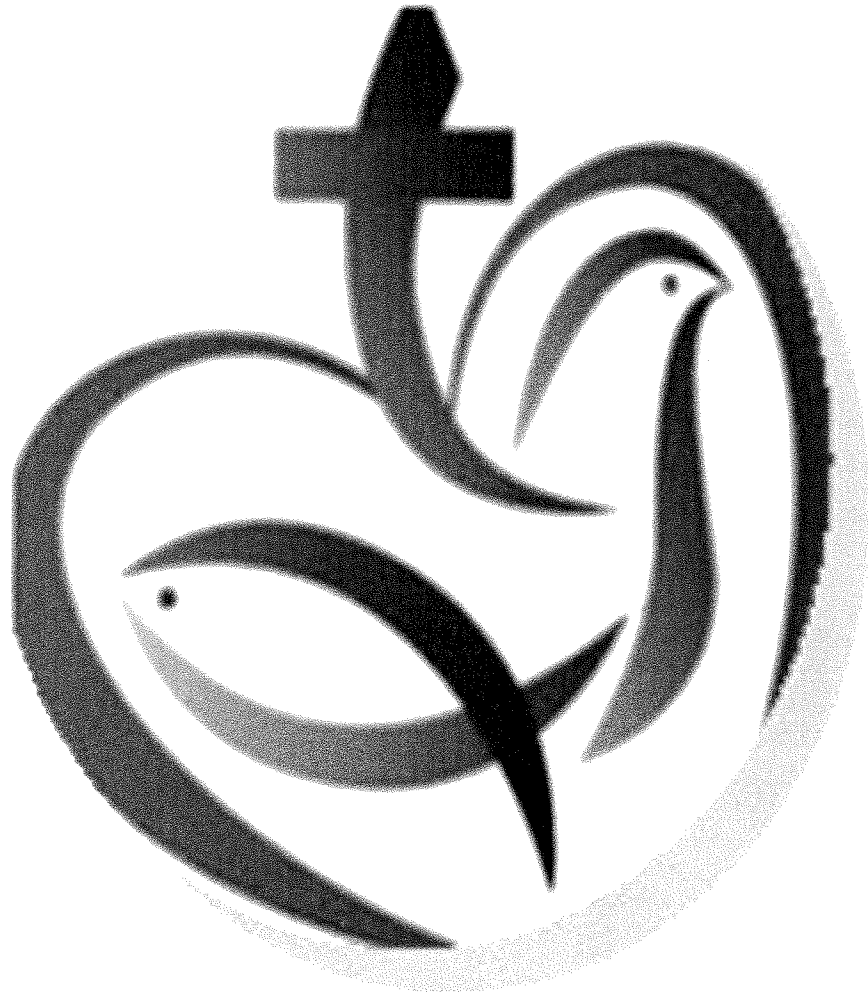


Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day**

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM - Stand As You Are Able

YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

CONFESSION

P Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✝ One God, whose steadfast love is everlasting!

C Amen!

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!
Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God Immanuel, God our Father-with-us,

C we confess that too often we turn away from your people in need, claiming there is not enough to help even when we have plenty. Too often we make power and wealth our idols, while you show us your true glory: your Son Jesus, a baby in a manger. Too often we overlook Jesus' ministries and missions, expecting them to glorify us instead of Jesus. Too often we pursue conflict instead of your peace. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us your grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who grants Himself for us. Amen!

P Hear and receive Jesus' Good News and rejoice! We are God our Father's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✝ forgiven and saved in His Son Jesus, and freed to respond to Jesus' ministries and missions in joy!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C Almighty God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine your world with your beloved Son Jesus. By your Holy Spirit continue to comfort us in all darkness, and turn us only toward the Holy Light of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine; and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in The Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

