

The Christogram

Psalm 33: 21

For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

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LUKE 10:2, ESV

*Pray earnestly
to the Lord of the
harvest to send out
laborers into
his harvest.*



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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 August**August 3**

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector Levi Hazzard
Greeters John T. Doherty, Jr.
Audio Judy Rudolph
Video Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
GFX: Cheryl Erwin

August 10

Elder Carlos Orellana
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeters
Audio Kin Kaniecki
Video Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
GFX: Andrea Hazzard

August 17

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector Kim Kaniecki
Greeters Carlos Orellana
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
GFX: Roland Feickert

August 24

Elder Dave Wacker
Lector Levi Hazzard
Greeters
Audio Matthew Alexis
Video Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
GFX: Andrea Hazzard

August 31

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeters Bob and Cheryl Langanke
Audio Kyle Welch
Video Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
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ALTAR GUILD SERVICES

Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP @ 5:30 PM

Elder Steve West (8/2), Steve West (8/9)
Steve West (8/16), Steve West (8/23)
Steve West (8/30)

Lector Debbie Smith, Gerie Slaten
Carlos Orellana, Steve Rosane

AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:30p Worship
3 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Elders Meeting	4	5 Adopt a Block @ 11a	6 Trustee WD @ 9a	7 Bible Study @ 10a	8	9 5:30p Worship
10 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Communication Board Mtg	11 Council Mtg @ 6:30p	12 Adopt a Block @ 11a	13 Trustee WD @ 9a	14 Bible Study @ 10a	15	16 5:30p Worship
17 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship Congregational Meeting after service	18 9 AM Deadline for Newsletter items	19 Adopt a Block @ 11a	20 Trustee WD @ 9a	21 Bible Study @ 10a	22	23 5:30p Worship
24 8:30a Bible Study 10a Worship	25	26 Adopt a Block @ 11a	27 Trustee WD @ 9a	28 Bible Study @ 10a	29	30 5:30p Worship
31 8:30a Bible Study 10a 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
Paul Schierschwitz
Natalie Thiele
Norma Tipton
Amy Wilson
Fred and Marlene Yost*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Thomas.....	Aug 1
Emma Block	Aug 3
Rick Smith.....	Aug 6
Judith Verbeke	Aug 10
Lee Crapo.....	Aug 12
Audrey Crapo	Aug 14
Pamela Parrish	Aug 15
Michaela Farnsworth	Aug 18
Matthew Alexis	Aug 20
Barbara Miller.....	Aug 24
Joan Kersten	Aug 24
Peggy Moran.....	Aug 24
Catherine Sterns.....	Aug 26
Dawn Kahre.....	Aug 27
Mary Vaughn.....	Aug 29
Jane Roy	Aug 31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Debra and Rick Louchart.....	Aug 4 (18 yrs)
Ray and Beth Keating	Aug 8 (38 yrs)
Robert and Cheryl Langanke	Aug 10 (62 yrs)
Scott and Tammy Vore	Aug 11 (13 yrs)
Tammy Raimondo and Daniel Raimondo.....	Aug 13 (9 yrs)
Beverly Roberge and Edmund Roberge	Aug 15 (69 yrs)
John and Belinda Freer	Aug 29 (45 yrs)



Thank you Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters for serving for the month of July. Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams will serve for the month of August. 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.

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

BAPTISM BIRTHDAY

Blessings

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
 Allison Henning Terrell Aug 18
 Willie Siedenstrang Aug 21

First year Anniversary as Member of Christ Lutheran Church

None for this month.



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; dishwashing soap, personal soap, laundry soap; 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.....

What We Believe About God

This is the first in a series of articles about the Augsburg Confession. The Book of Concord is a collection of writings from the time of the Reformation that define what it means to be Lutheran. The three Ecumenical Creeds (Nicene, Apostles, and Athanasian) had been around for centuries and are included because they define in the broadest terms the Christian faith. The other documents included in the Book of Concord were written between 1529 (the catechisms) and 1577 (the Formula of Concord). Missouri Synod pastors subscribe (state they believe, teach, and confess) to the Book of Concord as part of ordination and installation services because it is a correct explanation of key teachings of God's Word. The Augsburg Confession was made by German princes in 1530, and is considered the chief Lutheran Confession.

