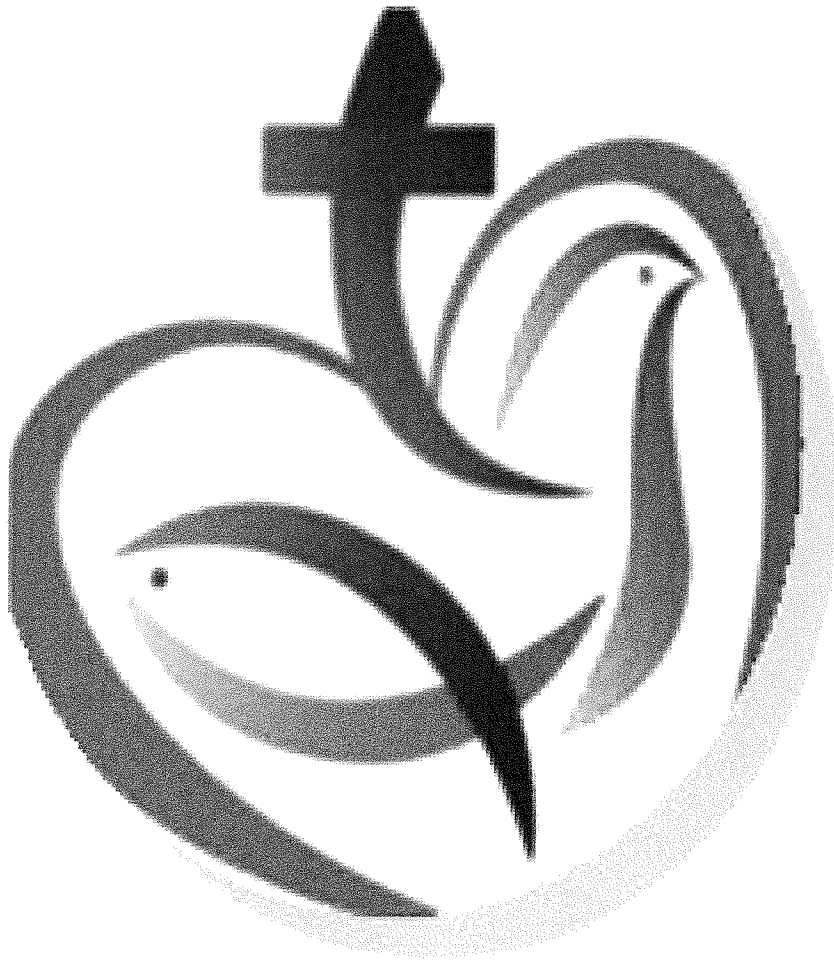


Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper!

[C] Amen!

[P] Trusting in God our Father's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

[P] Merciful and loving God our Father,

[C] we are your stiff-necked people. At times we trample on your needy people. At times we grumble about your grace to others. At times we turn away from your poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen!

[P] Even when we are faithless, God our Father remains faithful. His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord came into His world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the Holy Name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

[C] Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray!

[C] By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to direct us, O Lord God our Father, in all our actions, words and deeds with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 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

SERMON

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

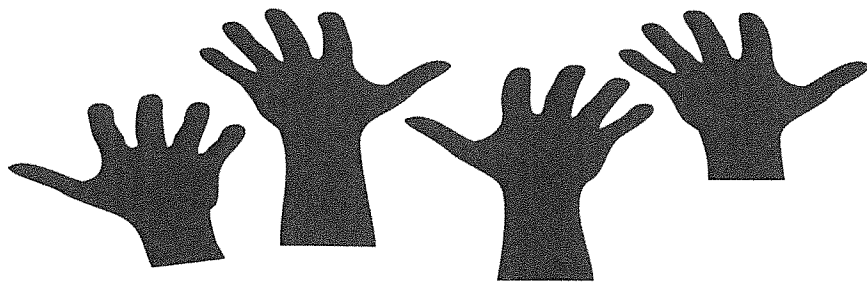
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

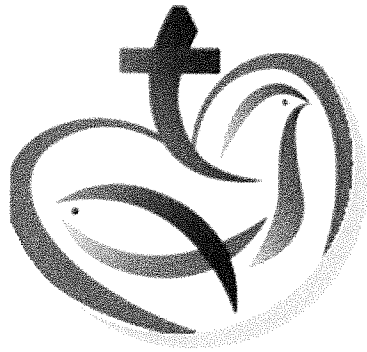
FINAL SENDING

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

Time After Pentecost, September 7, 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 14:25-33

