

**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 Lord God our Father, the Lord God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things!

**C** Blessed be God our Father's Holy Name now and forever. Amen!

**P** People of God our Father, now is the time to wake from complacency. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the Holy One, God our Father who is merciful and just!

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** God our Father of mercy and justice,

**C** we confess that at times we do not welcome your Holy Reign. At times we stray from your path and will for our lives. At times we prepare for war instead of peace. At times we dishonor one another and your creation.

Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to purify us with your Holy Refining Fire and set us again on your way of righteousness, that we bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your Son Jesus' birth and return among us. Amen!

**P** People of God our Father, we are a new creation in our Lord and Savior Jesus, tender branches, living signs of His grace and mercy. By the waters of Holy Baptism and by the power of The Holy Spirit we are joined as one in Jesus as the Body of Christ. We have put on ✝ Jesus' righteousness, and our sins are washed away. Rejoice in the Holy Way of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

**C** Amen!

## **SHARING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray!

**C** Stir up your power, Lord and Savior Jesus, and return. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and continue to guide us in our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with your Father 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 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!

### DEDICATION OF ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

for the youth at Lake Weir Middle School, Hands Of Mercy Everywhere, Shepherd's Lighthouse, C.A.S.A. (domestic violence center) and a Single Father Family of 13 Children.

**P** Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: Through the power of The Holy Spirit, today we seek God our Father's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to bless His Son Jesus' Christmas Gifts, to the glory and praise of Jesus and His youth in need.

**P** All your works glorify and praise you, O Lord God Almighty, our Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit..

**C** and your faithful servants glorify and praise you.

**P** Blessed are you, O God our Father, king of all of your universe. You made your whole earth to glorify and praise you; all your creatures glorify and praise you. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, we lift our voices to join the sounds and songs of your heavens and earth, of things seen and unseen. You stretched out your heavens like a curtain; you divided your day from night; you appointed your times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all of your prophets; St. Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus; St. Peter, St. James, St. John, and all of Jesus' apostles; and all of your saints and witnesses in your Son Jesus' holy catholic church of ages past, in whom The Holy Spirit spoke and moved.

**P** Through the power of The Holy Spirit, O God our Father, remain with us now and bless us as we dedicate your Son Jesus' Christmas Gifts for His youth to His glory and praise. Bless all of your people who made Jesus' gifts possible. Bless all of Jesus' recipients of His gifts and bring them to the knowledge of Jesus' love for them. Continue to grant us faith to know and accept Jesus' gracious purposes in all things, grant us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of His kingdom; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

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**C** Amen

# 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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 Music: Yiddish folk tune  
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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

**P** 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!

**G** 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

**P** 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!

**G** 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

**P** 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!

**G** 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

**P** 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!

**G** 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

**P** "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!

**G** 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!



# LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Year A-Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025



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

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## **GOSPEL: St. Matthew 11:2-11**

**L** St. John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God our Father's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, John wonders whether Jesus is the Holy One who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God His Father's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing, wholeness, peace and restoration.

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th Chapter.

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

**C** <sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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



*"Are you the one who is to come, or  
are we to wait for another?"*

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

**L** The prophet Isaiah describes the return of the southern kingdom of Judah exiles from their Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. The Lord God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for the Lord God is coming to save.

**L** <sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup>for their help,  
whose hope is in the <sup>1</sup>LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup>is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- <sup>1</sup>es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to <sup>1</sup>those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the <sup>1</sup>captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who <sup>1</sup>are bowed down; the LORD <sup>1</sup>loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares <sup>1</sup>for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way <sup>1</sup>of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall <sup>1</sup>reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!**