Augsburg Confession Article I: God

[1] Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. [2] It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible [Nehemiah 9:6]. [3] Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit [Matthew 28:19]. These three persons are of the same essence and power. [4] Our churches use the term person as the Fathers have used it. We use it to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself....



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There is nothing that the Lutherans disagree(d) with the Roman Catholic Church about the doctrine of God. We don't understand how God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit can be three and one at the same time, but we confess it because that is what the Bible teaches. There are lots of false teachings around. Some people falsely believe that God has two parts, light and dark/good and evil, sort of like Yin and Yang of Taoism; God is only good. Some people falsely believe that Jesus only seemed like God, and that a special knowledge is needed to really "get" God. Some people falsely believe that Jesus did not always exist. Some people falsely believe that Jesus and the Father are essentially different beings and cannot be one.

Chances are there are people in your life that think things about God that aren't right. In love and with patience, may the Lord use us to somehow and in some way to give a clearer picture of who God is and what God does as the Father made and continues to remake us, as Jesus bought us back from the devil, and as the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith in us.

Pastor Chris

Save The Date

Griefshare will be offered Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting in September.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.



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

I came across an interesting observation made by Dr. C. C. Alberston once. It said the following: "There are 168 hours in each week. 56 of these hours we spend in sleep. Of the remaining 112 hours, we devote 48 hours to labor and approximately 12 hours to daily meals. That leaves us 52 hours, net, of conscious, active life to devote to any purpose to which we are inclined.

Taking the mindset that God would have us tithe of this free time, 5.2 hours is one tenth of 52. How much of this tithe of time do we devote to religious activity?

If we count an hour for church attendance and an hour for a Bible study each week, we would still have 192 minutes a week which would be enough for nearly a half hour of prayer and Bible reading each week."

From that perspective the excuse, "I don't have enough time," doesn't really fly. What's more likely is that the case is too little planning of the time we have!

As many of us already know, time flies by so quickly. Before you know it, we are in the twilight of our years. Often, it is not until then do we think to ourselves, "I wish I'd spent more time learning about my great God."

While we still have the opportunity let us each choose to use those extra hours that our gracious Lord has allotted to us in study of His Word, furtherment of His kingdom and blessing those God placed in our path.

I pray that God will lead each of you into a deeper connection *with* Him by taking a deeper dive *into* Him! May God bless your month ahead with many moments of discovery of His great mercies and love.

Kim Kaniecki
Council President



MARY MARTHA GUILD



Mary Martha will hold its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 10th, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am! All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend!

Charlotte and Norma are home from the LWML National convention that was held in Omaha and will give a report at the September meeting.

September 12-14 is the LWML retreat in Brunswick, Georgia at Epworth By The Sea. Details below

October 5th will be our Fellowship kick off of the season and that will fall on LWML Sunday.

November 8th will be the LWML zone rally held here at Christ Lutheran. Our theme will be “Seeds of Hope”.

December 6th will be our Craft Fair. (See the flyer on the next page).

The 2025 LWML FL-GA District Retreat will be held at the Epworth by the Sea Retreat Center in St. Simons Island, GA on Friday, September 5 thru Sunday, September 7.

The deadline to register is Friday, August 1, 2025.

All details can be found at https://flgalwml.com/2025_retreat

Things being planned for the retreat:

- Engaging speaker sessions
- Service of remembrance
- Times of devotion and inspiration
 - Dining together
- Servant event participation
- Time for relaxation (free time)
- Breakout sessions to sign up for
 - Evening bonfire
 - Fellowship

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Christian Education

One of the authors I enjoy reading is John Grisham. This past week I finished "The Exchange." A member of this international law firm has been kidnapped. As the book progresses the firm finally finds out how much it will cost them to release the hostage. As you read through the book you will also see other countries helping out with the ransom money. The deadline is getting closer and closer. Will they be able to come up with the money? Will she be released? I will let you read the book to find out what happened.

