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CLC NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

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Tim flies. It seems like only a few weeks have passed since we celebrated last year's Oktoberfest. This year's "Fest" is scheduled for October 24. Tickets are already on sale.

Martin Luther has been invited to speak at the annual Mid Gulf Conference meeting this year at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on October 17 but he promised to stick around in order to preach at CLC on Reformation Sunday, October 25. The celebration of the famous posting of the 95 Theses on the Castle Church Door at Wittenberg on October 31, 1507 every year presents an opportunity to review some of the world-shaking points made by the humble little monk from Saxony.

Some have said that Luther's best treatise is "The Freedom of the Christian," written in 1520, is his greatest work. He had just published "The Babylonian Captivity" in which he avoided blaming the pope for the corruption in the church. He even suggested that the pope renounce the papacy and retire to a small parish somewhere and help Luther reform the church. Needless to say, the pope, Leo X, did not accept the suggestion and decided to declared open war on the back-country friar instead.

You know the pointes Luther hammered home: A person could not "earn" salvation through good works. One comes to the point of total dependency upon God's mercy when one admits that no person can meet the demands of God's law. Faith and trust in God's offer of clemency replaces good works. The believer, in gratitude, is guided by faith to express gratitude by loving God and loving others. That means that one is free from the demands of the law but now free to love others. "Good works do not make a good man; but a good man does good works." Luther also said, "I will give myself as a sort of Christ to my neighbor as Christ gave himself for me."

Luther was no dummy. He knew that he had lit a bomb. He foresaw fragmentation in the church. But, surprisedly, he received praise from many quarters. He thought, "The papacy until now seemingly invincible may even be rooted out beyond all hope, unless, of course, the Last Day comes first."

The mandate from Jesus to "do onto others as you would have them do onto you," could now be within the realm of possibility. Free from having to save ourselves, one could do what the Spirit leads us to do, namely, to love others. It seems to me that that simple opportunity has currently been shoved to the back shelf. Lust for power, the desire to be in the limelight, the temptation to "cheat" in life, the urge to step in front of the crowd, the willingness to take from others and withhold the necessities of life and happiness from others, and only accept neighbors that look like us are contrary to Luther's expression of freedom.

The words of Luther were so offensive to those who led the empire that he was summoned to a trial before the emperor. He was saved by the intervention of his prince, Frederick the Wise, and lived another 25 years to press for reform. Today, most would agree that the Reformation was a success. The Church of Rome has cleaned up its act. Today's pope urges that all people and world leaders "work for the common good." In the face of AI which currently tends to run rogue, the pope champions the dignity of humans. But our "Christian" culture is sliding down a slippery slope. The "good works" endorsed by Luther are either ignored or redefined. Lust for power has replaced work for the common good. The biblical injunction to welcome the stranger has been replaced by efforts to keep those seeking freedom from poverty and tyranny outside the gates. The sharing of resources has been replaced by the hoarding of resources amounting to billions of dollars. The Commandment to not bear false witness has been replaced by unchecked lies, falsehoods, and slanderous representations. Let Luther speak. Let gratitude for God's unconditional mercy be expressed by what is true, honorable, civil, and sacrificed for the common good.

Your fellow traveler along the Way, Pastor Ken

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND (EHH) - Thank you for donating food and personal care items to EHH! It is wonderful to see our Little Red Wagon full! EHH is located on the campus of Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E Dearborn St. and is open to clients on W and TH, from 8am-1pm. Thank you to Mary Anne DiGrazia for securing a $250 Thrivent Action Grant to purchase items for EHH! Thank you to our September volunteers who work at EHH on Tuesdays to prep for the busy client days: Joyce Hanisits, Rebecca Jacob's, Carol Rice, Kat Smith, Rick Valenti and Char Wymer. Additional volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29. If you would like to volunteer as a pantry worker, please let Carol know.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - September 13, 2026-Our project to celebrate ELCA's day of service this year was supporting Englewood Helping Hand. What an awesome response from our members! Thank you for your generosity! The wagon overflowed and a banquet table was covered with so many items. The donations weighed in at 473 lbs.! Karen Harvey, EHH board president, shared about the positive impact EHH makes in the Englewood community. Thank you, Barbara McAlister, for securing a $250 Thrivent Action Grant for this event. Thrivent t-shirts reminding us to "Live Generously" are available in the back of the church.

