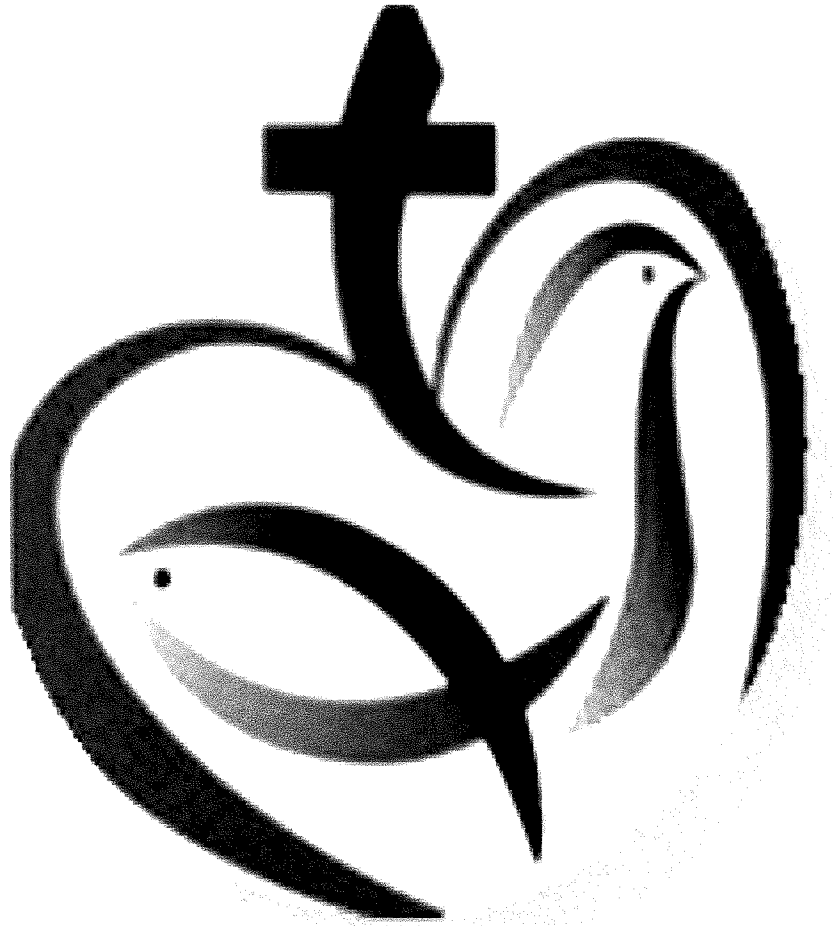


**Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion**



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

**Christ Lutheran Church, ELCM**  
**2026 Budget**

If you want additional information on budget detail  
please contact Barb LeFevre at (352) 307-1602.

