

THE MESSENGER

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”



Welcome to one of the most beautiful seasons of the year.

Welcome to Advent and the Christmastime. This is the time of year when we reflect on the most gracious and precious gift the world has ever known, the Christ Child, The Son of God who comes here to save our souls. It is sometimes so difficult to be as happy as we are during this time of the year. We celebrate the birth of the Christ child, this precious gift from God, but quite often we forget why this birth has to even happen. Because we are hopeless sinners God sent us this beautiful gift.

As we take time this Christmas season to share with family and friends, let us take time to spend with God in quiet meditation reflecting on the wonderful gifts that he has bestowed upon us and our families. Let us also reflect take time to ponder all that we could do for others and our church. God has blessed each of us so much. There are those within our church family who need our prayers so much. We have such a loving family at Christ Lutheran Church and I know that we will be there for those in need.

Mary and Joseph were separated from their families because she was with child. As this was God's child, they suffered so much in order that this child may live and grow to do his Father's work. I pray that we will also do our Father's work and not look at it as a chore, but rather a Joy. God's Blessings and Peace to All

Merry Christmas- Pastor John

Dear Christ Church Family

Many thanks to you for your prayers and many cards. And social thanks to those who helped me getting to and from the hospital and my doctor's visits.

My Rehab is going very well... the painful part is over "Thank God." Now we are working on strengthening my knee.

Again, many, many thanks to you.

Blessings and Peace to All

Marjorie Matthews

Wish List

The Evangelism Team would like to let everyone know we are updating our projects for the remainder of this year. We are reminding the congregation that the church has a "Wish List" for expenses not covered in our budget and would appreciate your help.

We will be participating in the Home Show at the high school in January. The fee to attend this event has been paid by CLC Wish List money and member donations. We have purchased 1,000 copies of our Tri-fold brochure. We would also like to purchase 1,000 pens. This is an excellent way to advertise our church. We know the pens will cost \$300.00. This can only happen with donations to the Wish List. If you are able, any contribution to this would be greatly appreciated. The Evangelism Team

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Toys 4 Tots

Again this year we have participated in the annual Toys for Tots program. Thank you everyone! The toys will be collected by the volunteers the week of December 9th.



Crafters

Congratulations to Carmen Seidel who won the drawing for the creche on the table in the Narthex made by Bill Wilkening.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Sunnie MacLeod, Diane Dotson, George Hagel, Marie Walters, Marjorie Matthews, Vivian Jones, Tom Mendel, Rosemarie Robinson and Al Blanks.

Also, please continue to keep Jimmy Myers in your prayers as he undergoes his treatment.

**Mary-Martha Circle, Quilters, Crafters &
Adult Sunday School**

This is the schedule for these groups:

Crafters - Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Quilters - the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m...
need new people to help tie the quilts!

Adult Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, December 7th - Advent Dinner at 3 p.m. (See sign-up sheets on bulletin board).

Sunday, December 8th - Cantata

Thursday, December 12th - Secret Sister Christmas Luncheon at Olive Garden at noon.

Tuesday, December 17th - Mary-Martha Christmas Luncheon at Olive Garden at noon.

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

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.

Having Visitors?

Many of us have company that arrive with "little ones". If you are in need of a porta-crib, stroller or booster seat, we have one of each here at church. Don't go and buy these items, just borrow them from church. We also have a wheelchair, adult potty chair and Rollator that can be borrowed by any of our members.

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 Linda Dyer 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 Linda at the church office (437-4113).

December

2 Marjorie Flanagan
9 Herta Roeloffs
10 Ruth Rehme
10 Howard Mattson
13 Grace Lorenz
16 Clarice Gildred
20 Frank Wolf
24 Erika Roach
25 Richard Irwin

During December please pray for all who grieve and feel alone during the Holiday Season.

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December, 2019

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1	2	3 12 ³⁰ Council Meeting	4 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters 5 ⁰⁰ 1st Wed. Service/Soup Supper	5	6	7 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 3 ⁰⁰ Advent Dinner 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
8 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Cantata	9	10	11 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters 9 ³⁰ Quilters 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village	12 12 noon - Secret Sister Luncheon - Olive Garden	13	14 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
15 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship	16	17 12 noon - Mary-Martha Luncheon - Olive Garden	18 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters 11 ⁰⁰ Windsor 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village	19 11 ⁰⁰ Evangelism	20	21 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
22 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship	23	24 5 ⁰⁰ Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Office Closed	26	27	28 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
29 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship	30	31				

FELLOWSHIP: We are having a coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings right after church.

FOR EMERGENCIES: Pr. John will be on call. John - 386-503-9933



VOLUNTEERS for December, 2019

2019	1st	8th	15th	22nd	24th	29th
Altar Care	Sharon Gallagher <small>Blue Paraments</small>	 <small>Blue Paraments</small>	Sharon Gallagher <small>Blue Paraments</small>	 <small>Blue Paraments</small>	Sharon Gallagher <small>White Paraments</small>	 <small>White Paraments</small>
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz		Jody Hitz	
Lector				Don Roach		Pat Ganster
Ushers	Paul & Judy Julch	Larry Phillips & Linda Dyer	Pete Ganster & Bill Streett	Don & Erika Roach	Don & Erika Roach	Larry Phillips & Bill Streett
Sound Board	Don Roach	Cantata	Pete Ganster	Ngaio Carlisle	Pete Ganster	
Audio/ Visual	Pat Ganster	Cantata	Linda Dyer	Richard Irwin	Pat Ganster	Linda Dyer