



CHRIST CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

We are Christ Church and Preschool! Called to Love and Be Loved
Know and Be Known and Share God's Love Boldly!

Christ Church **A Church for Everyone**

Christ Church and Preschool Lenten Schedule 2021

*7:00 pm Holden Evening Service
held every Wednesday in Lent
(Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24)*

A Hop, Skip, and Jump Through the Psalms
Each Sunday in Lent
(Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21)

Palm Sunday March 28
10 am Service

Maundy Thursday April 1
7:00 pm Service

Good Friday April 2
12 – 3 pm Sanctuary open for prayer
7:00 pm Service

Easter Sunday April 4
7:00 am Outdoor Sunrise Service
10:00 am Easter Service

Pastor Sean L. Forde

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly (Psalm 40:10).

Our season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday as we were marked with the sign of the cross upon our foreheads. We journey with Jesus to the cross and then we go through the cross to resurrection life.

We distributed another 200 bags of groceries to the Coral Springs community on Saturday February 27, 2021. Meeting the food needs of our community continues to be a major emphasis of our ministry. We also had new volunteers because more people have a greater desire to participate in positive activities. It is great to see our service in action.

Lutheran World Relief Kits are our yearlong outreach emphasis beginning in March and lasting through September. These baby kits, personal care kits, school kits, and blanket kits are designed to help families in their times of need. Many times, they become the first possessions of people who have just lost everything due to fires, floods, and other disasters. We make a huge impact with these little gifts that show God's love.

Our ministry continues to move forward by the grace of God. We are blessed to have so many gifted leaders who want to make a positive difference in the world. We continue to see minor increases in preschool enrollment and worship attendance in-person during the season of Lent. It was last year March when social distancing and isolation protocols were put in place. It is so nice to see masked faces that we have not seen since last March. God is good! And may we be blessed as we speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of Christ Church and Preschool.

Pastor Sean L. Forde

Save the Date!

*On April 18 Christ Church and Preschool will
officially install Pastor Sean at 10 am.*

Recap and update of mid-year meeting Submitted by Carmen Gandara, Treasurer

When the budget was prepared last year, we had the hope that things would be back to normal by now. As we all know, we now live a new normal!

During the month of January, we saw some improvement from December even though our income was lower. In January, our total income was \$42,732. This is \$4,477 less than during the month of December. The good news is that our expenses were \$55,135 or \$24,693 less than during the month of December.

We do have a net loss of \$12,402 for the month increasing our net loss to \$95,319. The first PPP grant covers this loss (we did receive the forgiveness on the loan!). We applied for the second PPP loan/grant. Hopefully we will hear from the bank soon.

Our Restricted Accounts balances have stayed and remained about the same. The Fence Fund is at \$2,149 as of the end of January.

I would like to remind everyone that even though we have a net loss, offerings are increasing. We were used to our preschool making a profit every month to help with expenses. With the closings and restrictions on number of students, we have been supporting the school to keep it open. The good news is that during the month of January, our preschool showed a \$1,171 net gain.



**Dedicating Easter Lilies
In Honor Of or In Memory Of
a loved one is a cherished tradition at
Christ Church and Preschool**

**Please Pick up an envelope in the back of
the church, or call the office to make an
Easter Lily dedication.**

The cost is \$15 per dedication.

*Lilies will be placed in the
Sanctuary in time for
Easter Morning Services*

We will publish a list of all dedications in the May Newsletter

Call the church office at 954.752.6566 to dedicate an Easter Lily

Parent Letter from Donna Lewis Henry

Dear Families, Thank you for all your warm wishes and valentines gifts! We had fun exploring the theme of Love and Friendship this past month. We learned that being a good friend means developing skills such as cooperation, sharing, giving and accepting compliments and apologies. We hope that we have all learned some new strategies to be a good friend! Our school provides a stimulating education, enriched in the Christian philosophy and infused with current instructional best practices. We provide students with a rich and individualized education, tailored to support future success in their local and global communities.

Fall 2020 Preschool Registration If your child will be turning 4 years old before September 1st they will be eligible for VPK school year 2021-2022. Please go on line to [ELCBROWARD .ORG](http://ELCBROWARD.ORG) and apply for VPK. Summer Camp Registration Begins May 17th.

Chapel Mondays Please remember to send in chapel change. This month chapel change will go to Lutheran World Relief to make baby kits for new mothers in places which have been victims of natural disasters.

Curriculum Corner The VPK children have been busy learning their beginning sounds, numbers, and memory math facts. We have been doing many group lessons in collective. This way, we are all learning together and helping each other learn the sound each letter makes and identifying words with that letter. We will review all the previous lessons we have learned before moving forward. In March, we will start off by celebrating the wonderful Dr. Seuss. His birthday is March 2 and we have a fun filled week of activities and reading planned in his honor! The rest of the month we will be practicing our Abeka materials.

Toddlers- 2's and 3's We will also be focusing on the letters Gg, Hh, Ii and J, the number 5, 6 and 7, the color green, and rectangles. Spring is a very busy time for plants, animals and insects. Plants are blooming, animals awaking from hibernation, insects hatching, birds returning from the south and weather warming up. The children will explore where animals, plants and insects have been all winter and how they will adapt and prepare for the new season.