GREETING CARDS - We thank Ellen Novotny for continuing to send notes and cards to our members.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS - Let's all help HELEN ECKERT celebrate her 100th BIRTHDAY on Sunday, October 18, by showering her with cards. Cards can be mailed to the address below or dropped off in the church narthex. Also, Pastor Ken and anyone able to join in the party will carpool after church that day to visit her. Helen has been a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church for more than 40 years. She lives at Village on the Isle. Her address is: *Helen Eckert, Village on the Isle, 910 Tamiami Trail South Room 303, Venice, FL 34286-3634*

Please continue to keep all of our homebound members in your thoughts and prayers. Their names are listed each week in our Sunday Bulletin.

KIDS' NEEDS of ENGLEWOOD - We continue to collect new and gently-used clothing for Englewood area elementary, middle and high school students, ages 5-18. These donations can be placed in the Kids' Needs collection box in our narthex. Thank you to all who have donated items recently. Pastor Ken enjoys volunteering with KN.

QUILTING AND KNITTING - Please join us for a time of Christian fellowship, fun and service…no skills necessary. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9-noon every Wednesday. All willing hands and hearts are welcomed and needed. Our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief and sent throughout the world at times of disaster. Beautiful knitted and crocheted Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are donated locally. We need help making more prayer shawls. If you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl or lap robe, please let Pastor Ken or Carol Rice know.

THRIVENT - Are you a Thrivent member? Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars each quarter. Christ Lutheran is 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. Most Thrivent members can qualify for 2 grants per year. Grant requests can be initiated by calling Thrivent or by going online. Need a project idea? The Outreach Ministry Team will help.

TROSHUK FAMILY - Pastor Ken and Ellen N. visit the Troshuks on many Saturdays for stories, games and language lessons. Please continue to support our Ukrainian family with your prayers, including prayers for immigration relief and world PEACE!

The next Outreach Ministry Team meeting will be on TH, October 8, at 11am in the office meeting room.

Peace and Joy!
Carol Rice for the Outreach Ministry Team Pastor Ken, Ellen Novotny, Pastor Linda Fernandez and Kat Smith

TIDBITS

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

New CLC Phone directories (green cover) are available. Again, please let us know, via e-mail, a note, phone call, or carrier pigeon, etc. if your information needs updated. PLEASE, if you have changed or there is an error, please let us know. We can't express how important it is to keep us up to date by sending us any NEW info at office@christlutheranfleng.org telling us to add or correct your e-mail. And remember, penmanship counts ... if I can't read it . . . guaranteed it will be 100% incorrect.

Christ Lutheran Church Privacy Statement . . .

The Church Directory of Christ Lutheran Church is provided to the members for the purpose of conducting church business only. The church Directory is not for sale and use of the information; including names, telephone numbers, emails or web addresses for purposes other than church-related business is strictly prohibited.

Christ Lutheran Men, Oct. 2026

MEN'S MINISTRIES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men of Christ Lutheran Church meet in Christian Fellowship to share and serve our Lord. We offer to use "our-hands" to do God's Work. All Men are welcome and encouraged to join with us.

The Men are planning for our fall/winter meetings and congregational activities. Some new and very exciting ideas are being reviewed.

Sponsor CLC Seminar presentation by Thrivent Financial
Host presentation by the Florida, Bahama ELCA Synod
Plan for a "November Night of Thanks" evening of music
Annual "Under the Stars of Bethlehem" Holiday Dinner
Thursday, Dec. 10th.

Schedule: Bi-weekly, usually Wednesday at 9am
Where: The meetings will primarily be held at church.
Why: We will meet for Men's fellowship, devotions and to serve our church. If there are some tasks that need attention, we will help.

Up-coming Schedule:

**** Thursday Oct. 8th, Men's Meeting. 9am at Church Conference Rm. Devotions, fellowship, planning. Coffee, Donuts

**** Friday Oct. 23rd, **3pm, Octoberfest Set-up**, decorations, tables Fellowship Hall

**** Saturday Oct. 24th 2pm Octoberfest assistance. Event starts at 4pm. **7pm tear-down and clean-up**

**** Saturday Oct. 31st Halloween Safe-Walk, 5pm to 7pm, W. Dearborn 4:30pm set-up, 7pm tear-done.

Mark Baker, Facilitator

Women's Group

Greetings,

Our meeting at Anita's home was perfect. Great food, great fellowship and a productive meeting. At this time we are scheduling our next meeting by those who can attend on that date. We all agree that a set time needs to be selected and for future meetings we will use our fellowship hall for our growth. Our plan is to have this in place and start 2027 with that set time and location.

October is busy!

10/24 - The women are helping serve and provide desserts and fruit salad for the Oktoberfest

10/26 - 1:00pm - Bagging candy in the church conference room for Halloween Safewalk.