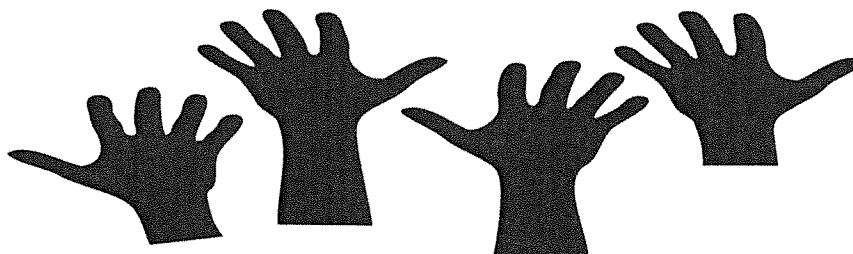
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS, January 5, 2025



Worship Services
with Holy Communion
At 9:00 am & 10:30am

Christ Lutheran Church
15699 SE 80th Avenue
Summerfield, FL 34491
352-307-6900
Mailing Address
P.O. Box 693,
Summerfield, FL 34492

Website: christlutheranchurchelcm.org

*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. John 1:1-18

L St. John begins his Gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

L ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

EPIPHANY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 2:1-12

L God our Father's Messianic promise shines bright in the night as magi follow God our Father's star to honor a new Holy King, His Son Jesus. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

L The Lord God promises to bring the southern kingdom of Judah back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Judah will rejoice over the Lord God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; the Lord God will grant gladness instead of sorrow.

L ⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give

them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

¹²Worship the LORD, ¹O Jerusalem;

praise your ¹God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹dren within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace ¹on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹to the earth,
a word that runs ¹very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives ¹snow like wool,
scattering ¹frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters ¹hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹gainst God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the ¹word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

L In Jesus, all of God our Father's plans and purposes are made known as heaven and earth are united in Jesus. Through Jesus, we are chosen as God our Father's children and are promised eternal salvation.

L ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 1/05/25 BULLETIN

	Operating Funds	Capital Funds	Total Funds
Balance @ 01/01/24	\$ 135,996	\$(12,045)	\$ 123,951
YTD Income	\$ 344,795	\$ 12,045	\$ 356,840
YTD Expenses	\$ 380,583	\$ -	\$ 380,583
Balance @ 12/29/2024	\$ 100,208	\$ -	\$ 100,208

Offering for 12/29/2024		
Operating Fund		\$ 4,600
Loose		\$ 149
Mortgage Fund		\$ 980
Designated Giving:		\$ 235
- Food For The Poor	\$ 50	
- Salvation Army	\$ 15	
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15	
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15	
- Fellowship	\$ 10	
- FMSC	\$ 80	
- Worship & Music	\$ 50	
Total Offering		\$ 5,964

FMSC Project 2024 NET for 2025 Packing:		\$ 40,119
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 12/22/24		\$ 847,984
2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase - 31 Giving Units, Tot \$ 31,341		
<i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>		

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-JANUARY 5, 2025

Meetings-Mon. Jan.6-Property-10am, Combined Team-12pm, Tues. Jan.7-Worship & Music-11am, Pastor's Bible Study-2pm, Thurs. Jan. 9-Finance-10am. Michele D. Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

Hearing Aid Devices-The T Coil is working. We have added Blue Tooth and in case your connection isn't working we have some really nice headphones you can use. Joe Pence, Facilities Manager, 352-307-6900.

UPCOMING FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FUNDRAISING



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

1. **Moonlighters Band** - Saturday, January 25 at 3pm. See insert for details.
2. **Meal Pack**-Wednesday, January 29 thru Friday, January 31. See insert for info and to sign up.

Detailed information on each event will appear in the coming weeks. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$40,119 towards our 2025 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Shower Ministry/Interfaith-CLC needs someone to deliver donations to Ocala weekly. If you will help or have questions please call **Sue Blusewicz, Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**

Upcoming Events for The Generations In Faith Together Ministry (GIFT)

January-FMSC Meal Pack, Thursday, January 30, 2:30 to 4:30pm

February-Chocolate Party, Sunday, February 9 at 10:15am.