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCIL TO CONGREGATION**

|  |  | 2025       |              | 2026       |            | Change vs. 2025 Est. |  | 2026 COMMENTS |
|--|--|------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--|---------------|
|  |  | Budget     | Est. Actuals | Budget     |            | \$                   | %  |               |
|  |  |            |              |            |            |                      |  |               |
| <u>CASH - BEGINNING BALANCE</u>                  |  |            |              |            |            |                      |  |               |
| General Fund                                     |  | \$ 94,341  | \$ 90,689    | \$ 88,706  | \$ (1,983) | -2%                  |  |               |
| TOTAL CASH . . . . .                             |  | \$ 94,341  | \$ 90,689    | \$ 88,706  | \$ (1,983) | -2%                  |  |               |
| <u>INCOME</u>                                    |  |            |              |            |            |                      |  |               |
| General Fund - Envelope                          |  | \$ 286,400 | \$ 298,905   | \$ 313,851 | \$ 14,945  | 5%                   | 41 Estimated Forms \$157,300                     |               |
| General Fund - Loose . . . . .                   |  | \$ 2,100   | \$ 3,116     | \$ 3,272   | \$ 156     | 5%                   |  |               |
| Mortgage Fund                                    |  | \$ 51,500  | \$ 52,253    | \$ 54,865  | \$ 2,613   | 5%                   | 41 Estimated Forms \$26,430                      |               |
| Thrivent Bank Interest Income                    |  | \$ 1,200   | \$ 2,735     | \$ 2,500   | \$ (235)   | -9%                  |  |               |
| Total Giving/Interest Funds                      |  | \$ 341,200 | \$ 357,009   | \$ 374,488 | \$ 17,479  | 5%                   |  |               |
| TOTAL FUNDS . . . . .                            |  | \$ 435,541 | \$ 447,698   | \$ 463,194 | \$ 15,496  | 3%                   |  |               |
| <u>EXPENSE</u>                                   |  |            |              |            |            |                      |  |               |
| Personnel **                                     |  | \$ 223,739 | \$ 218,068   | \$ 229,336 | \$ 11,268  | 5%                   | Financial Secretary declined salary in 2025      |               |
| Anticipated Salary Savings (Financial Secretary) |  | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ (3,900) | \$ (3,900) |                      | Financial Secretary declining salary in 2026     |               |
| Benevolence                                      |  | \$ 3,000   | \$ 3,000     | \$ 3,000   | \$ -       | 0%                   |  |               |
| Ministries                                       |  | \$ 18,475  | \$ 12,246    | \$ 17,060  | \$ 4,814   | 39%                  | Family/G.I.F.T. Ministry Budget \$2,350 Increase |               |
| Overhead   |  | \$ 42,950  | \$ 45,416    | \$ 50,335  | \$ 4,919   | 11%                  | New for 2026 Asphalt Sealing \$4,200 and         |               |
| Building   |  | \$ 79,103  | \$ 80,262    | \$ 81,220  | \$ 958     | 1%                   | Accrual of \$1,200 for 5-Yr. Inspections         |               |
| TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .                         |  | \$ 367,267 | \$ 358,992   | \$ 377,051 | \$ 18,059  | 5%                   |  |               |
| CASH - ENDING BALANCE                            |  | \$ 68,274  | \$ 88,706    | \$ 86,141  | \$ (2,565) | -3%                  |  |               |

\*\* Salary increases in 2026 recommended by Mutual Ministry, and approved by Council, totaling \$3,380 as follows:  
 Administrative Assistant \$1/hr. for a total increase of \$1,300  
 Facility Manager \$1/hr. for a total increase of \$1,040  
 Treasurer \$1/hr. for a total increase of \$780  
 Media Tech Supervisor \$5/Sunday for a total increase of \$260

Barb LeFevre  
10/20/2025

## **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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever!

**[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]** Faithful God our Father,

**[C]** you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we often stray from your paths. We are often stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We often ignore our neighbors. We often exploit your earth. We often reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to your new life. Amen!

**[P]** Hear the Gospel Good News: God our Father the Faithful One loves us, ✝ in His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord our sins are forgiven, and by the power of The Holy Spirit we are set free!

**[C]** Amen!

## **SHARING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**[P]** Let us pray!

**[C]** Almighty God our Father, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to grant us your grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love and serve you, through your Son, 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 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**

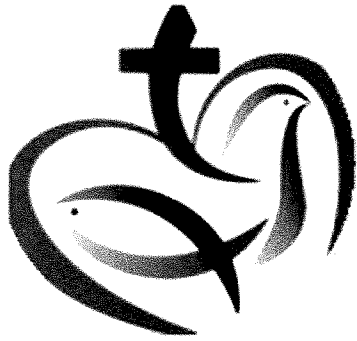
#### **FINAL SENDING**

**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, November 16, 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](http://christlutheranchurchelcm.org)

*Bringing Christ To All People Today  
And Every Day*

## **GOSPEL: St. Luke 21:5-19**

**L** As history moves toward God our Father's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to Jesus and will be given the words they need by The Holy Spirit's power to testify and to endure without fear.

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st Chapter.

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

**C** <sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

**L** Addressing the southern kingdom of Judah exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet Isaiah proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, the Lord God is about to do a new thing.

