

THE MESSENGER

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

Psalms 100



November Messenger 2020

Ah! The teasing brisk temperatures of autumn are upon us. Soon the smells of the holidays will be all around.

This has been quite a year for all of us. But through everything; the loss of members that we love, the Corona-virus and quarantines, learning how to social distancing and protecting ourselves, the political strife that has been at times outrageous on all fronts, children learning how to go to school at home, all of the riots and anger in this world.

One might think that there is nothing to be thankful for. Oh, but how wrong they are.

No one in our church family has come down with the virus. We have all learned how to social distance and we have returned to our church as we have felt safe. God has been gracious to us all. We have paid all of our bills and we have managed to start back up a few of our programs such as crafters, quilters and Mary Martha. We are going to bring some Christmas joy to women and children who are in the abuse homes this year. With situations as they have been this year there has been a great year and with all the blessing that God has showered upon us it is indeed a great time to be Thankful and to share these wonderful Blessings with those who could really use some love and kindness in their life. My prayer is that God will continue to bless each and every one of you this Thanksgiving, and I pray that you would share these wonderful blessings with your fellow mankind. May God Bless you and keep you, May God Grant to you His Peace and Grace and wrap you in His loving arms.

Your Servant In Christ,

God's Peace and Grace to All.

Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends of CLC,

November – the year is almost over! It certainly has been a very different year for all of us.

November here at church will be filled with events. We have our celebration of Veteran's Day, our Annual Meeting and adopting our new budget, and finally our day before Thanksgiving Service.

Thanksgiving is a time to look back on the year and be thankful. As a congregation, we have certainly been blessed this year. We have very faithful members and friends that have made sure month by month their contributions kept our bills paid and our budget positive. We have been able to reopen our doors and have services following the CDC and Distancing guidelines. Those of us attending services take these guidelines seriously and are planning to continue them in the New Year. Hopefully, as time goes on, more and more will be able to return on Sundays.

At our Annual Meeting this year, Phyllis and I will be presenting our 2021 budget. It is a very tight budget, with many items either being eliminated or greatly reduced. We will explain all of our reasons for line items. Everyone will be asked, when possible, to maybe give a little more. On fixed incomes, that becomes harder and harder for all of us to do, and we know that.

We have a few nominations for Council Members this year. It will be exciting to have new faces attending Council meetings. Our goal is to have both long time members and new members on Council. This will make sure that we are able to do the "Work of the Church". I am always amazed with the small number of members, the incredible amount of work we accomplish – donations to Family Life, School supplies, Pastor Solono's program, food for the homeless and yearly donations to charities by our Crafters.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful. I am thankful for being a member of such a wonderful and caring congregation. Wishing each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

God's Blessing on each of you. 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

Mary Martha Circle, Quilters and Crafters

All have resumed. All three groups would like new members so everyone should mark their calendars and plan to attend one or more of these groups. You don't have to be crafty, just come for a good time!

This month Quilters will be Decorating the Church and Library on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 Arrive at the church at 9 am, the library at about 10 am, followed by lunch at the Olive Garden. Please contact Sue Spinelli if you are interested! All are welcome!

If you need a book for Mary Martha please contact Jody Hitz 386-445-6174.

Our small quilting group has donated 20 quilts to two local ministries. In order to continue this mission, we are in need of fabric donations and money to purchase supplies. Also we would welcome more workers to the group. Please contact Joan Irwin at 437-9970.

Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Helen Johnson, Ngaio Carlisle, Bill Street, Rosemarie Robinson, Charlie and Martha Taylor.

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: George Hagel, Marjorie Matthews, Tom Mendel.

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. Just a reminder, the gifts should be brought to church by November 15th. They need to be unwrapped. Please place them in a bag, identify the child on the bag, and place the card inside the bag.

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 Sunnie MacLeod 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 Sunnie at the church office (437-4113).

November

**2 Arlie Johnson
6 Veronica Wilkening
9 Jody Hitz
15 Ngaio Carlisle
18 Marjorie Matthews
24 Pauline Martin**

During November we are praying for all of the Military and National Guard as they protect us in this new world.

November, 2020

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1 10am Worship	2	3 12:30am Council Meeting	4 9:00 Crafters/ 9:30 Quilters	5	6	7 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
8 10am Worship Veterans Day Service	9	10	11 9:00 Crafters/ 9:30 Quilters	12 10:30 Music Meeting	13	14 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
15 10am Worship Annual Congregation Meeting	16	17 1:00 Mary Martha Circle Chapter 4 Hannah (Joan and Linda treats)	18 9:00 Crafters: Decorating the Church, 10:00 Decorating the Library 12:00 Lunch at Olive Garden 9:30 Quilters	19	20	21 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
22 10am Worship	23	24 Autumn Begins	25 No Crafters/ No Quilters 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary)
29 10am Worship	30					

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



VOLUNTEERS for November, 2020

2020	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Altar Care	Sue Spinelli		Sue Spinelli		
	White Paraments	Green Paraments	Green Paraments	White Paraments	Green Paraments
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz		
Lector		Pete Seidel		Pat Ganster	Arlie Johnson
Ushers	Paul & Judy Julch	Richard Irwin & Arlie Johnson	Pete Ganster & Bill Streett	Don & Erika Roach	Mike & Harriet Hinson
Sound Board	Don Roach	Pete Ganster	Pete Ganster	Don Roach	Don Roach
Audio/Visual	Linda Dyer	Pat Ganster	Don Roach	Richard Irwin	Linda Dyer