

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 traffick- ing, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, po- litical, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disas- ters 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 pow- er of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our hu- man 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 for- giveness 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

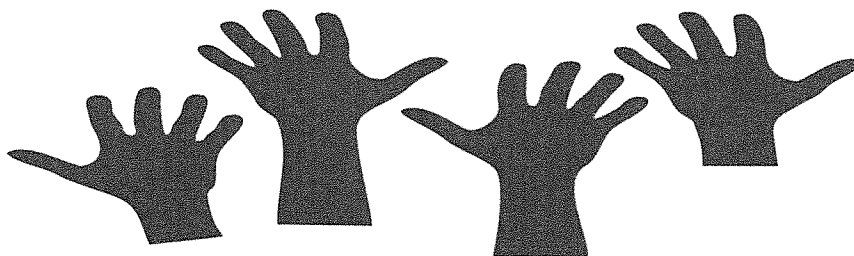
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, January 12, 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. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

L Today's Gospel opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. St. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to the Holy One who is coming. And whether the voice of God the Father was heard by all or only by His Son Jesus, God the Father settles the matter: Jesus is His beloved Son.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd Chapter.

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

L ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

L Near the end of the northern kingdom of Israel's and the southern kingdom of Judah's exile in Babylon, the Lord God promises to bring His people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the Holy One who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. The Lord God declares them precious and honored, and the Lord God loves them.

L ¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo-ry and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.



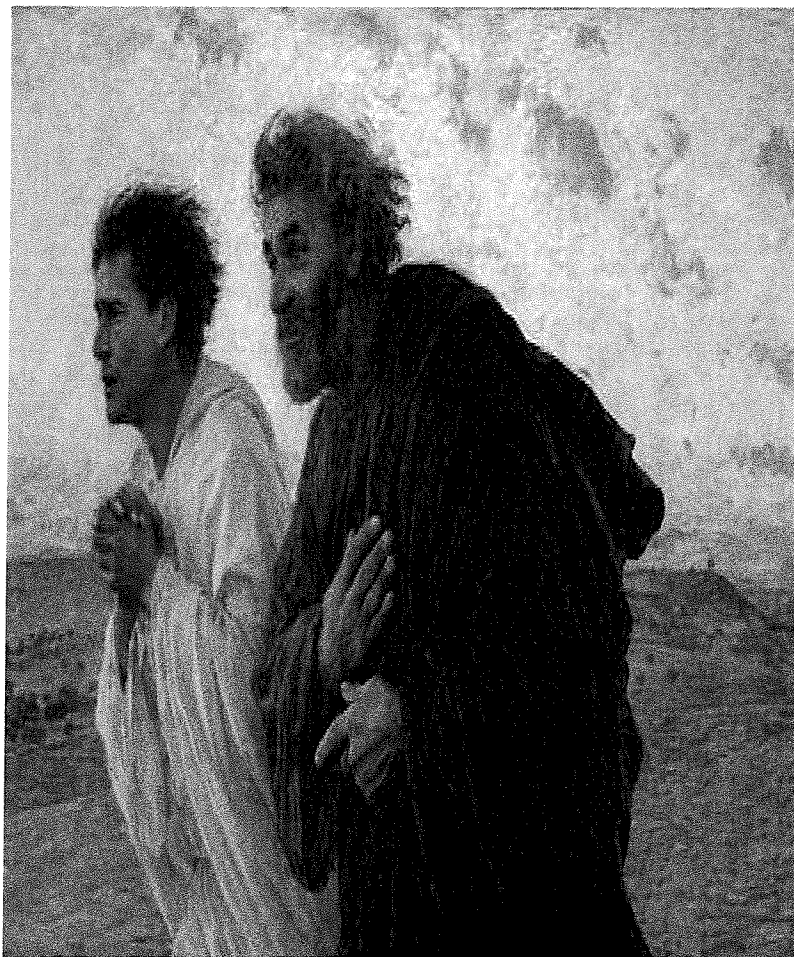
SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

L St. Peter and St. John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the Good News of Jesus through the preaching of St. Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of The Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

L ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 1/12/25 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/25	\$ 90,689
YTD Income	\$ 19,090
YTD Expenses	\$ 2,101
Balance @ 1/05/2025	<u>\$ 107,678</u>