Cindy Lamb, GIFT Minister, 615-713-7025

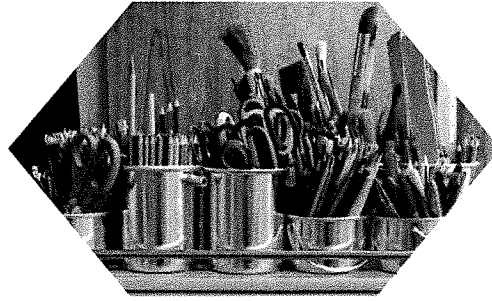
Ashley Runyon, Family Minister, 980-925-9959.

Children & Youth Ministry



Sign up sheets for all activities are on the Family Ministry/G.I.F.T. table.

Calling All Artists-Join a community of artists doing their own style of art the **Second Friday** of every month. Please bring your own supplies and share techniques. First 2 meetings are Fridays, January 10 and March 14 from 4-6pm. Questions: **Joan Knight, Coordinator, 802-309-4019.**



The Rock-Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas season and thanking you all for your contributions to the students at LWMS throughout the year. They are so very much appreciated. No more donations are needed during their Christmas break until they return on Jan. 8. **Carolyn Korpics, Coordinator, 352-307-3563.**

9am Coffee Time Volunteers-Please sign up for only 2 weeks a month. Thanks for helping out. Sign up sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. **Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346, & Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Fellowship Co-chairs.**

Decorations Down-Friday, January 10 at 10am come help take down all the Christmas decorations. Sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Kay Bertzyk, Coordinator, 352-245-0346.**

UPCOMING WELLNESS EVENT PLAN

Monthly-Prayer Shawl Meeting-Second Wednesday-11:30am

January-Sunday, January 19-10am BP Checks

March-Walk to Jerusalem

Keep Checking here for more info including dates, and other events.

Questions Darlene Baney, Medical Coordinator, 419-367-0373.

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-URGENT: PAPER TOWELS, PAPER NAPKINS & TOILET PAPER. See ongoing insert for additional insert. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

Cell Phones-We will still be collecting cell phones. They are taken to Interfaith. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry-Thank you for continuing to donate. Keep those donations coming. Non-perishable supplies are always needed. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions call **Pastor Dave Connell, 352-307-6900.**

Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala-We are collecting items for Interfaith to support their Saturday afternoon shower ministry for the homeless. We are currently collecting supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, men's socks and underwear, personal and full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, and tooth paste, and men's shoes. Please mark items Shower Ministry. **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**

Interfaith Free Clinic Medical Center- needs any Over The Counter medicines that are NOT opened and NOT expired. Cold medicine, cough drops, regular aspirin and low dose aspirin are needed too. NO RX MEDS. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

We acknowledge a gift to the Mortgage Fund:

In Honor Of: Lu Lickas & Carolyn Korpics

By: Louise Soltys

**Altar Flowers Are Given
To the Glory of God**

&

**In Honor Of: Ray & Elaine Gagnons'
31st Wedding Anniversary
By: Ray & Elaine Gagnon**



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



PRAYERS

Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Mike & Pam Stell; Charlie Stinson; Coral Swiger; Tom & Bonnie Taylor; Chuck & Mary Thorson; Art & Elsie Tibaldi; Terry & Rose Townsend; Dale & Ann Trenary; Claire Vandiver; Rodney Van Housen; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, & all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Barbara Keeling (internal infection health issues medication rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Frank Ancona (back spinal discs pain next steps w/Dr. pending); Diane Beavers (back spinal discs pain therapy rehab); Peggy Best (back spinal discs post-repair surgery wound vac rehab); Ken Geach (back spinal discs pain shot therapy rehab); Jillian Herrick-Acles (left hip replacement repair surgery rehab - The Club. # 27A); Earl Howell (fractured right hip repair surgery, add'l post-surgery fractured right femur repair surgery, & left leg blood clot medication rehab; follow-up w/surgeon Dr. 1/7); Barbara Keeling (heart arrhythmia health issues rehab); Brenda Knisely (fractured left wrist repair surgery rehab); Sharon Miller (fractured left hip next steps w/orthopedic Dr. 1/6); Bill Nees (respiratory health issues tests results w/pulmonologist Dr. 1/23); Cindy Robinson (right shoulder replacement repair surgery rehab - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); Ashley Runyon (internal health issue repair surgery pending - Moffitt Hosp.); Phyllis Russell (right knee revision replacement repair surgery rehab); Ruth Schraven (left hip replacement repair surgery next steps w/Dr. 1/20); Judi Simmons (heart arrhythmia pacemaker implant repair surgery rehab); Louise Soltys (add'l follow-up w/oncologist Dr. 1/23); Dianna Sorrell (heart health issues 3rd heart stent implant repair surgery pending); and Tom Taylor (internal cancer add'l chemotherapy rehab).