**L** <sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY: Isaiah 12:2-6

In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Isa. 12:6)

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not <sup>1</sup>be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has  
become <sup>1</sup>my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>With joy you <sup>1</sup>will draw water  
from the wells <sup>1</sup>of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call <sup>1</sup>on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that  
this name <sup>1</sup>is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup>gloriously;  
let this be known in <sup>1</sup>all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O <sup>1</sup>royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy <sup>1</sup>One of Israel.

## SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**L** This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of His Gospel.

**L** <sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



*The prophet Isaiah proclaims a vision.*



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 11/09/25 BULLETIN

|                      | <b>Operating<br/>Funds</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance @ 01/01/25   | <u>\$ 90,689</u>           |
| YTD Income           | <u>\$ 304,453</u>          |
| YTD Expenses         | <u>\$ 311,103</u>          |
| Balance @ 11/09/2025 | <u><b>\$ 84,039</b></u>    |

### Offering for 11/09/2025

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Operating Fund | \$ 3,080 |
| Loose          | \$ 28    |
| Mortgage Fund  | \$ 695   |

### Designated Giving:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| - Food For The Poor                      | \$ 80  |
| - Salvation Army                         | \$ 25  |
| - Lutheran World Relief                  | \$ 15  |
| - ELCM Missions                          | \$ 15  |
| - Fellowship                             | \$ 12  |
| - Feed My Starving Children              | \$ 352 |
| - Local Outreach - Christmas Tea         | \$ 160 |
| - Debt Reduction                         | \$ 9   |
| - Social Ministry - Thanksgiving Baskets | \$ 100 |
| - Flowers                                | \$ 65  |

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Total Offering</b> | <b><u>\$ 4,636</u></b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|

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| <b>FMSC Net Fundraising for 2026 Pack:</b> | <b>\$ 35,639</b> |
|--|------------------|

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|---|-------------------|
| <b>Mortgage Debt Balance as of 10/15/2025</b> | <b>\$ 812,808</b> |
|---|-------------------|

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|---|------------------|
| <b>2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase-31 Giving Units, Total</b> | <b>\$ 31,341</b> |
|---|------------------|

**Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.**

## **CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-November 16, 2025**

**Meetings— Tuesday, November 18-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.**

**The Congregational Annual Budget Meeting** is Sunday, November 23 between Worship services beginning at 10am. **Finance Co-Chairs, Judy Conover, 937-760-4709 & Cindy Robinson, 440-313-8034.**

**Feed My Starving Children-**The net proceeds collected to date are \$35,639 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***

**Thanksgiving Party-THIS Saturday, November 22-Set Up-1pm, Party-3-6pm (Youth Ministry)**

**Social & Juke Box Bingo-Sunday, Sunday, December 7 at 2pm Social & 3pm Game (FMSC)**

**Jeff & Friends-Saturday, December 13 at 3pm.** Join us for various kinds of music for FMSC Fund Raiser.

**Christmas with Santa & Pizza-Saturday, December 20 from 1-6pm (Youth Ministry)**

**Congregation & Carols-Sunday, December 21 at 1:30pm, Social at 12**

**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.**

### **Bulletin Info-Remember Blurbs and**

Inserts must be in the office no later than first thing Tuesday morning for the upcoming Bulletin in printable format containing **ALL** necessary info. **Michele D. Harney, P.A. M., 352-307-6900.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Walk to Bethlehem**-We are doing Great!! Keep walking. **Darlene Baney, Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**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.**

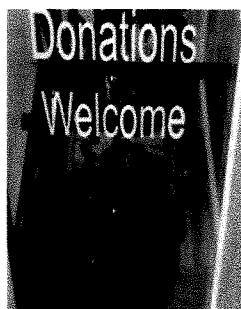
**Shepherd's Light House**-The housing section is in need of baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen garbage bags and black garbage bags. Also copy paper and an electric dryer. **Questions-Rosemary Ganci, local Outreach Chair, 352-307-5952.**

