

## 2024

Teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
Psalm 90:12

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Safe Harbour Lutheran Church is on Facebook! Please "like" our page! <https://www.facebook.com/SafeHarbourLC>
- Safe Harbour now has its own QR-code. Feel free to share it!
- Thousands of Caymanians flock to the various beaches to usher in the new year with lots of fireworks.
- Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "¿En que piensas?" – meaning "What are you thinking of?"

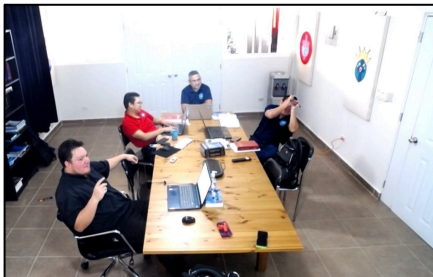


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## So much to be thankful for!



A full house on Christmas Day! Teaching seminary students online in Spanish (below).



### Our third Island Christmas!

We are thankful to God that we have been able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ on Grand Cayman for almost three years! The Lord of the Church works and guides as He wills and builds as He sees fit. We beseech the Holy Spirit to help us remain faithful to His Word and the administration of the Means of Grace as we enter 2024.

### New Year in with a bang!

Islanders love their fireworks! Every opportunity to celebrate with fireworks is taken – Since October and Pirates' Week we've had regular displays lighting up the night skies. New Year's Eve was no different – the beaches were packed with spectators wanting to usher in the new year with spectacular fireworks over the beautiful turquoise Caribbean Ocean.

### Teaching at the Seminary

The first semester ended on a high note after a fruitful few months - final papers were submitted before adjourning for the Christmas break. We are thankful for this seminary in the DR which trains young men in the Lutheran faith and confessions who in turn will return to their home countries in our region to be faithful, Lutheran pastors.

### '23 Highlight: Home Service

We think back fondly to our visits with each of you this summer – you have been a great encouragement to us and look forward to seeing you again the next time! A low in 2023 definitely was not being able to buy the Montessori school. But we trust the Lord to guide us into the direction He wants our ministry to go.





# Christmas Eve on the beach



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The parsonage – that we will not lose this house that serves as home and church. The new owner wants to increase the rent significantly - we haven't heard back yet.*
- *“M” – that a solution for her difficult life situation is found.*
- *That more may be invited / drawn to the church to hear the saving Gospel*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Continued ministry to Cuban refugees*
- *Continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Safe Harbour*
- *The faithful few that regularly attend divine services*

## PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The many congregations and individuals who support us with prayer, encouragement and with their generosity.*

### A good turnout!

As has been tradition here for many years, we had our Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols on the beach. Beach loungers made for good “pews” and little flashlights ensured the participants could see what they were singing. Some people even listened in from surrounding balconies!

### Our two daughters visit

This year both Angelika and Emma were able to spend Christmas with us and we were able to have some precious family time together.

Soli Deo Gloria



*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”.*

*Galatians 3:28*

*- Your partners in mission,  
Gerald and Heidi Paul*



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