



Christ Lutheran Church

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



November 3

Daylight Savings
Ends! Turn clocks
back 1 hour at
midnight!

November 8

WELCA
Women's Bible
Study 1:00pm

November 12

Veterans Day
Office Closed

November 22-23

Office Closed
Thanksgiving

Worship With Us

Every Sunday in

November

8:00am on the Beach
at North Beach

&

10:30 in the Sanctuary

Dear family and friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

So, there's always this sort of joke that pastors only work about one hour a week; after all, it's only during that one hour or so during the worship service that most worshippers see the pastor "working!" As you probably know, this, of course, is not true. In fact, at our October council meeting, I presented (as I do each month) my Pastor's Report, outlining and detailing some of the things I do as the Minister of Word and Sacrament - your Pastor - here at Christ Lutheran and Christ's Beach Church. I thought you may want to know a bit of the things I've been "up to" here. And don't worry, I certainly will honor people's privacy and confidentiality and not disclose any names. To keep this short, I will write about this in the current newsletter and for the December issue. I figured making this a two-part article will be shorter and quicker to read. So, here goes...

First, I've had several "walk-ins," by this I mean members and other worshippers who've stopped by without an appointment to simply get to know me, offering, in fact, a chance for us to get to know each other. During those conversations, I've heard all sorts of challenging things: fears, concerns, frustrations, but I've also heard of good things: joys and hopes. Some of these things were about our congregation, but most were simply about people's lives. The ministry is first and foremost, of course, about relationships and connections, the deepest of that being the relationship from the One - our God and the Son Jesus - but also about the relationships we have with each other. Incidentally, I welcome "walk ins"; I'm usually at the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Of course, making an appointment is a good thing. You can call me or email me at RevKozak@gmail.com to set it up. I really would like to hear from you!

Second, and speaking of appointments, I've had many appointments since I've begun as your interim Pastor. Those appointments are similar in nature to the "walk ins," except I know of some one coming in. If you ever want to meet - for whatever reason - I am very happy to do so. We can meet at the church, your home, or even at some public spot, such as Starbucks. I'll even buy the coffee.

Third, each week I bring a message to our preschoolers during their chapel time. During chapel, we sing songs about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and I share a simple story with the kids for them to hear about God's love. Recently, I taught them a baptismal lesson about how God uses the water to make us God's children and as the kids enter the worship space, I sit by the door with our baptismal shell and the children dip a finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on their foreheads - a reminder of how God loves each and every one of them. We do this each week!

Next month, I'll share about pastoral care issues (only in general, not specific), meetings with others outside of our congregation, and community involvement. These are, again, simply other things I've been "up to" as your Pastor and things that may help you better understand my vocation.

May this time of Thanksgiving bring you a bit of comfort from God of the things you are thankful for. Great things are happening here at Christ Lutheran and Christ's Beach Church. May God bless you.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Darryl

BOOK CLUB

The next CLC Book Club meeting will be Sunday, November 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room at church. Come enjoy coffee and donuts while we discuss this month's amazing read! Bring a friend!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday morning Bible study meets each week in the Fireside Room at church from 10:00 - 11:00am. We have a great group and are having a great time together, and we'd love to have you join us! All are welcome!!

WELCA WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Meet with the women of Christ Lutheran Church for our monthly women's Bible study, held the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. This month we meet on Thursday, November 8th. Bring your Bible and a friend and enjoy good food, coffee and fellowship while we study specially selected texts! All women are welcome!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN!

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| Grace Ferguson | November 4 |
| Marion Shurtleff | November 5 |
| Ron Harlow | November 12 |
| Luisana Gomez | November 22 |
| Cathy Baumgarn | November 23 |



CLC SUPPORTS THE 5TH ANNUAL FAM HUNGER WALK!

Thank you to all our walkers--Pastor Darryl, Johnny, Ruth, Karen, Cathy, Keith, Judy, Norman, Ron, Susanne, Betty, Caryn & baby Noah, and friends Pete and Laurie--and all who sponsored them. We had more walkers than ever and raised more money than ever (well over \$1500) to help support Family Assistance Ministries and the critical work they do to help struggling individuals and families in our community. As an official sponsor for the first time, Christ Lutheran/Beach Church had our church name and logo on the event T-shirt and an ad in the event program. It was inspirational being part of a huge group of joyful people all wearing Hunger Walk T-shirts on the 2.5 mile Del Mar/Camino Real route, united in this cause and helping make the community more aware of FAM. And the weather was great! Thanks again to everyone. Bless you for walking or giving or both!



The Situation:

From the Caribbean to the North Atlantic Coast, millions of people have evacuated their homes and communities due to Hurricane Sandy. Strong winds and torrential rains have led to loss of power, flooding and mass destruction. The storm sent trees crashing down and left neighborhood streets looking like rivers.

ELCA Response:

Through ELCA Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is responding in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. In the Caribbean, through our global church partnerships, we are providing basic needs such as food, water and shelter. In Haiti, outbreaks of cholera have been reported. The ELCA has been working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti to build capacity in preserving health and wellness related to cholera. Throughout the United States we are working hand-in-hand with synods and ministry organizations who are experts at outreach in their communities.

We are working with church bodies in Cuba and Haiti and are in close contact with synods, congregations and disaster response partners within the United States to meet the immediate needs of those affected by this storm. And we will continue to help for as long as we are needed.

Pray:

As the communities work to recover, please keep them and those who work on their behalf in prayer.

Give:

Your donations to [ELCA Disaster Response](#), designated for Hurricane Sandy will be used entirely (100 percent) to help families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by this disaster. Donations from people like you allow this church to respond to those in need.



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Please look in your Sunday bulletin for donation instructions, or go to the ELCA's disaster relief web page:

www.elca.org/disaster

DONATE NOW

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

... Rosemary Sater;

... Susan Wild;

... Kelly Barreira; Valen Ricciotti, friends of the preschool;

...continuing prayers for Matthew Wild, Dorothy Alvord and Lennie Kopperud;

... Pastor Darryl and our Christ Lutheran Church Council;

...those serving in the military and their families;

...Bishop Mark Hanson and the ELCA, Bishop Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod, our congregation at Christ Lutheran Church;

...the staff and families of La Cristianita Preschool.

*"Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen."*

NEW STAFF TITLE ANNOUNCED

At our September Council meeting, Council unanimously voted to give our accompanist Russell Crabtree a new title: Director of Music Ministry . During the transition the last few months, Russell has been selecting our wonderful music each Sunday and we wanted to pay him accordingly and "upgrade" his title, not only for this, but all the leadership he provides. As I'm sure each of you know and appreciate, Russell is a dedicated

musician who graces us weekly with his talents. Please extend your "thanks" to him for the wonderful ministry he leads to make our worship life all the more special. We also want to thank Tom Fahney and Kenneth Haro, who lead the singing for our worship services. And thanks be to God for continuing to grace Christ Lutheran and Christ's Beach Church with fine musical leadership.

Peace and Joy,

Rev. Darryl W. Kozak, M.Div.

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