**Cross Making Class**-Patty Judd will give instructions for making the plastic canvas crosses **THIS** Tuesday, November 18 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring scissors for cutting the crosses. **Patty Judd, Coordinator, 352-208-4706.**

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

**Advent Tea**- Volunteers are needed on Wed., Dec. 3 at 10 am to prepare food & set tables, & Thurs, Dec. 4 at 10am to do last minute set up and after the tea to clean up. Sign up sheets are on the Advent Tea table in the Fellowship Hall. **Questions: Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator, 267-885-8765.**

**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.**



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

**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.**

**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 gift to the Mortgage Fund:**  
**In Honor Of:** Sharon Avery  
**By:** George & Jenny Flanigan  
**In Memory Of:** Charlotte Brandt (mother)  
**By:** Renee Beck

**A Leaf on the Tree of Life In Honor & Memory Of:**  
Harold Miller (brother) & Ed Davidson (husband)  
**By:** Carolyn Wright  
**A Leaf on the Tree of Life In Appreciation of:** Jeff Gwaltney,  
Joe Pence, Joe Capelli & Kevin Cheeks  
**By:** Carolyn Wright



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

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



**John Fernex** - Parishioner Member Al Fernex's brother not on our prayer list with failing internal health issues died.

**Cards to:**

Al (brother) & Martha (sister-in-law) Fernex & Family - 3032 St. Thomas Lane, The Villages, FL 32162

**Carol Koza** - Parishioner Members Bob & Sue Seteras' friend on our Hospice prayer list with failing internal health issues and in Advent Health Hospice care in Altamonte, FL died.

**Cards to:**

Tom (husband) Koza & Family - 121 Goshawk Terrace, Winter Springs, FL 32708  
Bob & Sue (friends) Setera - 17516 SE 96th Court, Summerfield, FL 34491

**Richard Holman** - Parishioner Member Patricia "Pat" Holman's brother-in-law not on our prayer list with recently diagnosed internal cancer suddenly and unexpectedly died.

**Cards to:**

Catherine (wife) Holman & Family - 1219 Beau Drive, Park Ridge, IL 60068  
Patricia "Pat" (sister-in-law) Holman & Family - 7784 SE 166th Smallwood Place, The Villages, FL 32162



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

## **PRAYERS**

**Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for:** Edith Lee; Larry Lee; Ray & Barb LeFevre; Lu Lickas; Susan Long; John & Vicky Lotz; Greg, Elaine & Jase Luginbill; David & Yvonne Mapletoft; Theresa Marlin; Susan Marrocco; Jeff & Selena Maynard; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Give Thanks - Healing:** Vicki Carmel (respiratory health issues rehab - OK); Robert Ellis (internal health issue repair surgery rehab - OK); Rosemary Ganci (left hip pain shot therapy rehab - OK); Karen Hedlund (facial forehead squamous cell cancer removal repair surgery rehab - OK); Patricia "Pat" Holman (heart & left hip previous hip replacement pain health issues rehab - OK); Earl Howell (fractured tailbone & pelvis health issues rehab - OK); Theresa "Terry" Marlin (dislocated left hip repair surgery rehab - OK); and Gail Olyer (facial right cheek squamous cell cancer removal repair surgery rehab - OK).

**Pray - Parishioners (short term):** Jean Dunbar (left eye detached retina repair surgery rehab); Martha Fernz (facial nose squamous cancer cell radiation therapy treatments rehab); Ken Geach (right leg cath rehab); Kelly Hallermeier (internal health issue repair surgery rehab); Jean Hartless (stroke rehab - NC rehab); Gwen Heinlein (right leg health issues rehab); Patricia "Pat" Holman (internal health issues next steps pending); Jim Hopper (internal cancer radiation therapy rehab); Earl Howell (fractured left femur health issues rehab; follow-up w/orthopedic Dr. 12/12); Ed Israel (kidney & pneumonia health issues rehab; right shoulder torn rotator cuff pain shot therapy rehab); Joan Knight (left foot index toe repair surgery rehab); Larry Lee (neck spinal discs pain nerve deadening repair surgery pending); Ray LeFevre (right foot infection & fractured spinal disc health issues rehab); Susan Long (right elbow health issues medication rehab); John Lotz (left hand, leg & foot infection & internal health issue rehab - The Villages Hosp. # 3132); Frank Neumann (right knee replacement repair surgery pending); Perry Olyer (back spinal discs pain repair surgery pending - Shands Hosp.); Custer Redman (add'l internal cancer medication rehab); Jackie Romeo (neck & back spinal discs pain rehab); Ashley Runyon (internal non-cancer health issue repair surgery 12/1 - Moffitt Cancer Center); John Simmons (pneumonia & internal infection health issues rehab); Pr. Roy Steward (ELCM President, aorta heart valve replacement repair surgery 1/5 - PA hosp.); and Ann Trenary (fractured right hip repair surgery & internal health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 143).