November

11-15 - 60th Anniversary Birthday Brunch for our church after the service.

11-19 - meeting, hosted by Becca J. At 3:30

December

12-07 - meeting, hosted by Paula V. at 4:00pm.

Please join us, everyone is welcome, see you then.

Blessings, Nancy Berry

If your birthday is not listed,

and you would like it to be,

please contact the office,

via e-mail at . . .

office@christlutheranfleng.org to share your special day

"We'll sing the first verse, hum the second, and lip-sync the third."

October		
Janet	Singer	10/01
Virginia	Anderson	10/03
Eric	Jacobs	10/03
Carl	Nicholson	10/05
Joe	Caputo	10/6
Julie	Erickson	10/09
Gail	Pedersen	10/11
Rick	Wymer	10/15
Helen	**Eckert**	**10/18**
Andy	Egeland	10/19
Lee	Smith	10/22
Ezra	Suggs	10/24
Paula	Virlee	10/26
Kendal	Cohen	10/28
Linda	Mele	10/28
Gerald,	Konrad	10/29
Lynne	Kronholm	10/30

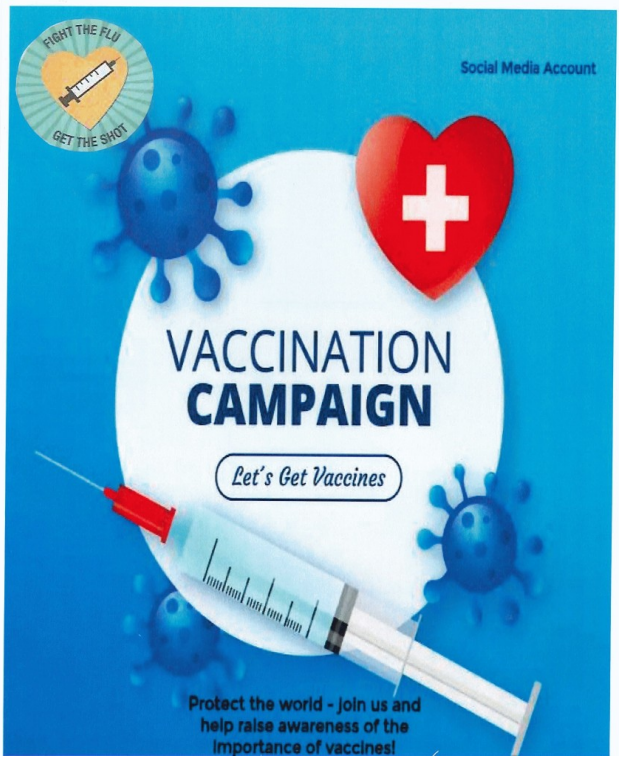
Church Attendance

August	Attendance	Giving
09/06	30	$1,810.01
09/13	35	$3,531.00
09/20	39	$1,796.00
09/27	46	$659.00
		$0.00
	150	$7,796.01

Martin Luther was a pioneer of self-publishing.

Please assist the church by completing a survey for each member in your household. The information in the survey is a very valuable tool to Christ Lutheran Church. It allows us to know which of our members would be good on which committees, who is willing to serve in which areas, and which of our members have talents that can be shared with the church. This may involve education, training, and practice in various fields, always with the intent of glorifying God. It's been many years since we did our last survey and it is important to have up-to-date information about the gifts God has given to each of us to use for His glory. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. This survey can be picked up in the Narthex and returned at your earliest convenience. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you!

10/01	Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
02	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00AM /
03	
04	Worship Service 9:30AM
05	Venetian Harmony - 6:30 - 9:30PM / Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM / Conf on Ministry
06	Boogie Chair 9-10 AM / Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM / Conf on Ministry
07	Quilting 9:00- 2:00PM / Conf on Ministry
08	Men's Group 9:00AM / Outreach 11:00AM / Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
09	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00AM
10	
11	Worship Service 9:30AM
12	Venetian Harmony - 6:30 - 9:30PM / Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
13	Boogie Chair 9-10 AM / Bridge Club 12- 5PM / Oktoberfest Meet 1PM / Scout Meet 6PM
14	Quilting 9:00- 2:00PM
15	Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
16	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00AM
17	Tai Chi 10:00-1:00PM - Art Class
18	Worship Service 9:30AM
19	Venetian Harmony - 6:30 - 9:30PM
20	Boogie Chair 9AM / Bridge Club 12-5PM / Church Council 1PM / Oktoberfest Meet 1PM
21	Quilting 9:00- 2:00PM
22	Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
23	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00AM / Noon - Oktoberfest set up
24	3:00PM - Oktoberfest set up / Oktoberfest Event 4:00-7:00PM
25	Worship Service 9:30AM
26	Venetian Harmony - 6:30 - 9:30PM
27	Boogie Chair 9:00-10:00 AM / Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
28	Quilting 9:00- 2:00PM
29	Bridge Club 12:00 - 5:00 PM
30	Tai Chi 10:00-11:00AM
31	Halloween SafeWalk 4:00PM



