

THE MESSENGER

May Messenger 2021

Mary's song

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me-Holy is His name. John 19; near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

I know that there are a great number in our church whose mothers have gone home to be with their Lord. For those of you this month should be a month to revel in your memories and bring these to the forefront of your lives. Just to take time to remember all of the wonderful memories that you have, let these lighten your day as you reflect on your mothers.

For those of us still fortunate to have our mothers here with us, we should strive everyday to develop all of the memories that we can, and to do all that we can to help our mothers enjoy what years they have left here with us. We should feel blessed and most thankful to have our mothers in our lives.

For our Savior, His mother knew that God had indeed blessed her as the Mother of our Lord and Savior. But then to know that she was going to watch her precious Son die on the cross to save us all hurt her so much and left her without her precious Son. For Jesus to look down and see her crying for him at the foot of the cross, Jesus could only give her to the disciple He loved so much. When you go about this month and really every month, if your mom lives far away call her, let her hear your voice, and if she is close enough go and spend time with her. God gave us a precious gift in our mothers, love them and let them know that they are loved. May God Protect our mothers and all of their families.

God's Peace and Grace to you all, Pastor John

Dear Friends and Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

A while ago a friend sent me a picture of three old women sitting in rockers. The saying under it said – We may be old but we are still beautiful. I was reminded of that picture, when I started writing this message. The building housing Christ Lutheran Church may be getting old but it is still a wonderful place to worship.

Recently, we have been having to make lots of repairs. The building is getting old. It all started last June. We found there were repairs needed to the air conditioners, the kitchen drain system, the projection system, and ongoing issues with the computers.

Last Sunday, I did give a small talk before the service began. I am writing now for all those that weren't able to attend.

We are financially sound. We pay all our bills on time and have money in all of our accounts. As of April 30, we have \$15,000 less in offerings than last year. Remember, we did approve a very strict budget. We are spending less and keep a very watchful eye on the budget. So, we are OK.

With that said, thank you to all those that have helped us purchase Hymnals. This wasn't a budget item and we have paid for them all by individual donations. I know this isn't the ideal way to have a service and we are working on how to again use a computer and screens.

At the last council meeting, I said I wasn't able to make the decision as to what to do. We are trying to decide do we buy another Apple, or do we buy a HP – do we continue with the slide program we presently use or do we go to Microsoft Powerpoint or do we see if we can fix this computer. Do we have enough volunteers to do all of this? We want to make sure we make the right decision with the best use of CLC funds.

We have found someone that will meet with us on May 4 and share her knowledge to help us. After my talk on Sunday, one member called to donate a computer they have, another member told us about a computer place they use and we were told about a computer software company that is only for non-profits and prices are low.

Enough information should be available at the next council meeting for us to make decisions and move forward getting our service on the screens soon. Please be patient with us.

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.

The crafters will be placing roses near the flags for Veterans at Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens for Memorial Day on Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. and removing them the following Saturday - June 5th. Again, we would welcome any helpers who wish to volunteer! -

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 May meeting will be on May 18, 2021. This month will be **Chapter 8**. 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 Charles Taylor

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

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).

May

- 4 Phyllis Spitz**
- 8 Diane Dotson**
- 12 Lois Andrs**
- 20 Ken Dyer**
- 22 Patricia Ganster**
- 26 Tracy Halcomb**

During May - We would like to pray for all the mothers around the world. We are thankful for their guidance and support that they offer daily to all of us.



VOLUNTEERS for May, 2021

2021	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Altar Care	Sharon Gallagher				
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz		
Lector		Don Roach		Phyllis Lytle	Pat Ganster
Ushers	Paul & Judy Julch	Pete & Carmen Siedel	Mike & Harriet Hinson	Don & Erika Roach	Pete Ganster & Bill Streett
Sound Board	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	
Audio/Visual					