Dates to Remember

March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Birthday

March 19th- NO VPK

March 14th – Daylight Saving Time begins

March 20th – Spring begins

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green

March 22nd- 26th – NO VPK Spring Break Week

The Service Team, along with Life Fellowship Church hosted another successful food distribution on Feb 27! Thanks to everyone who helped! From the donations of food and the small army who helped to pack and distribute 200 bags we thank you all!



We are blessed to be a blessing!

Service Team

This Lent the Service Team is heading up a project to create Lutheran World Relief Kits. We will continue to collect the items needed and will complete the Project by assembling the kits on God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

Baby Care Kits Help a baby get off to a good start in life -lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®) long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, between 36" and 52" square cloth diapers, flat fold preferred, jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or a baby cap, socks, hand towel, dark color recommended, bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bar, diaper pins or large safety pins



Personal Care Kits Provide much-needed self-care. light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended, bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping, adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers

Fabric Kits Give simple supplies that lead to a useful, marketable skill. Spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each, pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of these sizes

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric



School Kits Equip a child with the supplies they need. 70-sheet notebooks, no loose leaf paper, 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, pencil sharpener, pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons, 2 ½" eraser, sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17"



Blessed News from Seminarian Josh Pontious
Congratulations Josh, Rebecca and Grayson!



The Service Team strikes again! This door was recently decorated by the caring and talented women of the team.

This group loves to surprise the preschool parents, children and staff by adding creative touches around the campus.

Have you see the mirrors in the Fellowship Hall rest rooms?



This beautiful young woman name is Ava. She is the young woman Christ Church and preschool has recently been praying for. Ava was pregnant and during a visit to the doctor they found no baby's heartbeat. Ultimately, she had to abort the fetus and was then diagnosed with lymphoma.

She had to start chemo before they could harvest her eggs so she will never be able to get pregnant, but she remains

She is so full of joy for the Lord.

Senior Men's Bible class

The senior Men's Bible class is up to 5 members now as the pandemic eases. If you would like to join the men on Wednesday mornings to discuss the weekly bible class, please contact Peter Knebel (opaknebel@hotmail.com) Relevant Lessons are pulled weekly from this current news stories.

Repairs Around the Grounds

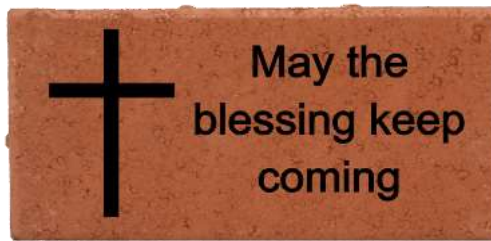
We encountered a flooded walkway and sod near the cry room. A 2-foot-deep hole was dug at the source which yielded a 2 1/2" open pipe whose plug had apparently broken loose. Our sprinkler guy was called, and quickly re-glued a new plug in the feeder that serves the string of sprinklers over a dozen heads around the school.

A couple of days were spent pressure cleaning the Worship Center perimeter walkways and south patio as well as paving stones surrounding the memorial pond. Woody Erickson had overhauled our pressure cleaner speeding up that work 😊.

High Ceiling lights about to fall out in the Fellowship Hall were readjusted, 4 fluorescent burnouts replaced and paper clogged men's toilet once again "snaked" clear.

Steve Holmes is working hard to clean up all the Air vents and system throughout the preschool building. We are also working on fixing broken fencing around the school due to too many tree intrusions into the chain links. Many much more tree trimming or removal is sorely needed.

Our "God's little acreage of falling leaves" and rotting branches provides the dumpster with too much nourishment. We use the air blower on a weekly basis to clear the debris falling on all parking lots.



Christ Church and Preschool “WALK OF FAITH” Brick Campaign

We are happy to be offering an engraved brick campaign to raise funds to support church missions and initiatives. You can help by donating a commemorative brick that will become an integral part of the long-lasting walkway in our Breezeway. Your “WALK OF FAITH” brick will be a visible historical reminder of your generous support for generations to come. Bricks are available for purchase at \$100 each and can be personalized with up to three lines of text (20 characters per line). Add \$25 for religious clip art, such as a cross, a heart, etc. Each personalized brick will be placed to line the church walkways. Follow this link to customize your brick: <https://polarengraving.com/christchurchandpreschool>

Once customized, send your check to the church office or drop it in the offering basket with brick written in the memo line. Each 4”x 8” red clay brick can be used to honor or remember a loved one, mark an anniversary, share a favorite scripture, or commemorate a milestone such as a birthday, birth, or graduation. Personalized bricks make great gifts as well. This will be an ongoing fundraiser in support of Christ Church and Preschool

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Did you know you can contribute to the ongoing ministries and projects at Christ Church?



-  Campus Beautification
Smaller Projects
-  Outreach Ministry: Food
Distribution, Back to School
-  Website, Online Worship
Technology Upgrades
-  General Fund, Annual Budget
-  Roofing Fund, Larger Projects

You can now make a contribution with text!

Simply send a text message to **954-866-4491** with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and follow the instructions. Or make gifts on the church website: christchurchcs.com.

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