2ND WELLNESS CLINIC

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 N. INDIANA STREET, ENGLEWOOD, FL

A CVS PHARMACIST WILL BE ON SITE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATION SHOTS.

FLU SHOT - LATEST VERSION

COVID - LATEST VERSION

PNEUMONIA

RSV (RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRSU)

SHINGLES

MMR (MEASLE/MUMPS/RUBELLS)

TDAP (TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS)

OTHERS AVAILABLE, JUST ASK!

CLC member, friends and neighbors are eligible.

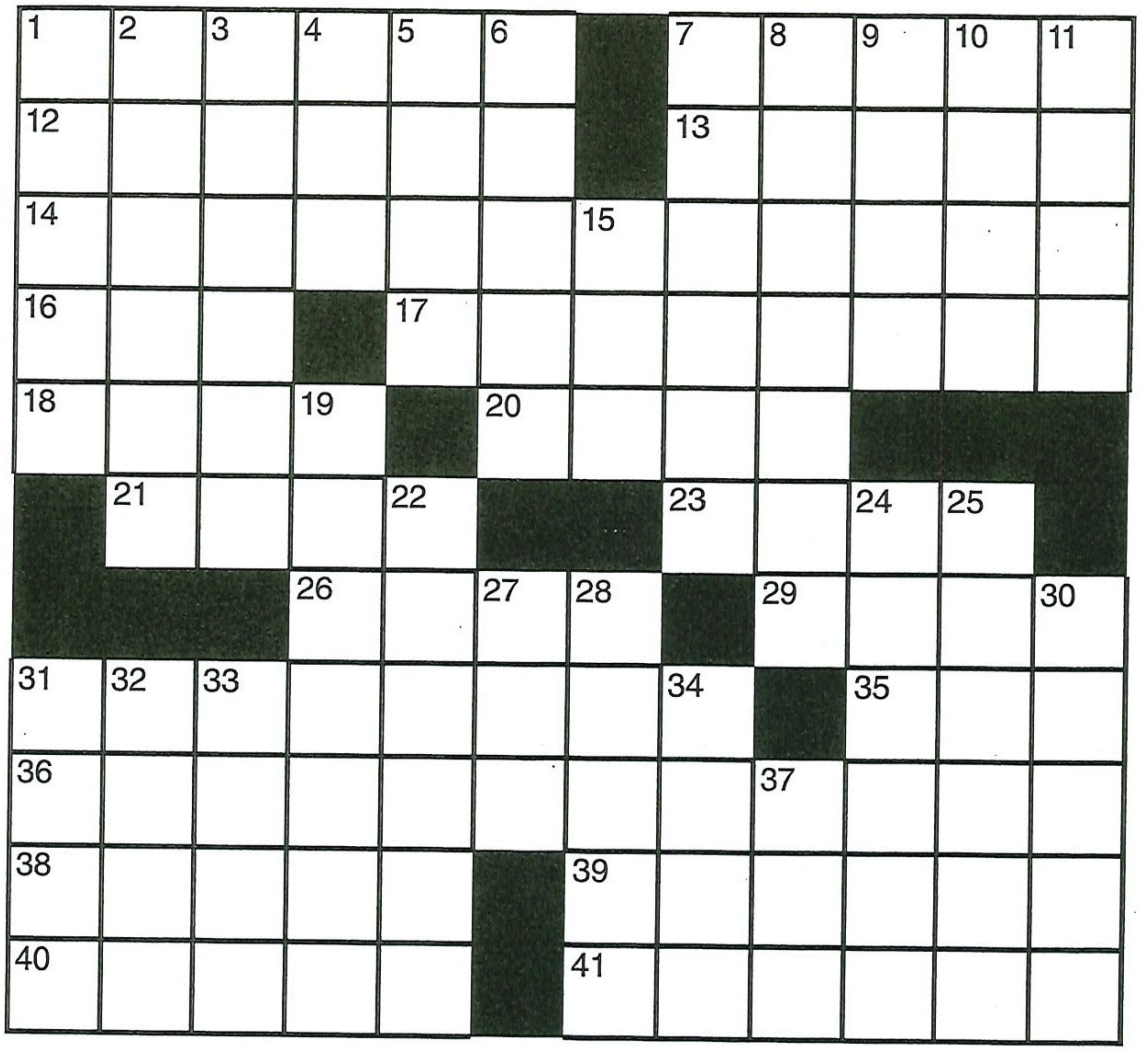
THE COST, IN MOST CASES, IS ZERO, AS MEDICARE AND/OR INSURANCE WILL COVER IMMUNIZATION.

