

THE MESSENGER

April Messenger 2021

“Peace be with you!” Then He said to Thomas,
Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out
your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting
and believe.” Thomas said to Him, “My Lord and
my God!! Then Jesus told him, “Because you
have seen me, you have believed; blessed are
those who have not seen and yet have believed.
John 20:27-29

Oh! The difference a year makes. This time last year we were all shut in because of the pandemic. This year we are blessed to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter. The Lord has been so gracious to us. I myself feel so blessed to have such an amazing parish filled with God’s children who come to hear His word and to do His work.

Yes, the Disciples saw Jesus; and they listened to Him speak. But as we have learned even they became frightened and scattered when Jesus was arrested and crucified. It wasn’t until Jesus returned to them and revealed himself that they truly believed. I know that we all love our Lord and Savior, and I know that there are times when we doubt. But Jesus tells us that blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Through all of our hardships and difficulties; and all of our losses we sometimes feel as though our Lord has forgotten us. Don’t ever doubt the love of God; he will see you through all hardship. Just remember this, the disciples got to see Jesus in the flesh, we see him in Spirit and that remains a part of us as long as we live. My blessings to each of you this Easter season. I pray that you will share the love of God and the redemption of each of us through the crucifixion of His only Son with everyone you meet, the world needs its Lord even more than ever. Have a wonderful Easter.

Your servant in Christ Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends of CLC,

It is so good to have Pastor John back at church!!!

A special thank you to all those that helped during his absence. Each little piece someone did made all the difference. We are truly blessed to have volunteers that can step up and lead the service. In spite of being sick, Pastor John wrote a sermon for each week. Our Lay Minsters then delivered

Dear Friends and Members of CLC,

April 2021 and Holy Week of 2021. When Linda and I started looking at past Holy Week Services we realized we didn't have anything for 2020. Then we realized we had been closed for the entire Lent and Holy Week timeframe last year.

It's been a year of dealing with COVID-19!!!

I started thinking about all that CLC has been through over the years. We have certainly had our ups and downs and some challenges. We have had 5 Pastors and loss of many of our members. Yet, we have been able to keep Christ Lutheran Church a very warm and friendly place to worship. How? Through prayer, dedication to doing God's work and following the example of our Pastor.

I feel we have been especially blessed to have Pastor John, as our Pastor, this past year. Pastor Judy was a help in getting John started on going to Seminary School. She and a couple of congregation members were his mentors. This past year he has certainly shown us the meaning of Shepherd. He has daily, weekly, monthly been in touch with every member of this congregation. When possible he visited all those unable to attend church. Whenever anyone has been in the hospital – he was there. How many cards, calls, etc. has he made during the past year? All on his own. All of this while dealing with his own COVID illness.

I was then also reminded that I am not sure CLC would still have it's doors open, without these last two Pastors. They were both willing to be paid a part time salary and no benefits. I am sure both of them worked more than their "part time" hours. There have been many times we have asked Pastor John – Stay home, get well and he will respond – But I need to take care of my flock. He hasn't missed a day/week even when sick.

Listen carefully to all the words during the services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Let these words guide us during the coming year.

Thank you Pastor John for all you do for CLC.

Pat Ganster

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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

**The Ladies of Christ Lutheran Church-
What are they doing?**

Craters - These ladies meet every Wednesday from 9am until 11:30am. They create the crafts that are sold in our lobby. Members bring suggestions and they all have fun creating them. No real talent needed, only a desire to socialize and laugh. Come every week or just once in awhile. Everyone is always welcome.

Quilters - Joan Irwin is our church quilt maker. She is always looking for others willing to make quilts. Every Wednesday from 9am-11:30am she is found doing the hand stitching on quilts. All these quilts are then donated to local charities as well as Lutheran World Relief. Again, everyone is welcome.

Mary Martha Circle - This is our Ladies Bible Study group. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 1pm. Their April meeting will be on April 20, 2021. This month will be **Chapter 7**. Part of this study is done by some reading and the other part is on a DVD. There is lots of interaction and sharing of ideas on what they are studying. Join them and see if this is something for you. All are welcome.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Streett and Martha Taylor

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

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).

April

**6 Sandy Halcomb
18 Marilyn Dotson
19 Lynn Foraker
23 William Gustin
25 Joe Scobbo
28 Fayth Wolfe**

During April - We would like to pray for all the instructors and mentors that teach and guide our religious leaders.



VOLUNTEERS for April, 2021

2021	4th	11th	18th	25th	
Altar Care	Pat Ganster				
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz		
Lector		Jean Hill		Arlie Johnson	
Ushers	Paul & Judy Julch	Pete Ganster	Pete Seidel	Don & Erika Roach	
Sound Board	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	
Audio/Visual	Linda Dyer	Pat Ganster	Don Roach	Pat Ganster	