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

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



Attendance: 9am: 88  
10:30am: 64 Total: 152  
YouTube: 32

**LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK**  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Gospel: St. Luke 23:33-43

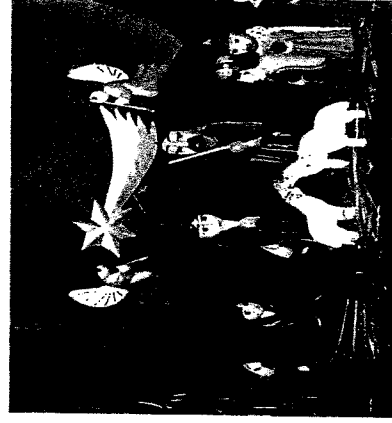
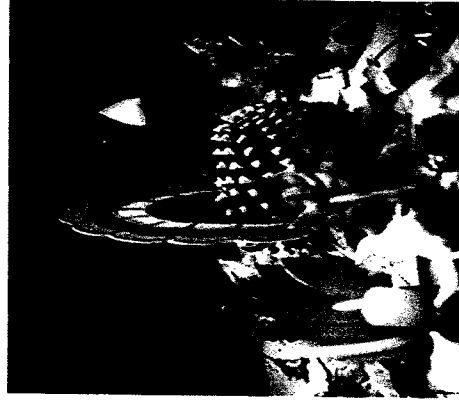
## HOLIDAY DECORATING BEGINS

Please join us to decorate for the Holidays:

Monday, November 24-9am: Christmas Decorations

Wednesday, November 26-10am: Set Up/  
Decorate tables for Thanksgiving

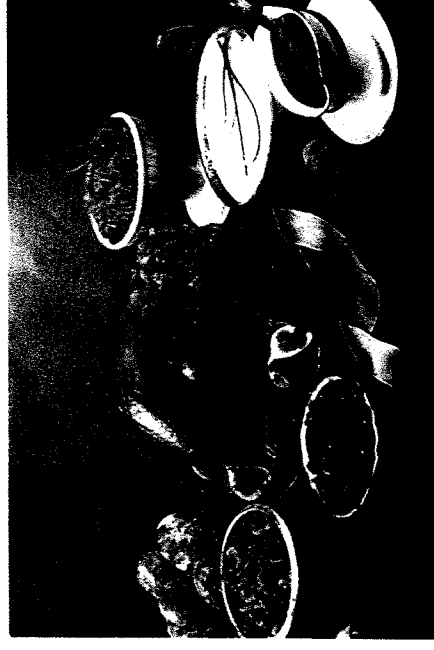
Friday, November 28-After Celebration of Life:  
Take down Thanksgiving decorations. Sign Up  
Sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. **Questions:**  
**Kay Bertzyk, Coordinator, 352-245-0346.**



## THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Please join us Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> following the 11am Worship for Thanksgiving Dinner.

