



CHRIST CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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

Christ Church A Church for Everyone

Lenten Schedule 2021

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17

**9:00 am Christ Church Preschool and Family Service
(All are welcome)**

**12 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service**

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

Pastor Sean L. Forde

I will exalt you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. (Psalm 145:1).

Our new year is a time for new beginnings. Jesus calls us to new life in Christ: a new way of living, loving, sharing, and serving. We exalt and bless God as we live out the gospel in faith at Christ Church and Preschool.

Our ministry continues to move forward by the grace of God. Our Mid-Year Review serves to keep an open line of communication between the church council and the congregation. We are blessed with so many gifted leaders. It is our hope that you remain connected and informed about our ministry together.

We must also maintain a healthy balance between outreach and campus care as both are necessary. The Winter Luau provided much needed fellowship and served to connect new families to our ministry. Our food ministry continues to meet a growing need in our community. We will distribute another 200 bags of groceries to the Coral Springs community on Saturday February 27, 2021 at 3pm. This is a vital outreach ministry that must keep going with the help of volunteers and financial support.

Our campus safety improvements also remain before us with the fence project and upcoming sanctuary lighting project. Co-Chairs, Kimberly Moore and Bill Sellon are providing the necessary legwork needed for the fence project. We are hopeful that we will be able to receive funding that will help us complete the project by this summer.

We have also witnessed minor increases in preschool enrollment, average worship attendance in-person, and with both Sunday and Wednesday through online Facebook Live. These are positive signs that our ministry is moving forward and that good things are happening here!

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



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Lenten Preaching Series



(**Subject to Change**)

Ash Wednesday	February 17, 2021	Perfect in Psalm 19
First Sunday in Lent	February 21, 2021	Fearless in Psalm 23
Second Sunday in Lent	February 28, 2021	Salvation in Psalm 40
Third Sunday in Lent	March 7, 2021	Character in Psalm 55
Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 14, 2021	Truth in Psalm 62
Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 21, 2021	Redeem in Psalm 107
Palm Sunday	March 28, 2021	Goodness in Psalm 136

FOOD DRIVE

Christ Church and Preschool along with Life Fellowship will be holding a food distribution, and we need your help!! We are looking for food donations to help 200 families with a bag of groceries on Feb 27 @ 3:00 pm



Pick a pair and bring it with you to church, or drop your pair off at the church office during the week!

PICK A PAIR and BRING A PAIR

Peanut Butter and Jelly - Pasta & Sauce - Rice & Beans
Cereal & Boxed Milk Canned Chicken and Tuna
Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Join us on Feb 23 at 3 pm to assemble the food bags

Join us on Feb 27 at 2pm to set up and distribute the bags at 3!

To volunteer on either date, please contact
dwenger@christchurchcs.com

Parent Letter from Donna Lewis Henry

January has been a month of weather fluctuations. We have very cold days followed by warmer temperatures. As a result of the weather and the season, we have had children out of school due to colds, ear infections, and the like. Thank you for letting your child remain home to recuperate rather than send him/her to school when he/she might be contagious. Hopefully the weather will be warmer soon. Please make sure you check the Bright wheel app to see if your child needs any items. Anything you bring should also be labeled with your child's name. Join us in celebrating Valentine's Day by dressing your child in red, white, and/or pink on Friday, February 12th. We will celebrate the 100th day of school Wednesday, February 3rd. All students can dress up to look like a 100 year old person or they can create a shirt to show school spirit! Let's see how creative you can get.

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 "Love and Friendship" is February's special theme at Christ Church and Preschool.... It's a very special time of year for everyone to celebrate love and friendship. The children at Christ Church and Preschool will be busy making valentines cards to exchange with their peers. Special valentine activities are planned in each classroom throughout the week of February 8-12. Valentine's Day gives reason to share God's simple message with the children we care for... to 'love one another'. In addition to learning about Gods love, teachers will be teaching rhyming patterns and the values of kindness, taking turns, and honesty. This month we will look at *Kindness* as one of the Fruits of the Spirit. The Bible stories will focus on this concept, and the Bible verse is "Be kind and compassionate to one another." Ephesians 4:32 Teachers will also be revisiting the skills of last month, especially patterns and positional words.

Did you know February is National Dental Health Month? Therefore, the classes will be discussing the proper care of their teeth and seeing the dentist.

Dates to Remember

February 2nd- Ground Hog Day

February 3rd- 100th Day of school.

February 15th- Presidents' Day –**NO VPK**

February 17th- Ash Wednesday- 9:15 Service open to parents

Scholastic Books If you are ordering from Scholastic Books, the due date for all orders is **Friday, February 26th.**

Valentine's Party Friday, February 12th is our Valentine Party. Each teacher will send home a class list for valentine's card. If help is needed in preparing for the party, the teacher will notify you.

Anson Onishi, Director of Worship and Music



Mahalo Nui Loa!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make our 2nd Annual Winter Luau a success! In these uncertain times, we were still able to enjoy fellowship and Hawaiian culture right here at Christ Church, all with social distancing and safety protocols in place. I look forward to having this event again next year.

Lent and Easter

This Lent season I am excited about our Holden Evening Prayer services at 7:00pm on Wednesdays through Lent. This is a great opportunity to worship and reflect on the meaning of Lent, whether you join us in person or at home. Easter services are also in the planning stages and we will have an outdoor sunrise service at 7:00 am and indoors at 10:00 am on Easter morning, Sunday, April 4. Although we will not be able to have a choir again this year, there will still be wonderful music to enjoy and celebrate with.