L Jesus teaches frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow Him should know from the outset that completing His course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

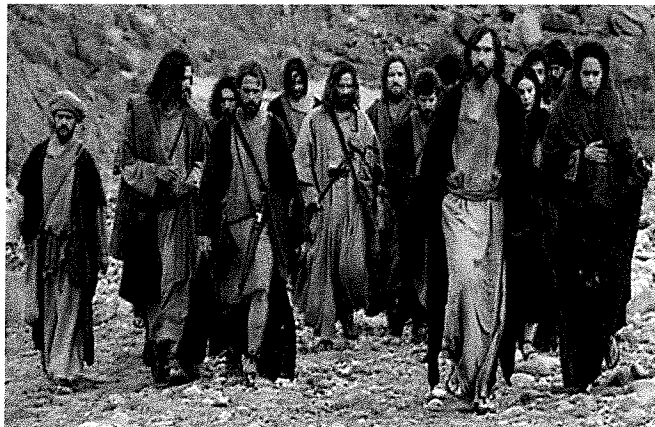
L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

L ²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

L The Lord God teaches the prophet Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter may destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so the Lord God molds and fashions His nations, including both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

L ¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

¹LORD, you have ¹searched me out;

O LORD, ¹you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my ¹rising up;
you discern my thoughts ¹from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my ¹resting-places
and are acquainted with ¹all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word ¹on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it ¹altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind ¹and before,
and lay your ¹hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- ¹ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- ¹tain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my ¹inmost parts;
you knit me together in my ¹mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- ¹velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I ¹know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hid- ¹den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths ¹of the
earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written ¹in your book; my days were fashioned before they ¹came to be.
¹⁷How deep I find your ¹thoughts, O God!
How great is the ¹sum of them!
¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number ¹than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to ¹be like yours.

SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-21

L While St. Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slave owner and a Christian friend of St. Paul. St. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

L ¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 9/07/25 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/25	\$ 90,689
YTD Income	\$ 254,077
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 242,873</u>
Balance @ 8/31/2025	<u>\$ 101,893</u>

Offering for 8/31/2025	
Operating Fund	\$ 5,201
Loose	\$ 25
Mortgage Fund	\$ 685
 Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 100
- Salvation Army	\$ 15
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 13
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 718
 Total Offering	 <u>\$ 6,787</u>

FM SC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack:	\$ 28,593
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 8/28/2025	\$ 817,167
2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase-31 Giving Units, Total	\$ 31,341
 <i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Meetings—Monday, September-9-Property-10am, Combined Ministries-12pm, Tuesday, September 9-Council-1pm. **Michele Harney, 352-307-6900.**

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

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$28,593 towards our January 2026 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

2025 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



Children & Youth Ministry



*Prayer Shawl
BP CLINIC*

OTHER CLC EVENTS

Blood Mobile-TODAY, Sunday, September 7th, 8-12:30pm
Spaghetti Dinner w/Dessert Sale & Auction, Friday, September 19, Carry Out 4:30 Eat In 5pm \$15 for 1 \$25 for 2 (FMSC)
Scooter the DJ-Saturday, September 20, 6-9pm, American Legion, Tickets \$10 (FMSC)
Joyful Praise Quartet-Sunday, September 21, 3:30pm (FMSC)
G.I.F.T. Ministry Event-Saturday, September 27-3-6 pm (Youth Ministry)
Ice Cream Social & Juke Box Bingo-Sunday, October 5, 1pm (FMSC)
Halloween Boo Fest-Saturday, October 18, 1-6pm (Youth Ministry)
Moonlighters Concert-Sunday, October 26, 3pm (snacks/beer/wine) (FMSC)
Blood Mobile-Sunday, November 2, 8-12:30pm
Social & Pastor Derrel/Elvis-Sunday, November 2 at 1pm (FMSC)
Joyful Praise Quartet-Sunday, November 9 at 3:30pm (FMSC)
Putt Putt Golf-Thursday, November 13 at 3pm, Lunch to follow (FMSC)
Thanksgiving Party-Saturday, November 22-Set Up-1pm, Party-3-6pm (Youth Ministry)
Social & Juke Box Bingo-Sunday, Sunday, December 7 at 1pm (FMSC)
Christmas with Santa & Pizza-Saturday, December 20 from 1-6pm (Youth Ministry)

Recurring Monthly Events for 2025: First Sunday of Every Month-
Second Sunday of Every Month, Third Sunday of Every Month-BP
Check-10am-Library, Fourth Sunday of Every Month -

Second Wednesday-Prayer Shawl Meeting-11:30am

CONTACTS

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352-299-5471

Family Ministers-Ashley Runyon, 980
-925-9959

Medical & Prayer Shawl, Darlene
Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.

