page XXIII you will see the dates of Easter and an explanation of why Easter is different every year. For 2026 Easter will be on April 5; for 2027 it will be March 28.

If you are not sure of the meanings of some of the parts of the service please review the Glossary on XXIV and XXV. For example, the Paschal Candle is a large candle used during Eastertide and at baptisms and funerals to signify the presence of the risen Christ among His people. Where is the Paschal Candle in our church?

Next comes the singing of the Psalms. Not all the Psalms are in this section but as you can see many are. Do you have a favorite psalm? Psalm 23? Psalm 27? How about Psalm 51? Take time before the service and read one of the Psalms in your preparation for worship.

Next comes the different worship services we use during the church year. Do you have a favorite one? I especially like the services that have "This is the Feast." By the way Divine Service, Setting Three is pages 5 and 15 of the old Lutheran Hymnal.



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Oh, there is so much more I could share like the prayers on page 305 and following; The Small Catechism on page 321 and following and finally the Christian Questions with Their Answers on page 329 and following. These questions were prepared by Dr. Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.

Lastly, there are all the many hymns we sing. I am thankful for Pastor Hazzard and our hymn of the month. This has helped me and I am sure you will learn more of the hymns in our hymn book. By the way, do you have a favorite hymn? I know there is so much more I could share about our hymn book but before the service take time and enjoy what we have in our hymnbook.

A blessed June!

Pastor Block

Cleaning Party!

Mary Martha is hosting a cleaning PARTY! Everyone in the congregation is invited!

On Wednesday, June 11 and again Wednesday, June 18, if needed. From 9-11, we are deep cleaning the kitchen. While our kitchen is kept very clean, we need to do a deep clean. We need to wipe down all of the cabinets, clean out the fridge, etc. Please bring your favorite rags, materials, etc. We have gloves, but you might want to bring more heavy duty ones.

If you have left any food items in the pantry or the kitchen, we ask that you retrieve it prior to June 11. Adopt-A-Block will most likely be able to use some of the items before they expire, but get yours out if you want it.

As a reminder, please LABEL all items left in the fridge. We are sometimes forced to throw out perfectly good items because we don't know that we can serve them. Christ Lutheran items are on the right side of the fridge, unless noted. Adopt-A-Block provides their own food items that are stored on the left. If you want to donate any items that you have left over from an event, please label it as a donation. In the "little kitchen" there is a drawer with markers and Post-It notes. That's all you need to mark it.

We will have some coffee and light breakfast snacks. Call or text Charlotte if you have questions at 863-409-6270.

Thanks on this one!



Charlotte's Walk!

Dear Christ Lutheran Brothers and Sisters;

I am attending the LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska June 25-29 as the delegate for the Winter Haven Zone of the LWML! I signed up to do a Bi-State Mission Pledge Walk. We will walk across the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge in two States from Omaha, Nebraska to Council Bluffs, Iowa. My goal is \$250 dollars in pledges as our Goal for Missions in mites has increased \$250,000 from last convention goal. Our goal for the 2025/2026 convention is \$2,850,000. Yes, that is almost 3 million dollars! All monies will go directly to mites and the Missions.

Please pray for the walk and my pledge raising. There is a sign up pledge form sheet as you are leaving the sanctuary on the Mary Martha board.

If you are so moved to contribute, please put your contributions in my box! I can take cash or check, but if you write a check/ make it payable to LWML and write "walk" on the memo line. I will take these with me to Omaha.



To His Glory
Charlotte Mantz

But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the Glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

From The Lakeland-Polk Civitan Club

Starting a new club from scratch is not an easy endeavor, but your generosity and support have helped more than I can express. Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

Lakeland-Polk Civitan Club - Adopt a Park Service Project

Saturday, May 31, 2025 @ 8:00 am

Simpson Park; 1725 Martin Luther King Dr.

If you would like to participate just show up. Bring a grabber if you have one. Civitan will be supplying gloves and trash bags.

Wendy Rogers, Lakeland-Polk Civitan Club President



Central America Missions June, 2025



Lots of activities with the Central American mission these past two months. I went to a surgical mission in Guatemala, and another one in Honduras. We sent 740lbs of medical supplies and items for the children's home.

I am really grateful to be part of these surgical missions, to help and facilitate the work that the surgeons accomplish. I love to see the pictures of the before and after surgeries. It is very satisfying to know that a lot of children will have a better chance in life because of the surgeries we performed, and Christ Lutheran is part of our efforts because you facilitate my participation in these surgical teams.

As I said before, we sent 740lbs of medical supplies and items for the children's home. These donations came from our Dream Center; a surgeon in Satellite Beach; and a surgical center in Jensen Beach. The shipment was paid for by a surgeon in Washington state. As you can see, there are a lot of other people involved in this operation.

I still have one more trip for this year. Keep us in your prayers and please continue to support this work as you have done for many years.

Carlos Orellana



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The before picture: Talking to this kid, it was just not a mal union, but also the inability to play with other kids.



The after picture: The satisfaction of a job well done. This was a opportunity for this child to have a better chance in life.

Gathering supplies around my House to start the trip south to Miami. From there I send the Shipments to the Honduras.





Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests.
Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

almonds	gourds	nuts
apples	grapes	olives
barley	herbs	onions
beans	leeks	pomegranates
cucumbers	lentils	rye
figs	melons	wheat

H	A	C	B	R	Y	E	B	R	V	E	N
G	A	U	A	S	N	O	L	E	M	S	U
R	L	C	R	F	I	G	S	T	A	T	T
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Praise
the LORD!

*I will give thanks
to the LORD
with my whole heart,
in the company
of the upright,
in the congregation.*

Psalm 111:1