Josh Pontious

Nearing the End, Approaching the Beginning



Hello Christ Church!

I'm getting the chance to write this article a long distance from the last one you saw from me and our family! We have taken the opportunity to spend this last year of seminary with Rebecca's parents in Trinidad, CA... which if you've never heard of it, nobody would be surprised! Just a quiet little beach town of about 300 people not far from the Oregon border. All my remaining classes were going to be online anyways (thanks Covid), so this was the perfect chance to spend a little more time with more distant family before everything else wraps up, and something new begins.

I am happy to report that on November 6th, 2020 I met with the candidacy committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod (via Zoom), and was unanimously approved for Ordination in the ELCA, but don't call me "pastor" just yet! Now the process of matching my particular gifts with the right Synod and congregation begins!

I'm all registered for my last 3 classes for this spring, which begins in the last week of January; graduation will be in June; and then? Only God knows for sure.

From Florida. To Philly. To California. It's been a wild ride, plenty has changed, but two things have remained true throughout: God is good, and God has worked through this congregation to support us. Thank you for your prayers, and for being with us on this journey. We'll keep you up to date with what comes next!

Josh, Rebecca and Grayson Pontious

Service Team Looking Ahead to Lenten Projects

This Lent we will be making Lutheran World Relief Kits. It's a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. Lutheran World Relief Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

For Four weeks in Lent we will focus on a different themed kit and ask for donation to make the following kits.

Personal Care Kits Provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools. - lightweight 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

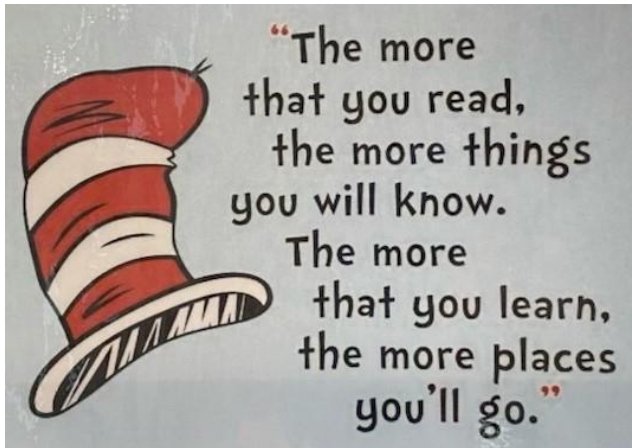
Baby Care Kits Help a baby get off to a good start in life -lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®) long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square cloth diapers, 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

Do you crochet or knit and would like to help make baby blankets? Or do you have yarn you would like to donate for this project? Contact Debbie Wenger, dwenger@christchurchcs.com

School Kits Equip a child with the supplies they need to keep learning even in a crisis. 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, 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"

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

The Service Team hosted a Book Give Away at the Preschool and in our immediate Neighborhood for local children.



Are you looking to make a difference? If you are, the Christ Church and Preschool Service Team is looking for you! Join the team for fun, fellowship and naturally service to others! Call the church office at 954-752-6566 to be connected!

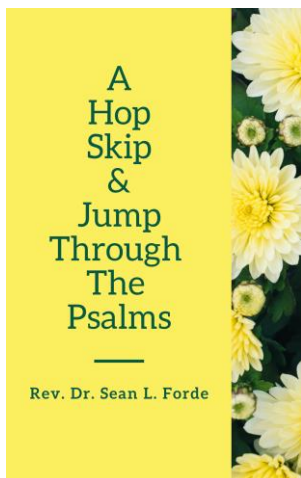


LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together)

LIFT is open to all women! We meet every other Wednesday via Zoom at 7 pm. During Lent, The group will be studying Pastor Sean's new book A Hop, Skip and Jump through the Psalms. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Linda Rand, llourand@aol.com.

AM Ladies Bible Study Meeting Again Soon

After a long hiatus, the ladies will begin meeting one morning (TDB) a week beginning in Mid-February. We will meet outdoors on the breezeway, and we would love for you to join us as we begin studying Pastor Sean's new book, A Hop, Skip and Jump through the Psalms. To be notified when the new session will begin, please call the church office at 954.752.6566 or email dwenger@christchurchcs.com



The Psalms are motivational, faith-filled, and real. Plug into God's electric outlet of the Psalms and get recharged with great energy, encouragement, and inspiration for daily living. During the Season of Lent, join as Pastor Sean takes us on A Hop, Skip, and Jump through the Psalms.

Order your copy here from Amazon here

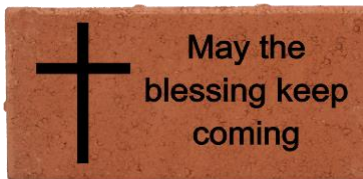
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Marjory Stoneman Douglas Memorial

The city of Parkland along with the Clergy Coalition will hold a memorial service on Sunday, February 14th.

There will be several brief readings, prayers, and talks given by a few local clergy members. It will be a united support for all those who suffered loss at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, and as a way of releasing encouragement to our community.

The memorial service will be 5:30 PM at Pine Trails Park, 10555 Trails End, Parkland. It will be just about a 20 minutes. Please plan on attending if you are available.



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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