



WINTER LUAU

CHRIST CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
10021 W SAMPLE RD

Saturday, January 29
4:30-6 pm

Live Music Hawaiian Food Hula
Fire Dance Raffles & Games

Adult Ticket \$15

Child Ticket \$10



Sunday February 6, 2022
11:15 A.M.

Live in-person or Zoom
Update from Church Council

Please mark your calendars for our Mid-Year Review on Sunday February 6, 2022 at 11:15 AM. The agenda includes the President's Report by Melody DeJesus, Treasurer Report prepared by Carmen Gándara, Preschool Report by Donna Lewis-Henry/Chrissy Sellon, Worship and Music by Anson Onishi, Property Team by Amy Davis/Kimberly Moore, Outreach and Service Team by Carol Zupp, and the Pastor's Report.

Mid-Year Review Zoom Link Topic: 2022 Mid-Year Review
Time: Sunday February 6, 2022 11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88629404375?pwd=eWc3Q1pvQWx1ckdPTW9Bd1lpRm5wUT09>

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God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:16)

Our Thanksgiving outreach was also a great outpouring as we served fifty-five families with food for the holiday. We also provided Christmas gifts for one hundred Angel Tree families which is such a blessing.

We had a great Advent and Christmas season. The theme *Season of Expectation* for a Hopeful Future, New Life, Mercy, Grace, and Salvation theme was a great reminder of the gifts that God bestows upon us daily. The Christmas Eve services went well and the 7pm service was well attended. Our staff enjoyed down time and rest for the winter break.

2022 New Year's focus is fun ways to raise funds. 2022 Year of Fun campaign is kicking off with the Winter Luau with fun fundraising events to follow, including a Christ Church and Preschool Golf Tournament, Mini Music Concerts, and other fun fundraising events.

We are implementing our Finance Team. The members are Carmen Gandara, Sheryl James, John Mills, Bill Sellon, Michael Mendez, Todd Poljacik, and David Cutherell.

We are focusing on our *Journey through John* sermon series in Epiphany. We are preparing for Lent 2022. We will be doing the *Speaking the Faith* emphasis with five people sharing their testimonies in worship. The book will be published and available in February. Most members received the unpublished, unedited copy two year ago.

Amy Davis, Tony, Debbie, Sandy, Carol and other continues projects to help maintain our property and beautify our campus. We met with three companies for the Sanctuary Lighting project. Service and Installation should begin by months end.

We have two baptisms and wedding scheduled in January. Life and Love continues to thrive even amid the Covid pandemic. We are keeping all those who are suffering and fighting this and other diseases in our prayers.

Thank you to all who continue to make Christ Church and Preschool a place to learn and grow in faith, study, and service.



Blessings,
Pastor Sean Forde

This Lent



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Church Dinner

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us every Wednesday in Lent at 6pm for a dinner hosted each week by a different group or ministry at Christ Church. The first dinner will be held on March 9 and will be hosted by the teachers at the Preschool. They plan on serving up great Jamaican food!

Teams are forming for this important milestone. See the Bulletin Board to Sign up.



Historical
Display
Team

Worship
Team

Anniversary
Day Team
3/16/23

Community
Engagement
Team

Technology
Team

Service Team

In November we created wooden Crosses for the home bound members. Pastor Sean takes one each time he visits a home bound member. We donated the food left over from food distribution to Legacy Closet. 55 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets were assembled and distributed to local needy families, Preschool Families, Families of Forrest Hills Elementary School and the Legacy Closet. Each Basket included a \$10.00 gift card. This was possible by the many contributions from the congregation.

In December we Assisted with and provided the craft for the Family Night Tree Lighting, we adopted 100 Angels from RMCA. We Implemented Secret Sister Program, with an emphasis on helping a local 17 year old girl have a Blessed Christmas

We were able to tap into member's Thrivent Grants! We have received a total of \$1250.00 for projects in and around the Campus, the projects impacted are: Angel Tree, the children's Butterfly Garden, Youth Discipleship room redo, Preschool Entrance Refresh, and a Teaching Garden. For more information, please call the church office.

We have many projects in process, including the cleaning and painting of the Youth Discipleship Room, we've been working with Life Fellowship to clean, organize and dispose of some of the items in their storage area. We are continuing to clean and organize storage closets.

This month we will deliver all of the Lutheran World Relief boxes to Oakland Park. All extra clothing will go to RMCA. We are planning an onsite visit from the team

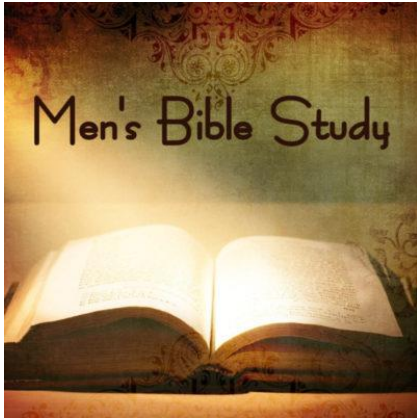
In February we will host the Secret Sister Tea, which includes all women of the Congregation. In March we will once again begin to assemble Blessing Bags

Bible Studies at Christ Church



Good News @ The Sunday Morning (8:50-9:50 am) Adult Conversation, **Good News @**, expects to start a multiple week study of Revelation. Warren Smith and John Childrey are reviewing materials for the study. Revelation is highly symbolic and for many a very meaningful vision of what one might expect in God's new world. Contemporary issues and discussions have centered on the symbols (the four horsemen), the rapture, and other parts of John of Patmos' vision(s). Please contact John (childrey@fau.edu) if you are interested in participating either in-

person or with a weekly mid-week "Prompt" as information.