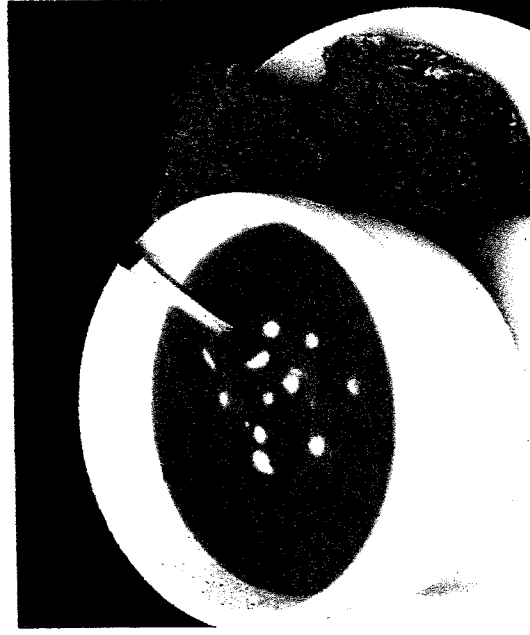
The more the merrier. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. if you wish to bring something to share, please add it to the list. Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, cranberries, and beverages will be provided - We need Sweet Potatoes, Salads, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Desserts & Misc. **Questions: Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616 and Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346, Fellowship Co-chairs.**



## 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.**



## Christ Lutheran Church Advent Tea

The Women of Christ Lutheran Church are Cordially Invited to our Advent Tea

Thursday, December 4, 2025

12:00 to 2:30 pm

Tickets are \$20 per person.

Christmas Entertainment will be provided.

Formal Tea attire is optional.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet on the Advent Tea Table in the Fellowship Hall



Questions please call Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator,

352-307-5952 or

email at [thelistlady514@gmail.com](mailto:thelistlady514@gmail.com)

## 2026 Christ Lutheran Church Estimated Giving Form

To help build the 2026 Budget and Forecast, we are asking you to give us an estimate of your Operating Fund and Mortgage Fund contributions for the coming year. This is only an estimate and is NOT a legally binding obligation. If you are uncomfortable turning in a signed form, it is acceptable to submit it unsigned. Please place this form in an envelope and put it in the collection marked "2026 Giving Estimate" or you can mail it to:

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**P.O. Box 693,**

**Summerfield, FL 34492.**

As always, thank you for your continued support and help.

Kay Bertzyk, Financial Secretary (352) 245-0346

Operating Fund Annual Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage Fund Annual Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name or Envelope # (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_



Please return form no later than Sunday, November 2, 2025.

## Don't Forget

### Estimated Giving Forms Are Due

This is the season when Christ Lutheran members and friends are asked to share their intent to support the mission of our congregation for the coming year. We offer our gifts as a thanksgiving to God for the abundant mercies we receive from His hand.

Our stewardship gifts enable Christ Lutheran to continue to grow our worship, education, and ministry opportunities, as well as providing funds for our partnerships and other mission initiatives. We are also a community dedicated to mutual care and fellowship so that everyone finds help, hope, and home with us. As we move forward into 2026, this is a guiding focus of our congregation.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how God is leading you to make Christ known through your financial support of our annual stewardship appeal, as well as through the offering of your time, talents, and testimony to proclaim God's love to the world.

Please complete an estimated giving sheet. You may drop your form in the offering plate.

Christ Lutheran Church Finance Ministry



**The Big Red Bus-The Next Blood Drive is TODAY, Sunday, December 28, 2025 from 8am-12:30pm.** Please eat a 600 caloric meal before donating. !!

Please donate if you can!!! Donations were down. We did have 6 people donate Blood on Sunday, November 2. One person saw the sign and came in. Another person was deferred. It is possible that each pint can help 3 people. There is a Sign Up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may also make an appointment to donate by Text to: Hero to 63928, online to [www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org), or call 888-936-6283. If you have



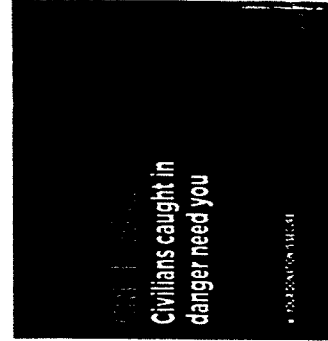
**National & Worldwide Disasters**-People everywhere are in need of **HELP**. Donations may be made to the following places. **Please be sure to mark the memo line of your check as to where the donation is going.** **Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service**-POB 17467, Baltimore, MD 21297, Call 410-230-2700, or Email [lirs@lirs.org](mailto:lirs@lirs.org); **Salvation Army**- POB 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301, or thru CLC (be sure to mark envelope clearly): **Food For The Poor**-Cash-[www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org); **AmazonSmileCharity**-[www.FoodForThePoor.org](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org). If you chose this way it will ship directly there. Donations may also be made to **Lutheran World Relief**, 800-597-5972, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. **Carolyn Wright, International Outreach**, 415-696-4334.



