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# CLC NEWSLETTER

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Christ Lutheran is making progress with hurricane recovery. The sanctuary recovery will be complete when the new carpeting is installed soon. The new organ has been installed and our new organist, Dr. Richard Benedum, is anxious to start tickling the keys.

There was lots of action in the sanctuary recently as crews from Colby, Walker, and the recovery company were working simultaneously putting the finishing touches on our new look. Ray Colby was wiring the new pipes, Jake Colby was assembling wipers and checking out the case work, Jerry Aker and Ron Streicher from Walker were connecting all of the organ electronic components, and Ernesto and Monica were re-installing vent covers and trim. Our new sanctuary is almost finished and ready to host the organ dedication concert in February.

In the meantime, your church council has met several times for brainstorming sessions to pave the way into a smoother and better functioning lay church administration. To that end, three constitutionally mandated committees will be re-instituted.

The Evangelism Team will plan orientation meetings for new members, prepare information materials, publicize the ministry of the congregation, encourage members to invite and bring neighbors and friends to church, plan events to bring community neighbors to our campus, and help the pastor identify potential new members.

The Stewardship Team will emphasize commitment to tithe, promote the stewardship of time and talent, encourage end-of-life giving, seek written stewardship commitments from each member, and plan and execute annual appeals to support the budget.

The Fellowship Team will plan social and fellowship events, seek volunteers to help set up events, support the fellowship opportunities after worship, and offer fellowship opportunities that will not depend upon the budgeted funds of the congregation.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment as a member of any of the teams. Let me or Dotty Berner know which team you are interested in. Presently the new teams are planning to begin meeting on October 5 (Stewardship), October 6 (Fellowship), and October 7 (Evangelism) at 10 a.m.

October is Church Reformation month. Fraulein Ingetraut von Hosentraeger, Dr. Martin Luther's secretary, has assured me that he will visit at worship on Sunday, October 29. As usual, Jim Jung will pick him up at the Sarasota Airport with our ox cart. (Dr. Luther doesn't trust automobiles yet)

Your fellow traveler along the way,  
*Pastor Ken*

NEW SOUND COMING SOON!



Beginning on September 18, the team from the Colby Organ Company has been busy installing the new organ donated by our member Allen Dreyfuss. Parts for the new \$453,000 organ were spread over all the pews, all necessary for the organ with 3 manuals, 70 stops, and 440 pipes. The work was completed by Oct. 1.

Installers from R. A. Colby Pipe Organ Co. included Ray Colby and Jake Colby and electricians from the Walker Technical Organ Co. included Jerry Akers and Ron Streicher. The team rented a house in Englewood to house it until their return north. Members were amazed on September 24 when they came to worship and were greeted by seven sets of pipes housed in two cases flanking each side of the faceted cross over and behind the altar. Thanks to Allen Dreyfuss, Dotty Berner, Bob Cosler, and Kendal Cohen, the pews and floors were cleared of dust and grime in time for Sunday services.

“The digital stops in the two cases classify the organ as a hybrid organ,” according to donor Allen Dreyfuss. That explains why the installation required technicians from two companies, one for the pipes and casings, and another for the electrical work.

A concert of dedication featuring our new organist, Dr. Richard Benedum, is scheduled for February



# Music and Worship

Richard Benedum has been playing the piano each Sunday sans the organ while our sanctuary is in the process of recovery. Thank you for your patience, Richard.

Tom Renaud will once again resume singing and playing his guitar on the first Sunday of each month during the Offertory.

When the sanctuary is complete with carpeting, and preparation is made for the installation of our new pipe organ, we will once again have a beautiful worship space...that date is TBD.

There was no Music and Worship Committee meeting held in September or October. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 on November 1st. At that time a date for our new organ dedication concert, presented by Richard Benedum, will be on the agenda. Many volunteers will be needed for this special event. To that end attendance at this meeting is of the utmost importance. It is a huge opportunity for us to interest new members. I encourage all to get on board.

*Lois Greene,  
Chair Music and Worship*



# ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND



“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS”-ELCA Day of Service-SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for donating shoes, socks, undies, backpacks and lunch boxes for KIDS’ NEEDS of ENGLEWOOD, our 2023 “God’s work. Our hands.” celebration project! Becca DiRossa spoke with us that morning, sharing the importance and impact of KIDS’ NEEDS in our community..



THANK YOU for all the “Little Red Wagon” donations and to our recent pantry volunteers, Mary Anne D., Joyce H. and Carol R. Our next pantry days will be in November. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Mary Anne or Carol.



## QUILTING AND KNITTING

Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship and service...no skills necessary. We meet every Wednesday, from 9-Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. All willing hands and hearts are welcome. Most of our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief. Knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally.



## THRIVENT

Are you a Thrivent member? Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars each quarter. Christ Lutheran would feel blessed to receive these gifts. Also, please consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant (value of \$250) to support a special project for our church and/or the community. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.



