

THE MESSENGER

August Messenger

John 5:17 In His defense Jesus said to them, "My father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working."

Welcome to the "dog days of summer." I have to tell all of you that I could not be more proud of my parish. We have been blessed to have several new faces in our congregation and I have been so moved at how well each of them has been received. This is truly a church doing God's work.

We have had a wedding at church and the couple has filled out their membership forms. For each of the visitors I have heard that they feel more love and friendship at our church than any that they have attended. It is so wonderful that we do God's work by reaching out and welcoming people into our home, yes, and our church is our home and our visitors feel so welcome at Christ Lutheran Church.

God works through each of us in order that we may seek to do His work. Just think about it. We have moved, and we have added 6-8 new members to our church. When we were in Bunnell it was so hard to get people to come visit. They couldn't find us. Now we have visitors almost every week and several have said that we are their new home. God works in mysterious ways. It is awesome!!

I realize that times are difficult and finances are tight for all of us. But when I came in and saw all of the school supplies for the children in the Bunnell schools I was filled with excitement. No matter what, our congregation always finds a way to jump in and do all that they can.

So many churches are closing or having such financial difficulties but Christ Lutheran Church is filled with so many wonderful people just pulling up their shirtsleeves and just doing God's work.

God has expectations of all of us. And we cannot just sit back and say "I have done enough." There is always something that each one of us can do to contribute to the growth of Christ Lutheran Church. And there is always some little way that we can continue to work for God.

You are all amazing, wonderful Christians and I am truly thankful to be a part of such a giving and hardworking and loving Church.

Be safe during the summer and return back to us safely, I pray.

God's Peace and Grace to all, Pastor John

Dear Members and Friends of CLC

It is certainly summer. Hot days and lots of thunder and rain. Welcome to Florida. Welcome also, to the new Home for Christ Lutheran Church. Have you noticed? We moved into a smaller building and guess what - we have had new people come to Sunday worship. How wonderful is that:

We are still in the process of downsizing and “organizing” out new location. Can’t thank those dedicated people that are making it all happen. Sue has sold all of our extra chairs. Yeah!! We no longer have the storage unit. The items not needed are being sold or given away. We have purchased some items to utilize our new space efficiently. Also, there is a dehumidifier running 24 hours daily. Anyone/everyone entering our new location is amazed. It is a “place of worship” and makes folks want to come and stay and worship with us.

Our goal in selling the building at 2323 N State Street was to keep us financially sound. Our goal was to pay off a large mortgage and have money in our account to insure the long life of Christ Lutheran Worship Center. We want this congregation to be alive and well, for many years to come. Today, we are a congregation of mostly older adults. Who knows what the future may bring.

Phyllis, Karla and I work on the accounting on a weekly basis. We are still working on the cost of being at 520 Palm Coast Parkway on a monthly basis. We need to get all the costs of moving and renovations finalized.

We do know that on a monthly basis our rent is \$5,300 and we pay Pastor’s salary, Vladimir’s salary, computer expenses, insurance, telephone and internet, and other fees.

I can say our giving has ben down this year by over \$6,000 as of the end of June. There are many reasons, I am sure. We have written a very tight budget and I know most of us don’t want be “hitting the savings” on a monthly basis. Let’s see what we can do to help. Please be assured that we will be providing you financials as soon as all moving and renovation expenses have been recorded. The financials will be a bit confusing because our accounting software is based on a fiscal year and we moved in the middle of a yer so we have 2323 N. State Street accounting and our current location all in one bucket.

God has placed us here to do His Work. Let’s do all we can to insure that His Work will continue at this location for many years to come.

Pat Ganster
President

Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Marjorie Matthews, Arlie and Helen Johnson, Rosemarie Robinson. Martha and Charlie Taylor, Clarice Gildred and George Bertish.

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).

August

**9 Ed Schumacher
23 William Wilkening
28 Jim Gallagher**

**During August, we will be
praying for the opening of
School and a good year for the
teachers and children.**



VOLUNTEERS for August, 2022

2022	7th	14th	21th	28th
Altar Care	Karen Peck		Karen Peck	
Lay Minister	Joan Irwin		Jody Hitz	
Lector		Phyllis Lytle		Archie Johnson
Ushers	Pete Ganster Bill Streett	Pete & Carmen Seidel	Mike & Harriet Hinson	Don & Erika Roach
Computer	Pat Ganster	Linda Dyer	Phyllis Lytle	Sue Spinelli