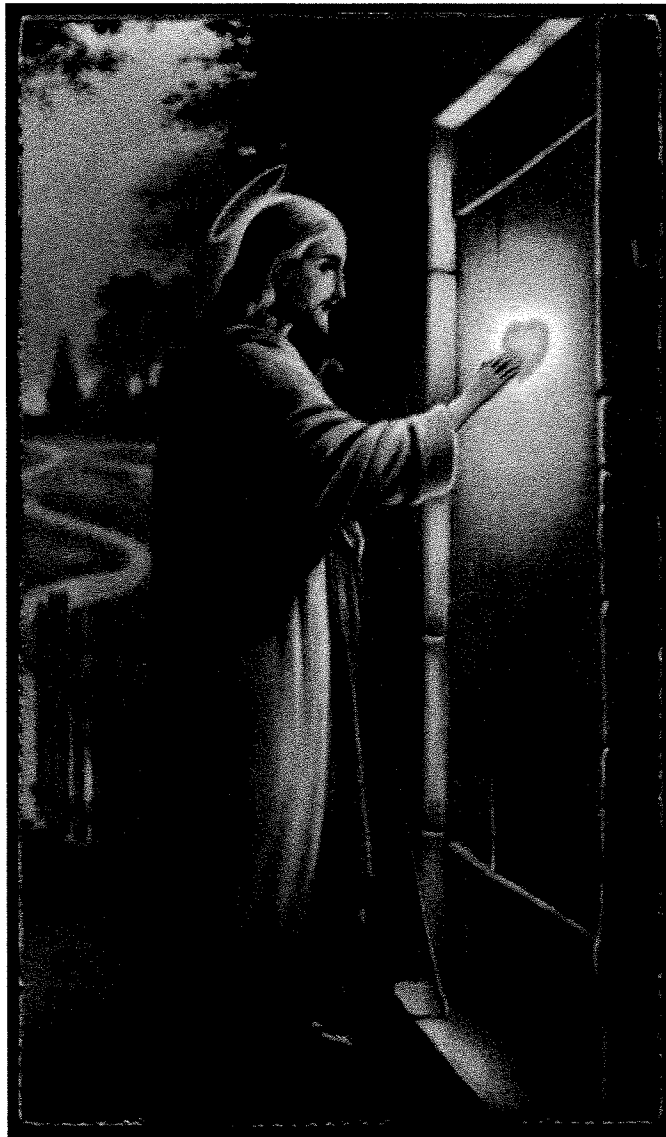
## SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10

**L** In anticipation of Jesus' return, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

**L** <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.



*See, the Judge is standing at the doors!*

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 12/14/2025 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/25	\$ 90,689
YTD Income	\$ 325,991
YTD Expenses	\$ 337,294
Balance @ 12/07/2025	<u>\$ 79,386</u>

### Offering for 12/07/2025

Operating Fund	\$ 5,590
Loose	\$ 20
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,115

### Designated Giving:

- Food For The Poor	\$ 75
- Salvation Army	\$ 25
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 9
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 825
- Flowers	\$ 65
- Social Ministry - Angel Tree	\$ 60
- Local Outreach - Christmas Tea	\$ 102
- Christmas Card Tree - Office Postage	\$ 20
- Advent Soup Sales (Mortgage Fund)	\$ 155
- Sewing Circle - Quilt Sales	\$ 40
- Belleview High School Band	\$ 75
- House of Hope Men's Shelter	\$ 100

<b>Total Offering</b>	<b><u>\$ 8,151</u></b>
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<b>FMSC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack:</b>	<b>\$ 37,518</b>
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<b>Mortgage Debt Balance as of 11/15/2025</b>	<b>\$ 810,454</b>
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<b>2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase-31 Giving Units, Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,341</b>
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**Note:** If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.

## CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, December 14, 2025

**Meetings**—Tuesday, December 16—Council-1pm, Pastor's Bible Study-2pm. **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 \$37,518 towards our January 2026 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

**Worship & Music**—Bob Dunbar has resigned as Co-chair of Worship and Music. He is still a part of the Ministry and is still playing keyboard for CLC. Diane Beavers is the new Co-chair. **Questions: Co-chairs- Jean Fischer-352-396-3667 or Diane Beavers-352-396-3667.**

## 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



*Children & Youth Ministry*



*Prayer Shawl  
BP CLINIC*

### *OTHER CLC EVENTS*

**Christmas with Santa and Cookies**—Saturday, December 20 from 1-6pm (Youth Ministry)

**Congregation & Carols**—Sunday, December 21 at 1:30pm, **Pot Luck Lunch at 12. Please bring a dish to share.**

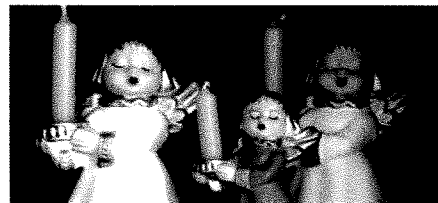
**Blood Mobile**—Sunday, December 28, 8-12:30pm

### Recurring Monthly Events for 2025:

**Third Sunday of Every Month**—BP Check-10am—Library

**Second Wednesday**—Prayer Shawl Meeting-11:30am

**Choir Rehearsal**—Christmas Carols rehearsal is every Saturday at 1:30pm. Regular rehearsal remains the same. **Questions Jeff Gwaltney, Coordinator, 803-487-3357.**