FMSC, Mark Ferrera,
Chair, 407-616-1576

Fellowship-Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-
0346 or Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616,
Co Chairs.

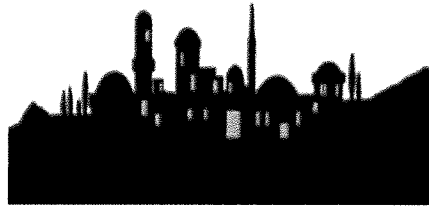
CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS CONTD.

Prayer Shawls-On the window side of the Fellowship Hall there are Prayer Shawls ready to be given to people who you feel might like to wrap themselves in Prayer. Please feel free to take one. Just let us know where you sent it. We need more shawls. Please join the Prayer Shawl Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. to help make shawls. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

Cub Scout Troop 42-Cub Scout Pack 42 resumed meeting on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. Cub Scout Pack 42 is having School Night for Scouting at Harbour View Elementary School on Wednesday night September 10th. The Pack Committee continues to meet on the second Thursday night of the month at 6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran Church." **Joel Best, Coordinator, 321-439-1096.**

Altar Guild-Meeting, Sunday, September 14at 12pm. We want to meet everyone! We are looking for interested new members. **Joan Knight, 802-309-4019 or Jane Gouge, 352-233-9233, Co-coordinators.**

Walk to Bethlehem-Let's arrive in Bethlehem on Christmas Day. If we all join in the 2929 miles is easy, of course that does not include the ocean miles! Along the way we will learn about other countries and cultures. Sign up sheet and upcoming info are on the table in Fellowship Hall. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**



Live Plant Garden-The calendar has openings for IMO/IHO Live Plant Gardens. Please sign up for available dates in the Fellowship Hall. **Michele Harney, Parish Admin. Minister, 352-307-6900.**

Phil's Friends-If someone you know has cancer, volunteers in our Hope Centers create and assemble hopeful care packages with comforting items that our friends with cancer need and enjoy. **Linda Scholfield, Coordinator, 352-307-3063.**

COLLECTIONS

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

Domestic Violence Center (C.A.S.A.)-We are collecting items at this time. They need Cleaning Supplies, Hygiene Items, Diapers and Wipes, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet Paper. Clean and like new condition business attire is also needed. **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, 440-221-4027.**

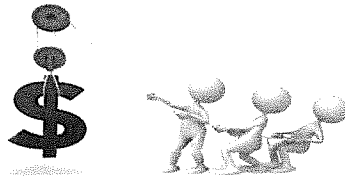
Hands of Mercy Everywhere-Needed: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet paper. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

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-for the homeless. We collect 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. **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.**

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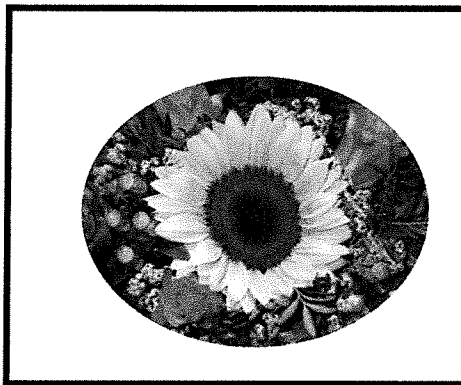


**The Live Plant Garden Is Given:
To the Glory of God
&**

In Honor Of: Bob & Carolyn Wrights'

Wedding Anniversary

By: Carolyn Wright



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



**A
Celebration
of Life**

Ron Blake- CLC Parishioner Member's Celebration of Life is on Friday, November 28 at 1pm at CLC.