Offering for 1/05/2025	
Operating Fund	\$ 13,522
Loose	\$ 38
Mortgage Fund	\$ 5,530
Designated Giving:	\$ 371
- Food For The Poor	\$ 70
- Salvation Army	\$ 25
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 45
- ELCM Missions	\$ 35
- Fellowship	\$ 9
- FMSC	\$ 187
Total Offering	<u>\$ 19,461</u>

FMSC Project 2024 NET for 2025 Packing:	\$ 40,306
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 1/6/25	\$ 847,984
2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase - 31 Giving Units, Tc	\$ 31,341
<i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-JANUARY 12, 2025

Meetings- Tuesday, January 14-Council-1pm. Friday, January 17-FMSC-1pm.
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.**

Librarian Needed ASAP-We need someone to manage the library. Cataloging books, keeping the library orderly, checking condition of the books and putting in correct location are some of the things required. **Questions: Kay Ford, Coordinator, 352-843-1971.**

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 \$40,306 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

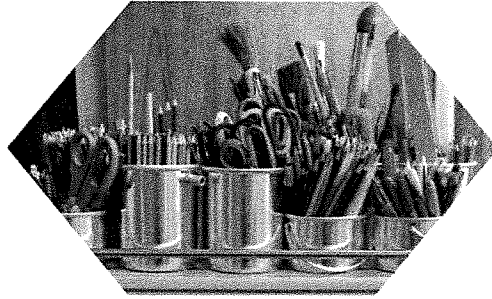
Ashley Runyon, Family Minister, 980-925-9959.

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. The next meetings is Friday, 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.**

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 gifts to the Mortgage Fund:

In Honor Of: Lu Lickas & Carolyn Korpics

By: Louise Soltys

In Memory Of: Michael & Christine Neumann

(Diane's parents), Julia Zev (family friend),

Benjamin & Marian Geach (Ken's parents)

By: Ken & Diane Geach

**Altar Flowers Are Given
To the Glory of God
&
In Memory Of:** Robert "Bobby" Danks

By: Louise Soltys (aunt)



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



Doris Reier - Parishioner Member who recently entered Hospice care at home with failing internal health issues died.

Cards to:

Don (son-in-law) & Monica (daughter) West & Family - 7231 Cottonwood Court, Middleburg, FL 32068

PRAYERS

Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Ross & Joan Waldo; Mark Watterbort; Judy Whittock; Belinda Williams; Carolyn Wright; Mel Acles & Jillian Herrick-Acles; Frank Ancona & Doris Howery; Sharon Avery; Dean & Sue Ann Babbitt; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, & all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Earl Howell (left leg blood clot medication rehab - OK); Barbara Keeling (heart arrhythmia health issues rehab - OK); Brenda Knisely (fractured left wrist repair surgery rehab - OK); Sharon Miller (fractured left hip next steps w/ orthopedic Dr. - OK); and Judi Simmons (heart arrhythmia pacemaker implant repair surgery rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Frank Ancona (back spinal discs pain next steps w/ Dr. 1/30 - Shands Hosp.); Diane Beavers (back spinal discs pain therapy rehab); Marvin Becker (right hand pain next steps w/surgeon Dr. pending); Rose Bell (heart arrhythmia & internal health issues rehab - W. Marion Comm. Hosp. # 4402); Peggy Best (back spinal discs post-repair surgery wound vac rehab); Susan Blusewicz (heart health issues heart test results w/cardiologist Dr. pending); Ken Geach (back spinal discs pain shot therapy rehab); Diane Geach (torn right bicep tendon 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 rehab); Alan Kasper (heart health issues 3-way heart by-pass repairs surgery pending - Ocala Reg. Hosp.); Sharon Miller (internal health issue tests results pending); Bill Nees (respiratory health issues tests results w/pulmonologist Dr. 1/23); Cindy Robinson (right shoulder replacement repair surgery rehab); 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/orthopedic Dr. 1/20); Louise Soltys (add'l follow-up w/oncologist Dr. 1/23); 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: 80
10:30am: 49 Total: 129
YouTube: 21

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel-St. John 2:1-11



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.