## **CONTACTS**

**G.I.F.T. Minister**—Skyler Forsythe,  
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.

**House of Hope**-This is a voluntary facility to treat men with addiction in a Christian based residential program. At this time they need mens' underwear, toiletries and new pillows. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

**Blood Mobile**-12 people donated blood on November 2. The next drive is Sunday, December 28 from 8-12:30pm. Link for sign up-[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1541681](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1541681). **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, 440-221-4027.**



**Prayer Shawls**-In 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. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**Shepherd's Light House**-The housing section is in need of baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen garbage bags and black garbage bags. Also copy paper and an electric dryer. **Questions-Rosemary Ganci, local Outreach Chair, 352-307-5952.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala**-for the homeless. We collect supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, all hygiene products, men's socks and underwear, **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Coordinator, 352-674-9434.**

**The Rock**-Lake Weir Middle School is back in session for the 2025-26 school year. They need Deodorant for males and females, Shampoo & Conditioner, as well as two pack hand sanitizer. **Carolyn Korpics, 352-693-8543, Coordinator.**

**Sewing Circle**-Lots of quilts were made: Shepherd's Lighthouse-20 children, 10 adult, Marion Cty. Schools Resource Homeless Liaison-20, VA Center Gainesville Infusion Center-26 lap Quilts and LWR-76. **Cindy Koebernick, Co-Chair, 937-361-5476 and Sharon Avery, Co-Chair, 352-288-1943.**

**Live Plant Garden**-The calendar has openings for IMO/IHO Live Plant Gardens. **Michele Harney, Parish Admin. Minister, 352-307-6900.**



**Hands of Mercy Everywhere**-Needed: Paper Towels, Paper Napkins & Toilet paper. **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.**

**We acknowledge a gifts to the Mortgage Fund:**

**In Memory Of:** Ron Blake  
**By:** Kay Bertzyk

**In Memory Of:** Jean Hartless  
**By:** Ray & Barb LeFevre

**We acknowledge a gift to the Belleview High School Band:**

**In Memory Of:** Ron Blake  
**By:** Terry & Cindy Robinson



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

**We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:**



**Jillian Herrick-Acles**-Parishioner Member on our Hospice prayer list with terminal internal health and in Cornerstone Hospice House care died.

**Cards to:**

Mel (husband) Acles & Family-17228 SE 93<sup>rd</sup> Heyward Avenue, The Villages, FL 32159

**Jean Hartless** - Parishioner Former Member on our prayer list with stroke rehab and in a North Carolina rehab died.

**Cards to:**

Karen (daughter) Lewis & Family - 305 Inverness Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146



**Walt Baney**-Parishioner Celebration of Life is Friday, February 27, 2026 at 11am at CLC.

## **PRAYERS**

**Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for:** Maryann Saddlemire; Pr. Chris & Giorgia Salerno; Robert & Wendy Sarrasin, Carleccia Howard, Mary Howard, Karlitto Huitt, Myelanni Huitt & Jae Sean Jennings; Darrell & Mary Schmidt; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Give Thanks - Healing:** Bob Farbacher (Pr. Connell's brother / friend - heart arrhythmia ablation repair surgery rehab - OK); and Edith Lee (pneumonia rehab - OK).

**Pray - Parishioners (short term):** Jean Dunbar (left eye detached retina repair surgery rehab); Kelly Hallermeier (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 health issues repairs surgeries 1/20 - Orlando hosp.); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal health issues test results pending); Jim Hopper (internal cancer radiation therapy rehab); Ed Israel (right shoulder torn rotator cuff pain shot therapy rehab); Patty Judd (right eye cataract removal repair surgery rehab; left eye 12/18); Susan Long (right elbow health issues medication rehab); Christine "Chris" Messersmith (internal health issues rehab & internal cancer next steps pending); Frank Neumann (heart cath rehab; right knee replacement repair surgery pending); Perry Olyer (pneumonia rehab - The Villages Hosp. # 2106; back spinal discs pain repair surgery 1/2 - Shands Hosp.); Custer Redman (add'l internal cancer medication rehab); Ashley Runyon (internal non-cancer health issue repair surgery rehab); John Simmons (internal health issues rehab - The Villages Hosp. # 2110); Judi Simmons (internal health issues rehab); Pr. Roy Steward (ELCM President, aorta heart valve replacement repair surgery 1/5 - PA hosp.); and Mark Wittebort (both eyes health issues treatments rehab).