PRAYERS

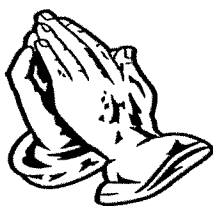
Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Dale & Ann Trenary; Claire Vandiver; Rodney Van Housen; Ross & Joan Waldo; Mark Wattebort; Judy Whittock; Belinda Williams; Carolyn Wright; Mel & Jillian Acles; Jon & Cheryl Albright; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Martha Fernez (facial nose squamous cancer removal repair surgery rehab - OK); Tina Phillips (Pr. Connell's friend - internal health issue rehab - OK); Phoebe Shimko (Pr. Connell's friends' infant granddaughter - cranium repair surgery rehab - OK); and Ashley Runyon (left wrist carpal tunnel repair surgery rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Sandie Capelli (back spinal discs cyst removal repair surgery 9/16 - Shands Hosp.); Martha Fernez (facial nose squamous cancer removal repair surgery radiation therapy & skin graft plastic repair surgery rehab pending); Ken Geach (left leg cath 1 stent implant repair surgery rehab; right leg 9/12); Jim Hopper (internal cancer PET scan results w/Dr. pending); Earl Howell (fractured tailbone & 2 pelvis fractures health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 100); Ed Israel (right shoulder pain MRI test results w/orthopedic Dr. pending); Dick Knight (back cyst recurrence removal repair surgery rehab); Larry Lee (neck spinal discs pain repair surgery next steps w/surgeon Dr. pending; 2nd opinion w/another surgeon Dr. 9/23 - Shands Hosp.); Lu Lickas (heart blood clot filter insertion surgery rehab); Susan Long (right elbow & internal health issues next steps w/orthopedic Dr. 9/18); John Lotz (internal health issue repair surgery 9/18 - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); Christine Messersmith (fractured pelvis health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 154); Frank Neumann (right knee replacement repair surgery pending); Perry Olyer (back spinal discs pain next steps w/surgeon Dr. pending); Custer Redman (add'l internal cancer medication rehab); Jackie Romeo (neck & back spinal discs pain next steps w/neurosurgeon Dr. pending - Shands Hosp.); Ashley Runyon (internal non-cancer health issue repair surgery 12/1 - Moffitt Cancer Center); John Simmons (post-previous surgeries chest pain scar tissue removal repair surgery & add'l incision multiple area infections & 8 add'l infection removal & repairs surgeries health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 115); Tom Taylor (add'l ongoing internal health issues rehab - Bridgewater Rehab # 527); and Carolyn Wright (heart health issues tests results w/cardiologist Dr. pending).

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

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



Attendance: 9am: 73
10:30am: 44 Total: 117
YouTube: 32

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel-St. Luke 15:1-10

Stewardship Principle No. 1 - Respond Gratefully: Respond gratefully to what God has first given us. All that we do is a response to God's grace. Everything we are, have, and use comes from God. Best of all, God gives the gift of Jesus Christ and the community of believers. It all begins with God. Our confession of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not of our doing. Grateful stewards put God first.

"but they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8:3

Stewardship Principle No. 2 - Sacrifice Proportionately: Sacrifice proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's word and blessings.

"they gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." 2 Corinthians 8:3

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"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave" 2 Corinthians 8:3

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"and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" 2 Corinthians 8:3

Stewardship Principle No. 5 - Give Proportionately: Give proportionately as our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means", not according to an income or a budget.

"If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has -- not according to what one does not have." 2 Corinthians 8:12

Stewardship Principle No. 6 - Commit Intentionally: Commit intentionally means making a statement about your intent and following through. As members in the Body of Christ, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources as a faithful response to God and as a statement of support of God's work.

"arrange in advance for the bountiful gift that you have promised." 2 Corinthians 8:12

Stewardship Principle No. 7 - Contribute Regularly: Contribute regularly means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this become a lifestyle.

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn." 1 Corinthians 16:2

Stewardship Principle No. 8 - Accept A Challenge: Accept a challenge means recognizing the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings and our responsibilities.

