

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Christmas I** – Simeon had to wait for the consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25). No doubt his unfulfilled longings robbed him of dignity in the eyes of observers. But his extended approach toward death gave uplifting witness to the Lord's relentless faithfulness. Equipped with this greater dignity, Simeon offered even his sufferings as sacrifice to serve the Lord's will and the wellbeing of others. As we also die with Christ, He dignifies our deaths as well. *Ancient of Days, we commend our lives and our deaths into Your hands. Amen.*

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – Floyd Johnson, in loving memory of his son Sevn Johnson .

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** - All visitors and members are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for beverages and light snacks. Team 3 will be serving today. Team 4 will serve next week.

**NO PRAYER BREAKFAST IN JANUARY** – We will let you know when we will start up again.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers for the Church Services on Saturday night and Sunday morning, for the calendar year of 2019, there is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex of the Church. If you would like to have real flowers, please put the words "real flowers" behind your name and also include your phone number so the Altar Guild can call you. Thank You. The Altar Guild

**ALTAR GUILD** - If any member of Christ Lutheran Church would like to serve the Lord as Chairperson of the Altar Guild. Let the church secretary know.

**2019 SIGN-UPS**—We now have the new sign-up sheets for Altar Flower sponsors, Bulletin sponsors, Greeters and Lectors available on the Bulletin Board in the narthex of the church. Please stop by to put your name on the dates you wish to be a sponsor or to serve as a Greeter or Reader.

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**—If you were unable to participate in our November photo event and are interested in an update photography day (February or March 2019), please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. We need 18 families minimum for a photographer to come.

**PHOTOS ARE HERE**—Those of you who had your picture taken for our Pictorial Directory and did not place an order can pick up your FREE 8x10 photo in the mailbox room on the glass topped cabinet. If you placed a picture order, your FREE 8x10 will be mailed to you with your order. Thank you!

**TODAY'S LIGHT DEVOTIONAL**—If you are interested in this devotional book, please place \$25 in an envelope with your name on it marked "Today's Light". This is a devotional guide book that goes through the Bible in two years.

**ENJOYMENT BOOKS ARE IN**— Enjoyment Books are now available for sale before and after Saturday and Sunday services. Still \$30 each. Contact Cheryl Langanke at 965-4669 for additional information.

**LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY** - Our study on "Acts," will start Tuesday, January 8th, at either 10 AM or at Noon. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**"BELIEVE" BIBLE STUDY** – The "Believe" Bible Study will start Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**NHL HOCKEY TIME: The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrivent Night at the Tampa Bay Lightning!**  
Tickets sales have begun for our game on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM, when the Tampa Bay Lightning takes on Calgary. Tickets cost \$25. A limited number of these special discounted tickets are available, so place your order now! Use promo code: **THRIVENT** . Seating is very limited and will go fast, so we encourage everyone to order soon. Last day for orders to be received is February 5, 2019. If you have any questions about the game, feel free to contact Joey Galuppi with the Lightning at 813-301-6546 or by email at [jgaluppi@amaliearena.com](mailto:jgaluppi@amaliearena.com) . See you at the Amalie Arena!

**YOUTH GROUP PLANNING MEETING** – There will be a youth group planning meeting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> following the church service. All youth, parents, and board members are encouraged to attend.

**YOUTH GROUP RUMMAGE SALE** - The CLC youth group is conducting the annual rummage sale on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will be asking for your donations, but not until much closer to the date of the sale. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin and newsletter for the dates and times when we will begin collecting items. The money raised will go towards helping the youth group with their trip to the National Gathering in Minneapolis next summer.

**GRIEF SHARE** - Find help at GriefShare with a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. A 13-week session will begin on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room at St Paul Lutheran in Lakeland. This is a FREE class and each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. Pastor Ron will facilitate this group. If interested, contact Becky: 863-644-7710 ext: 423 / bhowell@stpaulakeland.org.

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

- Tuesday ..... Church Office Closed  
New Year's Day
- Wednesday..... **NO** Jr. Confirmation
- Thursday.....Choir Practice @ 7 pm
- Saturday.....Worship Service @ 5 pm
- Sunday .....Children's Sunday School @ 9 am  
Adult Bible Study @ 9 am  
Sunday Worship Service @ 10 am