**FAMILY PROMISE** of South Sarasota County DREAM WALK-October 14th, 8-10am. We invite you to join us in a peer-to-peer walk to benefit homeless families in our area. You can help by seeking sponsors and walking with Pastor Ken and Carol, or by donating money to sponsor one of our team walkers. The walk starts at the Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 Rialto St.

The walk will be followed by a Pancake Breakfast. For more information, see [www.familypromisessc.org/dreamwalk](http://www.familypromisessc.org/dreamwalk)  
[www.familypromisessc.org](http://www.familypromisessc.org)

\*Our next Outreach Ministry Team meeting is on Thursday, October 12th at 11am. All are welcome on our team. Please share your ideas for reaching out into our community with Christ’s love.

*Peace and Joy!*

*Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team*

Outreach Ministry





**Things you need to know!**

**If you are planning to bring baked goods to church for fellowship after service, please text or call Angie Ziegler at 941-525-7829**

*Joyce Hanisits, council rep to Fellowship Ministry*



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From Pastor Linda

Some information that is worth repeating. Living in Florida we sometimes forget that Fall is just around the corner. I am once again looking toward our women's ministry. Paula Beehler and I went to the WELCA workshop at Synod Convention and came back with some ideas. One possibility is to have a bi-monthly day planning/program meeting, and then an evening fellowship/study at a restaurant coffee shop so there are times for everyone. In the spring we had a discussion about a homecoming brunch sometime late fall.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11<sup>am</sup>. Please join us as we decide about dates and times for the fall months.

Thank you .  
*Pastor Linda*

# October



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10/02	Sandy Scheuermann
10/05	Carl Nicholson
10/05	Steve Nielsen
10/09	Julie Erickson
10/18	Jodie Rock
10/18	Helen Eckert
10/19	Andy Egeland
10/23	Barbara Houmiel
10/25	Larry Rutkowske
10/28	Kendal Cohen
10/28	Linda Mele
10/29	Gerald Konrad

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the office

(via e-mail at . . . [office@christlutheranfleng.org](mailto:office@christlutheranfleng.org)) to share your special day.

**Yesterday is a beautiful reflection.**

**Today is a new beginning.**

**Tomorrow is a limitless possibility!**





# & Attendance

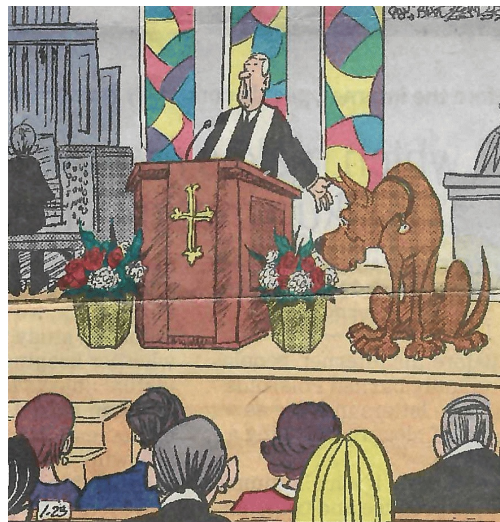
## Treasurer Report

Sept	Attendance	Giving	August	Attendance	Giving
3	44	\$3,191.00	6	30	\$1,716.00
10	41	\$2,186.00	13	34	\$4,416.00
17	43	\$1,861.00	20	34	\$701.00
24	48	\$1,671.00	27	39	650.00
	<b>176</b>	<b>\$8,909.00</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>\$7,483.00</b>



### ORGAN DONATIONS -

You are invited to make a contribution for our new organ to be installed by mid 2023. Please make checks to Christ Lutheran Church with "organ fund" in memo section.



... and anyone who dozes off will get a big wake-up kiss from Marmaduke.





1	Worship Service 9:30 <sup>am</sup> / 11:00 <sup>am</sup> Bible Study / Bridge Club noon - 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>
2	Women Circle 10am / Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
3	Bridge Club noon - 5pm
4	Quilting 9-noon
5	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon-5pm
6	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00 <sup>am</sup> / Bridge Club / "New" Fellowship Committee 10:00 <sup>am</sup>
7	Saturday - no activities
8	Worship Service 9:30 <sup>am</sup> / 11:00 <sup>am</sup> Bible Study / Bridge Club noon - 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>
9	Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
10	Bridge Club noon - 5pm
11	Quilting 9-noon
12	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon-5pm / Outreach 11am / Women Circle 10am
13	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00am / Bridge Club
14	Saturday - no activities
15	Worship Service 9:30 <sup>am</sup> / 11:00 <sup>am</sup> Bible Study / Bridge Club noon - 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>
16	Venetian Harmony 6:30-9:30pm
17	Church Council 1pm / Bridge Club noon - 5pm
18	Quilting 9-noon
19	Country Line Dancing 9-noon / Bridge Club noon-5pm
20	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00 <sup>am</sup> / Bridge Club
21	Saturday - no activities
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