OR

Go directly to the FMSC Website:

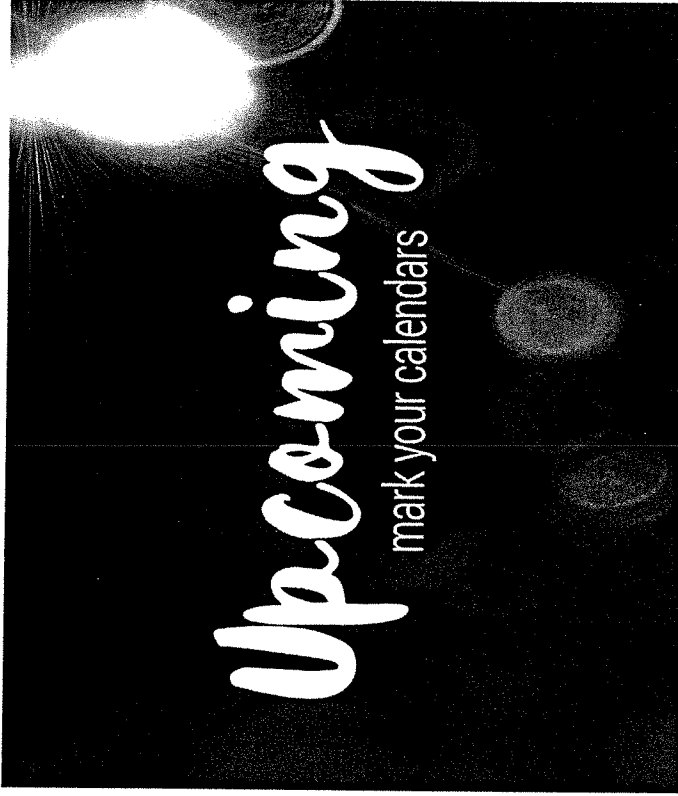
give.fmsc.org/Summerfield

Donations may also be made at this site.

Or

Contact Pastor Dave Connell at shattered79@prodigy.net or

352-804-3054.



2025 EVENTS

Spirit of Art-Friday, January 10, 4-6pm

Moonlighters Concert-Saturday, January 25, 3pm

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.

Youth Chocolate Party-Sunday 2-9, 10:15am

Artist Gathering-Friday, March 14, 4-6pm

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Come get your BP checked monthly. Stop by the CLC Library the third Sunday of every month at 10am.

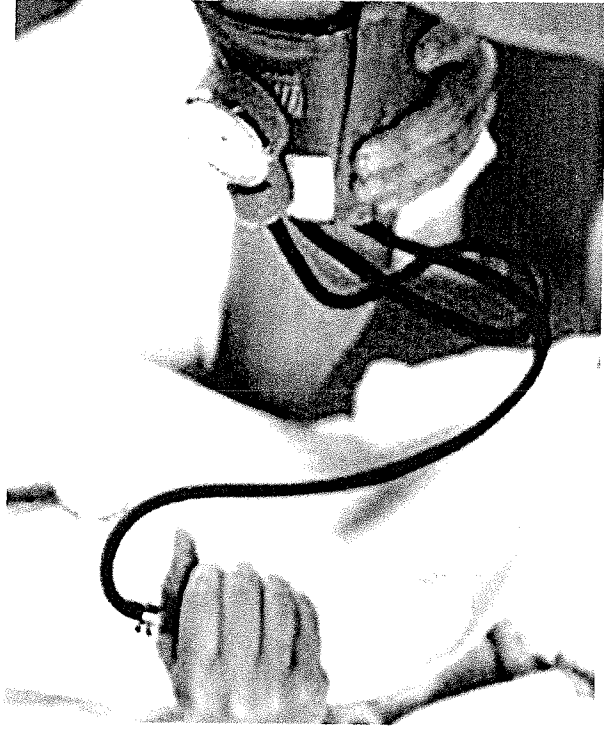
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Annual Envelope Giving Sustained Increase Form

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 # _____



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 Ganzi, Coordinator, 352-307-5952.

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

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

- 1. Be Thou My Vision ELW 79**
- 2. The First Noel ELW 300**
- 3. Communion-A. Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715 B. O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate**
- 4. Go Tell It on The Mountain ELW 290**