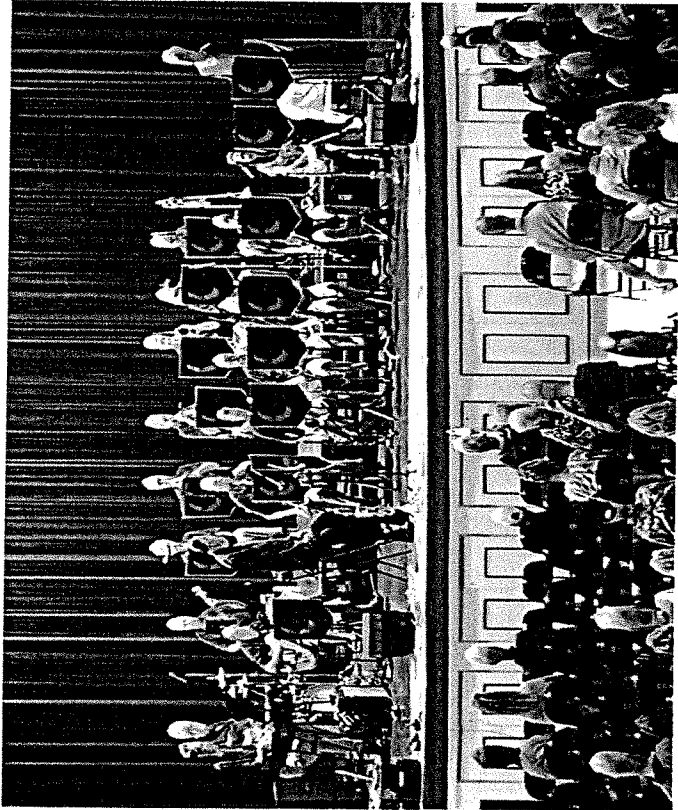
Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital): No one.

Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice): Betty Johnson (Summerfield, FL).



Attendance: 9am: 72
10:30am: 45 Total: 117
YouTube: 25
Christmas Day: 29
Christmas Eve: 84

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-29
Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel-St. John 1:1-18
Epiphany Gospel-St. Matthew 2:1-12



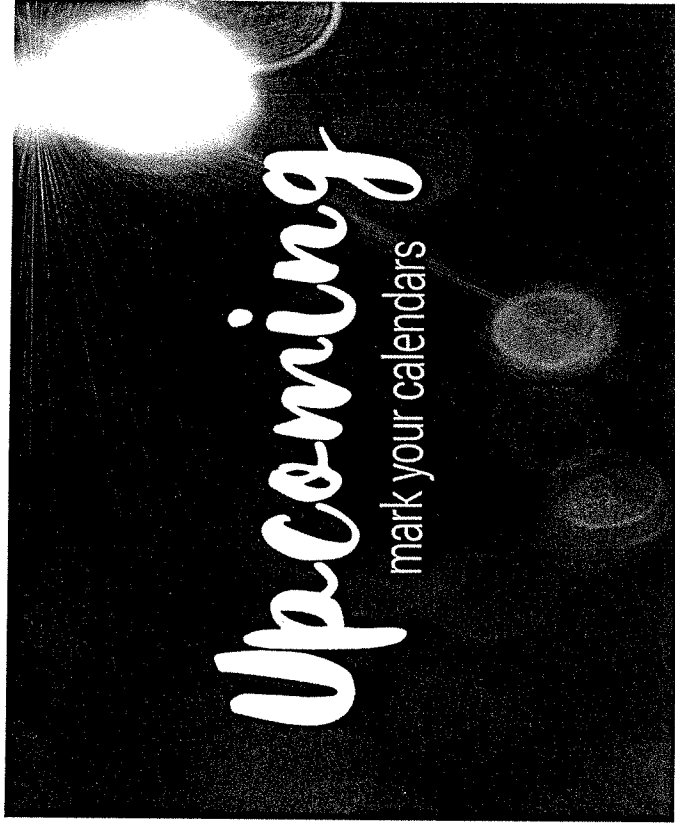
The Moonlighters 18 piece band will be here for your listening pleasure. Enjoy the sounds of the 40's & 50's, as The Moonlighters take you back to a simpler, happier time. Invite your friends.

Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3:00-5:00pm

Tickets are \$20pp, and can be purchased in the Narthex on Sundays.

Questions: Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator, 352-307-5952.

We need to sell 40 tickets to break even on this event. So...don't wait to buy your tickets.



January 2025

Undecorate for Christmas-Friday, January 10, 10am. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall on table

Blood Drive-Sunday, January 12, 8-12:30pm

Moonlighters Concert-Saturday, January 25

Annual Meeting-Sunday, January 26, 10am

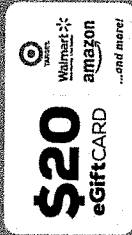
FMSC Food Pack- Wednesday 1-29, Thursday 1-30, Friday 1-31. See insert.

Thursday, January 30-Kids to help FMSC.

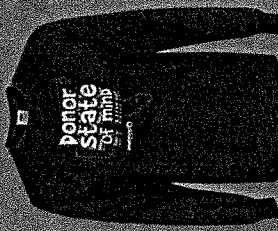


DONATE BLOOD

Donors Receive



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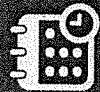


Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 12
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **10200**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.



Annual Envelope Giving Sustained Increase Form

Help us to know your ability to increase your annual envelope giving to sustain Jesus' Christ Lutheran Church ministries and missions on an on-going basis.

As always, thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.
Pastor Dave, Council and Finance

Annual Increase \$ _____ and / or
Annual Increase % _____

Name(s) or Envelope # _____

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 240

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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Stanza 5

Light 5 candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is born, salvation for everyone, His light will never be vanquished!

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WREATH

First Sunday of Advent

☞ The season of Advent begins today, a time of both remembrance and anticipation. During this season we wait, as did the Lord God's people long ago, for the coming of the Messiah, the only Son of God the Father, the Holy One Jesus who is known by many Holy Names including the Prince of Peace. As we journey together, may we also see Jesus' Great Holy Light and grow closer to Him, the Holy Light of God His Father's people and world. Let us pray together!

☞ Lord and Savior Jesus, Prince of Peace and King of Kings, as we journey through this Advent season, remind us that your peace is not merely the absence of war or conflict, but that it is each of us choosing to live in your peace with ourselves and with one another. Continue to fill us with The Holy Spirit's power and your peace, so that we walk not in darkness but in your Holy Light, the Holy Light of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Second Sunday of Advent

☞ Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount that we should not worry about tomorrow; rather, we should consider how God our Father feeds His birds of His air and clothes His lilies of His fields. And the Apostle St. Paul teaches us in his letter to the Romans that we should be filling our minds with good, noble, and virtuous thoughts. Finally, Proverbs 23:7 teaches, "as people think, so they are". How are we thinking this Advent season? Let us pray together!

☞ Gracious God our Father, through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to make your thoughts our thoughts; guide us to share your Son Jesus' peace with one another, and as we continue in our journey this Advent season, may Jesus' peace, the peace of the One True God, guard our hearts, minds, and souls. Amen!

Third Sunday of Advent

☞ One of the most beloved hymns in Jesus' holy catholic church today is "When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)", which the prayer is that Jesus' peace begins with each of us. The Apostle St. Paul teaches Jesus' church that we are called to be Jesus' peace, and that we are to share Jesus' Gospel of His peace with one another in worship, service to and for Jesus, and in our daily lives. Let us join our hearts as one, singing, praying, and living together as one in the Body of Christ, with gratitude for Jesus, our Prince of Peace, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Let us pray together!