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

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



Attendance: 9am: 83  
10:30am: 53    Total : 136  
YouTube: 30

**LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK**  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 1:18-25



for I was hungry and you  
gave me food

St. Matthew 25:35-37

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:**

**MEAL PACKING 2026**

Christ Lutheran Church

15699 SE 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Summerfield, FL 34491

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

1-3pm-Pack

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

9-11-Pack, 12-2-Pack, 3:30-5:30-Pack

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**

9-11am-Pack, 12-2pm-Pack

**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.fmssc.org/Summerfield](https://give.fmssc.org/Summerfield)

Donations may also be made at this site.

Or

Contact Pastor Dave Connell at [shattered79@prodigy.net](mailto:shattered79@prodigy.net) or

352-804-3054.

## ADVENT SOUP SUNDAYS

It's already time for Advent Soup Sundays!!! Soup Sundays begin on Sunday, November 30 and run thru Sunday, December 21.

We are looking for soup/stew/chili makers AND BUYERS!! Please sign up to make soups etc for one or more Sundays! Containers may be purchased at the Dollar Store; Please mark containers with ingredients. Soups will be available following Worship on Sunday mornings. Please do NOT return the containers. Thanks to all who take part in cooking, selling and buying!!! **Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346, & Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Fellowship Co-chairs.**



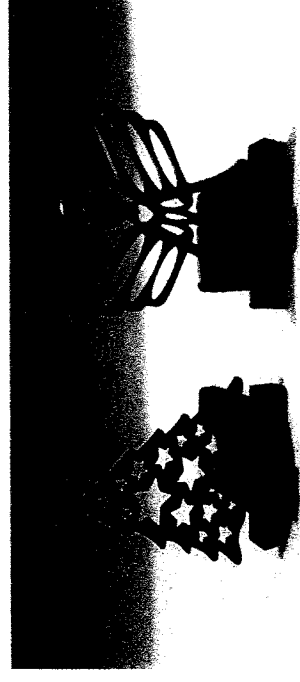
## ANGEL TREE SEASON

1. Pick an Angel off the tree
2. Purchase item listed on Angel
3. Wrap item with Angel and ribbon on gift
4. Bring gift back to church, place on shelves

Deadline Sunday, December 14th

Gifts must have the Angel and the ribbon on gift. This ensures that we get the gift to the right person.

Cindy Kelly, Coordinator, Social Ministry,  
440-221-4027.





## **BLUE CANDY CANES**

**If you are missing someone  
over Christmas, who has  
died, please take a candy  
cane to hang on your tree.**

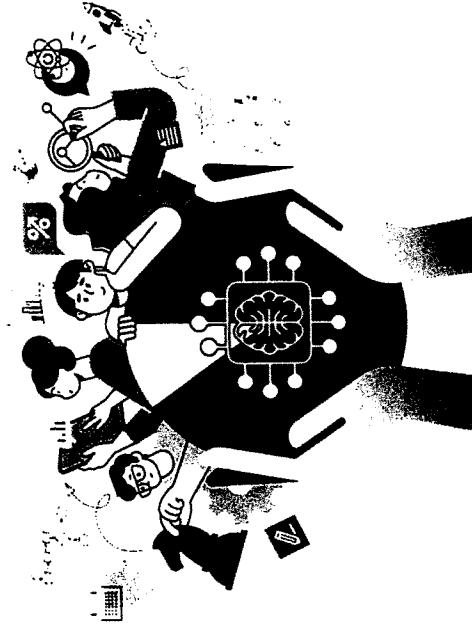
**Pam Jamieson, Coordinator, 352-245-9542**



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## **Fellowship Ministry**

The Team needs men as well as women to join this fun, active, sometimes (oops! Often times!) whacky Team. The Team is involved in everything from Sunday morning coffee hour, Thanksgiving Dinner, decorating and Celebrations of Life. The fun doesn't end there! Many hands make light work, so please join the Fellowship Ministry Team. Thanks for taking the time to consider this. When your heart says "I Can and Will Do This" the sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Hall table or call **Joe Capelli (352-445-2616)** or **Kay Bertzyk (352-245-0346, Fellowship Co-Chairs.**



## **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

***Quiet Moment-Light One Candle (All Sing Verses 1-3)***

1. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249
2. O Lord, How Shall I Meet You ELW 241
3. **Communion-A.** O Come, O Come Emanuel ELW 257 **B.** Come Now, O Prince of Peace ELW 247
4. Joy to the World ELW 267