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Show families in Israel, Gaza — and around the world — that they are loved. Here is my caring gift to rush lifesaving support to where it is needed. **Carolyn Wright, International Outreach**, 415-696-4334.

**Mail Checks To:** Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. **Questions** call 800-597-5972 or [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)



# VOLUNTEER

**Ministry Leaders**-The interest in promoting Jesus' Ministries is awesome! If you are going to use the Fellowship Hall you must check with the office and any other ministries that might be affected to be sure the calendar is open for that day, before scheduling any event. Also, please bring anything to the office you would like placed on the pick up table. **Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister**, 352-307-6900.

# DONATE

**Love, INC.**-Volunteers needed for lots of positions. There is something for everybody. Easy to sign up. Fill out an application, schedule an orientation and commit your time. **Questions call Julia at Love, INC. 352-245-8774, Ext. 203.**

**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. See board in Fellowship Hall for additional items. **Cindy Kelly, Coordinator**, 440-221-4027.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**-Many households are just one missed paycheck from being homeless, or one unexpected emergency from being forced to choose between food and shelter. We are here to help those in need. Main Services: emergency payments, help pay for housing, help pay for utilities, emergency food, home goods, transportation, prescription assistance, navigating the system, home visiting, or one-on-one support: Call 352-245-4700 or go to 7083 Southeast Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491. This is St. Mark's Catholic Church. To donate please contact 352-245-4700. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair**, 440-221-4027.

**Hands of Mercy Everywhere**-A faith based organization which houses teen girls and their babies, and girls at risk for sex trafficking. Donations of paper products, craft material, house supplies are always needed. They also take donations of NEW clothing for the moms and babies. Gift cards are great, too!!! Website [HandsofMercyEverywhere.org](http://HandsofMercyEverywhere.org) has a complete list. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair**, 440-221-4027.

# DISASTER RELIEF NUMBERS

National & Worldwide Disasters-People everywhere are in need of HELP. Donations may be made to the following places.

Salvation Army- POB 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301, or thru CLC (be sure to mark envelope clearly):

Lutheran World Relief- 800-597-5972, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297.

Samaritan's Purse-mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters in the United States. We often stay behind after our initial response to rebuild or restore houses for needy families. PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 828.262.1980



**Shepherd's Lighthouse**  
5930 SE Robinson Rd, Belleview, FL 34420  
Phone: (352) 347-6575

July is Hurricane Supplies month at Shepherd's Lighthouse. Help us prepare our shelter and affordable housing options for any weather events that may occur.

**We need the following:**

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable canned goods
- Batteries
- Flashlights/Solar Lights
- Paper towels/toilet paper/sanitary needs
- 1" Aid supplies
- Baby and children supplies (diapers, bottles, baby food and formula)
- Tarps
- Electronics (weather radios and chargers)

To donate, you can drop them off at my house (call Shepherd's Lighthouse for number) or you can take them to the Lighthouse at 5930 SE Robinson Road in Belleview.

Thank you for your support!

**Kathie Niesen, CMP KMN Meetings and Events, 352-347-6575**

**Pastor Dave Connell, Board Member, 352-307-6900.**



## **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

*Quiet Moment-Bind Us Together-Choir Only*

1. Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ELW 582
2. My Life Flows On in Endless Song ELW 763
3. **Communion-A.** The Church's One Foundation ELW 654 **B.** My Life Flows On in Endless Song ELW 763
4. Come, We That Love the Lord ELW 625 (We're Marching to Zion)