When I think about the exchange I think of what our Lord did for us. We were held in bondage, bondage to sin and the evil one. By ourselves there was nothing we could do to free ourselves. We would be doomed eternally unless someone paid the price to free us from our sin. Someone did pay the price and that was God's own Son, the Savior of the world. He paid the price with His death on the cross. The punishment we deserved Jesus took it on Himself. He did it. He paid the price. Just think about it, we gave Jesus all of our sins and He gives us His forgiveness. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin (or be a sin offering) for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). What a blessed exchange!!!

I hope you have been reading your Portals of Prayer. Pastor Strubbe has been exploring the various attributes of God. We have been looking at attributes that God is all knowing, present everywhere, all powerful, holy and just. He is merciful. As he wrote, "We deserve God's wrath. But thanks be to God, He accepted us ungrateful beings and forgives us through the blood of His Son, Jesus, who paid for our ungrateful souls on the cross." Pastor Strubbe will finish up with thirty-one attributes of God. Do you want to guess what his last attribute of God he will discuss? You are right, God is Love. "But God shows His love for us in that even while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). And don't forget all the prayers in the back of your Portals of Prayer. I especially like the prayer for Sunday morning.

For the month of September Mrs. Alena Guagenti of Shelbyville, Kentucky is the writer of these devotions. The reason I mentioned her is that her husband was called by Our Savior, Zephyrhills to be their pastor. Sad to say he declined their call. Please keep Our Savior in your prayers as they get ready to call their fifth pastor. I hope their call to this pastor will be a charm. I know in God's time they will receive a new pastor.

Okay, my conscience is starting to bother me. I will tell you what happened at the end of the book. You can still read the book, but she was released.

A blessed August and please keep yourself hydrated. Enjoy not only your Savior but that blessed gift of water!!!!

Pastor Block



*God made him
who had no sin
to be sin for us...
2 Corinthians 5:21*

Charlotte's Walk

I would like to thank the entire congregation of Christ Lutheran Church for your monetary gifts and spiritual prayers lifted up for my "Mission Walk" from Omaha, Nebraska to Council Bluffs, Iowa. What a blessing to make that walk! I achieved my goal of \$250.00 dollars for mites..... All because of you!

"Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!" Psalm 66

Charlotte Mantz



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Well, so far, my phone has been very quiet! I did have one (1!) email response - and that was from one of our northern members, who won't arrive until December. This is really disheartening!

If you enjoy the Sunday Fellowship Hour, and want to see it continue, call me at 863-937-6756 or send me an email at jamunz@yahoo.com. We need a minimum of 5 people each Sunday who are willing to serve every 6 weeks. Your commitment means you are willing to follow the team leader's directions for what to bring, help set up and clean up. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow church members. We really do have a lot of fun! If you aren't a cook but are willing to bring "store bought" desserts - that's ok. Our first fellowship isn't until October, but it takes Charlotte Mantz and I time to set up the teams and dates.

PLEASE - make my phone ring! If you have questions, please call.

Joyce Munz



Central America Missions

In August 2nd the Friars in San Benito Jose, Comayagua, Honduras will be hosting a fundraiser event which will include a 5K run. This event is important for the Friars and their mission, as it helps the poorest and reaches the unreachable.

The Friary's primary mission is to preach the Gospel and to help Brothers to become Friars. Along with this mission, they also run a number of health and social programs. The number of Friars and Brothers is usually between eight and ten. They need to hire their support staff to run their programs, such as: mother and baby programs; physical therapy; health outreach in the mountains; regular medical and dental care; surgical care and residence programs for doctors and nurses. All is done with donations, and with the faith that The Lord will provide, as He has done for over twenty years.

Christ Lutheran has been present in this mission for over ten years. Thank you for your help and continue to help us to help those who no-one else will help!

I will be present for the run and other mission related issues that I need to address. I included a link to their website if you feel inclined to help our mission.



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There is no overhead to manage the donations. It goes directly to those who need it the most.

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Carlos Orellana

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Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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God demonstrates his own love for us...

ROMANS 5:8

