

# THE MESSENGER

*“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name.”*

## **Psalms 100**

### **December Messenger 2020**

Well, we have come to the end of another year. We can hear the beautiful Christmas music. We can just taste the smells of the kitchen as we prepare our Christmas feast. We can smell of the pastries and cakes and cookies. The Christmas trees are up and all decorated.

There are a few things different this year. We cannot be with our loved ones because of the virus, but we can call them or Skype them and we know that staying away for this year is to ensure that the ones we love will be safe.

Mary, the mother of Jesus had to stay away from her family as well after Jesus was born. Herod had a bounty on this one little child. Herod feared this little child who had come to redeem us all.

Let us all remember that the birth of the Messiah is to bring us the one gift, the only gift that matters. Jesus came to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and to redeem us. Let us sing His praises!

Rather than dwell on all of the bad that we have experienced this year, I am so thankful for all of us. I am thankful that we are able to have Christmas this year. I am so thankful to have each and every one of you in my life. And I am praying so very hard that we will have a most wonderful 2021. Yes, we have lost some members this year and that hurts, but I know that each one of them is in heaven and can you just see Al barking at the angels to get his destroyer cleaned, or Sunnie having everything in her mansion painted purple. And of course Hank is letting them know that they are not using enough starch. Yes, some of our family is in heaven now, but they are having fun. I am wishing each and every one a Most Merry Christmas, The Christ child is born, to save us all from sin and bring us into salvation. I will be available for blessing of the homes during January so if you would like your home blessed for the New Year , just give me call. Merry Christmas, Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

Well, it is time for Christmas!! How exciting and yet not like years gone by. We at CLC have made it through a very difficult time and we will continue.

We held our Annual Meeting last month. The budget for 2021 was presented and the congregation voted to accept the budget as read. I can tell you we have done some major cut backs in spending for 2021. We looked very closely at our donations and then created a budget. Some changes you will notice are: no longer mailing copies of the Messenger, no longer having weekly bulletins, asking for donations of things like paper towels, paper, cleaning supplies.

Presently, we are trying to see if we can do all the administration work with volunteers. We will not have the office open on a daily basis. A volunteer is scheduled to get the mail, check messages and email on a daily basis. We are working on training volunteers to do the Sunday worship guide and slides. IF we can make this work, it would help our budget tremendously. IF we can't then we will hire someone. Only time will tell and all feedback is welcome.

During the Annual Meeting, we also voted to: Allow Council members to stay on as long as needed and desired. They will not be limited to two year terms. Council members will step aside as others wish to join Council. The number of council members is permanently changed from 7 members to anywhere from 7-9 members. All were in favor of these changes.

It is Christmas and a time for us all to enjoy the holiday season. We will be having Wednesday Advent services, a Cantata, and our Christmas Eve service. Would love to see everyone in church, but know that isn't possible.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. Most of all be safe and healthy.

Pat Ganster

President

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### **Council Assignments**

#### **Administration**

Pat Ganster

Linda Dyer

#### **Congregation Ministry/**

#### **Outreach**

Sue Spinelli

#### **Evangelism,**

Pr. John Johnson

#### **Property**

Bill Street

#### **Music and Worship**

Jean Hill

#### **Finance**

Phyllis Lytle

#### **Recording Secretary**

Lynn Foraker

#### **Hospitality**

Sandy Halcomb

Dear Members and Friends:...

In order to ensure the safety of all, Christ Lutheran Church is taking careful precautions to keep the building clean and safe and sanitized as we have opened again. We will send out further emails, as needed, to keep you informed.

In an emergency, please contact Pastor John at: 386-503-9933.

Be safe and well. God Bless each and every one of you.

Pastor John and Church Council

### **Mary Martha Circle, Quilters and Crafters**

All three groups have resumed. More members are wanted in each of the three groups.

Crafters - This group is busy making items for the Christmas holidays.

Mary Martha Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1pm. The December 15th meeting will be at Olive Garden at 12 noon. This year due to COVID we will do a free will offering to help those that are less fortunate and there will be no gift exchange.

Secret Sisters will be having their annual "Reveal" luncheon on December 17th at 11:00 AM at Olive Garden. Please RSVP to Tracy or Sandy Halcomb

### **Prayer Concerns**

In Our Prayers: Ngaio Carlisle, Charlie and Martha Taylor.

### **Long Term Prayer Concerns**

In Our Prayers: George Hagel, Marjorie Matthews, Tom Mendel, Rosemarie Robinson, Helen Johnson, and Bill Street.

## Family Life Christmas

We would like to thank all of you participating in purchasing gifts for the children in the Family Life Center. The love our congregation has is amazing. All gifts were picked up on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

**Again, thank you for your support and God bless.**

**Carmen, Phyllis and Jody**

### Reminders

Facebook: Christ Lutheran Church of Palm Coast now has a fb page. Here's the link to it: <https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Lutheran-Church-of-Palm-Coast-1065634510193240/> or on facebook do a search for Christ Lutheran Church of Palm Coast.

### Flowers In Honor Of or In Memory Of

If members wish to place flowers In Memory Of, or In Honor Of a loved one, the member may purchase and place a rose in a vase on the altar. Please let the office know, via e-mail if possible, at least one week in advance that you are doing this so it can be entered in the bulletin. If you do not have e-mail you may call the church office (437-4113).

December

**2 Marjorie Flanagan**

**9 Herta Roeloffs**

**10 Ruth Rehme**

**13 Grace Lorenz**

**16 Clarice Gildred**

**20 Frank Wolf**

**24 Erika Roach**

During December we are praying for all of those less fortunate and suffering and grieving during this holiday season.

# December, 2020

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 Crafters/ 9:30 Quilters 4:00pm Advent Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  10 <sup>30</sup> Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
<b>6</b> 10am Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Crafters/ 9:30 Quilters 4:00pm Advent Service	<b>10</b> 10:30 Music Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  10 <sup>30</sup> Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
<b>13</b> 10am Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00 Mary Martha Circle -Luncheon at Olive Garden	<b>16</b> 9:00 Crafters 9:30 Quilters 4:00pm Advent Service	<b>17</b> 11am Secret Sisters Reveal Luncheon at Olive Garden.RSVP	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10 <sup>30</sup> Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
<b>20</b> 10am Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:00pm Advent Service	<b>24</b> 4:00pm -Service with communion	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b>  10 <sup>30</sup> Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
<b>27</b> 10am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

**FELLOWSHIP:** We are happy to be able to see our church family again.



# VOLUNTEERS for December, 2020

2020	6th	13th	20th	24th	27th
<b>Altar Care</b>	Ericka Roach Blue Paraments	Blue Paraments	Blue Paraments	White Paraments	White Paraments
<b>Lay Minister</b>	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz		
<b>Lector</b>		Tracy Halcomb		Phyllis Lytle	Jean Hill
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul & Judy Julch	Richard Irwin & Arlie Johnson	Pete Ganster & Bill Streett	Don & Erika Roach	Mike & Harriet Hinson
<b>Sound Board</b>	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Don Roach
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Linda Dyer	Pat Ganster	Don Roach	Don Roach	Richard Irwin