Sat. Nov 7th 9:30-12:30

Church Office Conference Room

A INSERT TO FILL OUT IS IN THE SUNDAYBULLETIN ... OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.

BIBLE EPITHETS



Bible Epithets

ACROSS

1. Palestinian sect member of old
7. Bounded
12. Ready to go
13. Noted seed salesman W. _____Burpee
14. What Jesus was called (John 10:11)
16. Inflatable item?
17. Region below Hades, in Greek myth
18. Completely engrossed
20. "Open 24 hours" sign, perhaps
21. Minute fraction of a min.
23. _____sci (coll. Major)
26. "_____ help you?"
29. Falls behind
31. Relatives through marriage
35. Miami-to-NTC direction
36. What Jesus was called (John 1:29)
38. Star in Cygnus the Swan
39. "Therefore, behold, I will _____ her, and bring her into the wilderness ..." (Hosea 2:14)
40. _____lot (is quite telling
41. More prized

DOWN

1. Ready to go
2. Advertising catchphrase
3. Single-masted boats
4. Apocrypha book: abbr.
5. "As an eagle that stirreth up her ____" (Deuteronomy 32:11)
6. Ezrahite whose wisdom was compared with Solomon's (1 Kings 4:31)
7. Computer for a commuter
8. Gasoline component
9. New York Yankee, briefly
10. Where the Amazon begins
11. Turner and Kennedy
15. "Before," in literature
19. Houses of worship (Joel 3:5)
22. Melon type
24. Long-tailed monkey
25. Pay no heed to
27. _____Kippur (Day of Atonement)
28. Not on good terms (with)
30. Passover meal
31. Agree-on guidelines: abbr.
32. Mother of Eos
33. Start of a children's rhyme
34. It's always underfoot
37. Tallahassee's st.

We have added the new Facebook link on our Website

https://christlutheranfleng.com/ . . .

Our New page:

https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranchurchofenglewood

as you can see, the only difference is adding the word "of" in the new listing

The old facebook page is in the process of getting removed by facebook

A new Facebook link is now on our Website

https://christlutheranfleng.com/

"When I was a little kid, I had an imaginary friend. I just found him on Facebook!"

Thank you *Christ Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Men, and Pastor Ken, Mark, and especially Bob,*

Thank you *for making the fellowship hall available Friday night for kids' Fun Night Done Right. I saw some of the kids and their parents at guitar lessons this morning, and they raved about the nice evening.*

I'm impressed that we collectively managed games, pizza; education (history of flying and how planes fly; the paper airplane contest, and the magic show and the kids interactively conversing within the harmony message. . . .all in an hour and a half!

The photos attached will be on facebook.

Thank you all! Be blessed.

Comcast mail now runs through Yahoo, and those inboxes often drop messages in Junk / Spam instead of the inbox or if it is viewed as a threat, it could be discarded completely.. So, going forward an e-mail will be sent out announcing that the newsletter has been published to the website. At this point there are 2 choices . . . pick up a hard copy in the Narthex or visit the website. www.christlutheranfleng.com

"CAN WE GET A REFUND IF THE SERMON ISN'T THAT GOOD?"

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026 4-7pm
Buffet starts at 4:30

OKTOBER FEST

LIVE MUSIC BY: ALPINE BOYS

Bratwurst & Sauerkraut | German Potato Salad | Beverage & Dessert

Beer & Wine for Purchase

For "WILL CALL" Tickets
Call 603-475-3492

$25.00 Adults
$10.00 Kids 16 & Under

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00pm

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church 60th Anniversary

November 15 - Brunch after service

November 7th

8:00 till Noon

Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Date to be announced

Bring you Dogs, Cats,

Bunnies, Birds, or other

Family pet to be blessed.

Saturday, October 31st

Halloween Save-Walk 5-7pm

West Dearborn, Englewood, Fl

December 10, 2026

More details will follow

Women's group meets monthly. All women of faith welcome.