The Men's Group Bible Study. During a pandemic challenged 2021 the "Wired Word men's group" met every Wednesday at 8am for 90 minutes in the Adult Classroom. Exceptions occurred as usual during the busy Christmas Holiday season due to travels. Seven regulars always attended when able, another five may return after the weaker Omicron version hopefully strikes an end to our now 2 years of coping with health issues. We do have very lively discussions regarding current events with Hard copies provided by Debbie Wenger weekly as well as emailed copies sent out on Sundays to some 24 recipient who have attended over the past Decades'. Christian Fellowship is sorely needed in these lonely lockdown years.

Some of us (Steve, Tony, Peter etc.) continue to stick around after class to fix up problems occurring around campus. We note the Carol Zupp Ladies team is also doing the same in beautifying the campus.

All are welcome to join in the weekly current issue related Bible Study in the Adult Discipleship Room. Praying for a better 2022 for our suffering and divided country as well as our Fallen World. Peace, Peter Knebel

New Testament Now! The New Testament Now Bible Study led by Dan Carr is changing formats. Prerecorded studies will be offered on our website. This will allow anyone to engage the studies at any time to fit your schedule. The link is found on our website: christchurccs.com/ministry/bible-studies. We hope you enjoy the growing opportunities for online and electronic resources from our congregation.



Women's Bible Study: This warm group of women meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am, in the Adult Discipleship Room to study, share and learn God's Word together. On February 22 we will begin a 4 month study on the Parables of Jesus. This Bible Study is open to all women.

Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT): This gathering of women meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom to learn, encourage each other, enjoy fellowship, and strive for a deeper understanding of Scripture. Our current Bible Study, which we will finish in January, is from the Master Builders Serendipity Bible called WHOL-I-NESS: With Myself, Others & God; and Finding Balance in Your Life. Our new theme beginning in February, is called Pain & Suffering: Where Is God When It Hurts? This Bible Study also comes from the Master Builders Serendipity Bible. Though meetings are virtual, our group is involved with outreach. We donated toward the purchase of food items for the Fall Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need, purchased gifts for children from the Christmas Angel Tree, and purchased a Pastoral Cross for Pastor Josh Pontious for his Ordination. If you would like to join us, just click on this Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89258983607> If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rand at llourand@aol.com



THE AMERICAN DREAM...AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sue Koch



In early 1985, the Tran family of 6 piled into a small boat made by the Tran family and other escaping Vietnamese families and sailed the dangerous waters from Vietnam to the Philippines. Once in the Philippines, the Tran family made contact with the ELCA.

The ELCA (along with other Christian organizations) vetted the escapees. Then, the ELCA sought to place these families with churches in the USA willing to sponsor them. The commitment of churches was to provide housing, completely furnish the apartment, providing all the necessities, enroll the children in school, and find work for the husband. The receiving church committed to cover living expenses and necessities (including healthcare) for 6 months.

Christ Church (nee Lutheran Ministry in Christ) committed to adopt the Tran family from Vietnam. The Tran family arrived at Ft. Lauderdale airport at midnight, speaking no English, with a modest box labeled “Tran Family”...all their belongings. Fortunately, an LMIC member was a Vietnamese woman; we had communication! The apprehension on the faces of the little ones will never be forgotten.

The outpouring of love by the entire congregation was overwhelming. The mother spoke very, very little English; she walked thru her new apartment home touching the furniture saying ‘...mine?’. This modest apartment was the mansion of their dreams. Yes, their American Dream.

Nancy Walter (a now deceased but active long-time member) and I were the coordinators of the church’s efforts with the Tran family; we were the familiar faces. But many other members were actively involved. Nancy was a ‘hugger’; she and others got their hugging fix after church every Sunday.

Very quickly, the Tran’s wanted to be independent and not rely on the church. We found the father a job; the wife was a seamstress and quickly found work. The children adjusted quickly; the oldest daughter Hang learned English and helped with translation for her parents.

A few years later, the Tran's connected with family and friends in Southern California. After lots of tears, they moved to the Orange County area. We heard from them periodically. About 8 years ago, we received a beautiful book Victoria (formerly daughter Dam) had assembled for us. We cried and made immediate contact. For the past 5 years, we spend a day with the entire Tran family when Allan and I visit Southern California at T-Giving.

The children were age 2, 4, 6, 8 when they arrived. The youngest was killed in an unfortunate auto accident at age 19 in Southern California. The 3 kids are married with children. They own their own homes in expensive Southern California; plus, they collectively look after their parents. The attached picture was taken at the beautiful home of Nick (formerly Bac) this past November. Spending time with them is a highlight of our travels to California.

The Tran family, all of them, always ask about 'our church'. We thought Christ Church deserved an update. Who doesn't like a real life story...the American Dream

Sunday School for our littlest Worshippers



Every child is invited to attend Sunday School after the Children's Message

Sunday School is important. It matters to the kids, it helps parents fulfill their mission as Christian parents and most importantly it matters to God
— because Jesus loves all the little children!

“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
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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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