☞ Mighty Holy Spirit, as we gather today in worship in confession, prayers, hymns, Holy Communion, and Jesus' Holy Gospel Word, may we only seek Jesus' peace, singing with our hearts as well as with our voices, being Jesus' peace in our actions, words, and deeds, and may our thankfulness to you for the gift of Jesus permeate every fiber of each of us individually, and as One Body, Jesus' Body, the Body of Christ, His holy catholic church. Amen!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

☞ As we draw closer to Jesus this Advent season, through the power of The Holy Spirit may we continue to dwell in His peace that He grants, setting aside the troubles of the day for the joy that resting in Jesus offers. And may we then share Jesus' Gospel in our actions, words, and deeds, to be His peace in the lives of others, knowing that as we journey heavenward we experience Jesus' peace that transcends all human understanding, eventually resting forever in the arms of Jesus, our Prince of Peace. Let us pray together!

☞ Lord and Savior Jesus, we are grateful that through The Holy Spirit's power you continue to teach us that our hope, our peace, is only in you. Strengthen us by your grace to share your peace with all of God your Father's people and world, and direct us to the time of your return when your kingdom and your will is fulfilled. On that day, we will claim the culmination of your eternal promise of peace, resting forever in the joy of your salvation. Amen!

Christmas

☞ "Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." In God our Father's world fraught with conflict, anxiety, and much uncertainty, we live as people of faith, believing as we do that God our Father grants redemption, the ultimate reconciliation, to the prophet Micah and to us, "to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord our God." In so doing we experience the peace of Jesus daily in our own lives, and we are witnesses to His enduring peace that He grants, "Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!" Let us pray together!

☞ Gracious God our Father and Creator, the evil one in your world loves to try and steal from us your Son Jesus' peace. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to make us fully yours in Jesus, so that we always dwell in His peace, safe from the onslaught of the evil one's intrusive messages of chaos and fear. May we rest only in Jesus and find our hopes and dreams fulfilled only in Him. "O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emanuel." We ask and pray these things in the Holy Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus, God our Father's Prince of Peace. Amen!



Live Oaks Community Church

2025 Meal Pack

EVENT-Feed My Starving Children
LOCATION-Live Oaks Community Church
12070 CR 103
Oxford, FL 34484

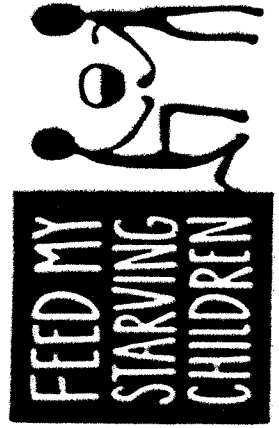
DATES-January 13, January 14, January 15
TIMES-Monday, Jan.13: 12-2pm. & 3-5pm
Tuesday, Jan.14: 9-11am, 12-2pm & 3-5pm
Wednesday, Jan. 15: 9-11am, 12-2pm & 3-5pm

To Sign Up:

Contact Pastor Jim Erb: 815-541-0788 or email him
at revjerb51@gmail.com

Or

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for I was hungry and you
gave me food
St. Matthew 25:35-37

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:
MEAL PACKING 2025

Christ Lutheran Church
15699 SE 80th Avenue
Summerfield, FL 34491

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

9-10am-Unload, 10-12pm-Set Up, 1-3pm-Pack

Thursday, January 30, 2025

9-11am-Pack, 12-2pm Pack, 2:30-4:30pm-Pack

Friday, January 31, 2025

9-11am-Pack, 12-2-Pack, 2-5pm-Clean up

To Sign Up: Circle times you would like, along with your name,
phone number and email, and drop in offering plate.

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Contact Pastor Dave Connell at shattered79@prodigy.net or

352-804-3054.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Quiet Moment-Choir Only

- 1. Light One Candle (All 5 Stanzas-Insert)**
- 2. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW 270**
- 3. Communion: A. O Come, All Ye Faithful B. Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**
- 4. Joy to the World ELW 267**