"... the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" 2 Corinthians 9:6

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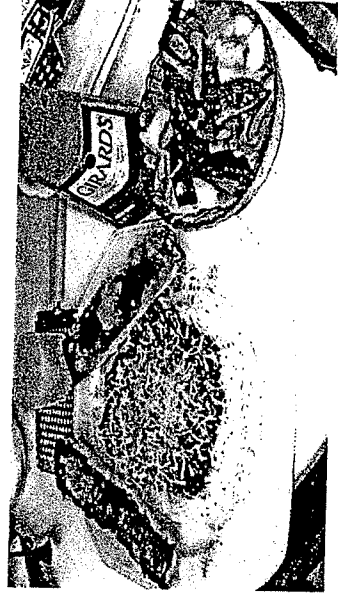
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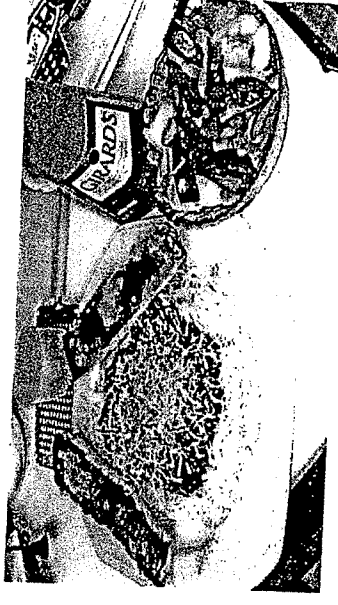
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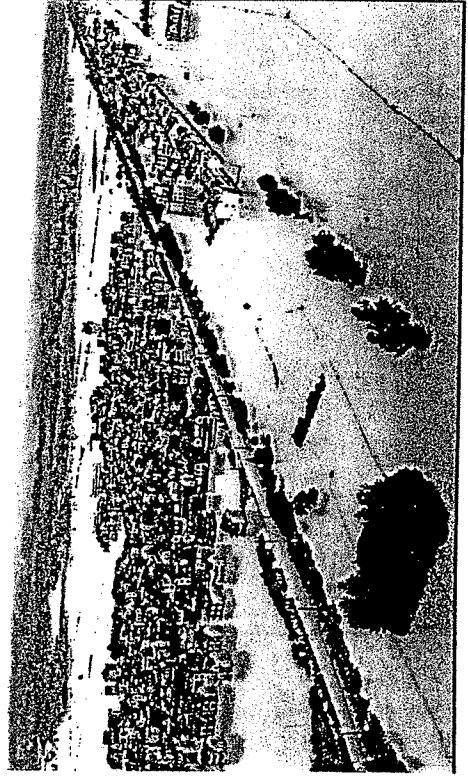
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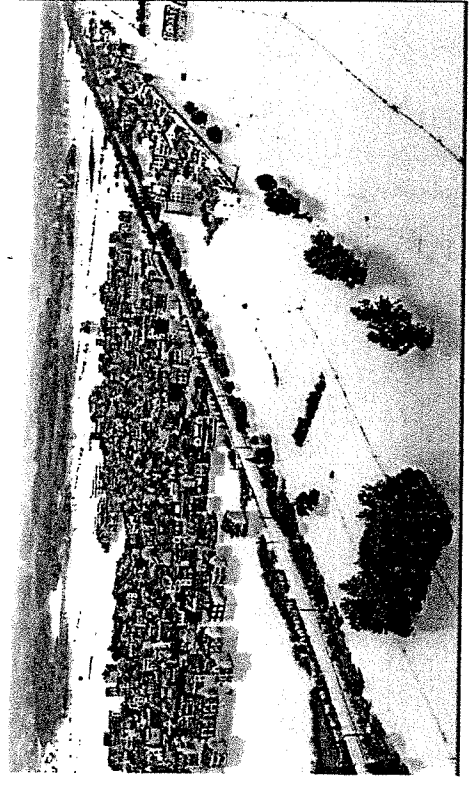
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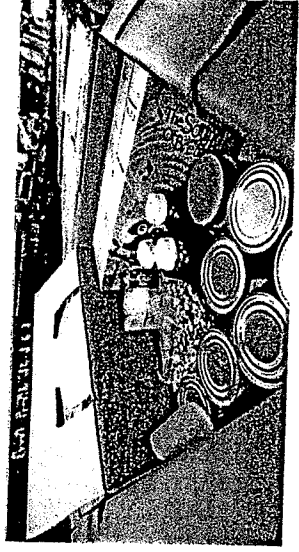
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EVENT-Feed My Starving Children

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12070 CR 103

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DATES-Tuesday, September 9, Wednesday, September 10 & Thursday, September 11

TIMES-Tuesday-September 9-12-2pm, 3-5pm,

Wednesday-September 10-9-11am, 12-2pm & 3-5pm

Thursday, September 11-9-11am, 12-2pm, & 3-5pm

To Sign Up:

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

Or

Go to this website:

https://www.fmsc.org/volunteer-listing/?search_term=34491&search_start=2025-08-01&search_end=2025-09-30&miles=25&chosen_mode=Near%20Location&users_zip=32812

Or

Put info in the Offering Plate for Pastor Dave to sign you up. Be sure all info is there including your full name, email address, phone number and circle the dates and times you are signing up for.



HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Quiet Moment-Spirit of the Living God-Choir

1. There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW 588
2. O Father, We Have Wandered ELW 606
3. **Communion**-A. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631 **B.** Built on a Rock ELW 652
4. Let Justice Fall like Streams ELW 717