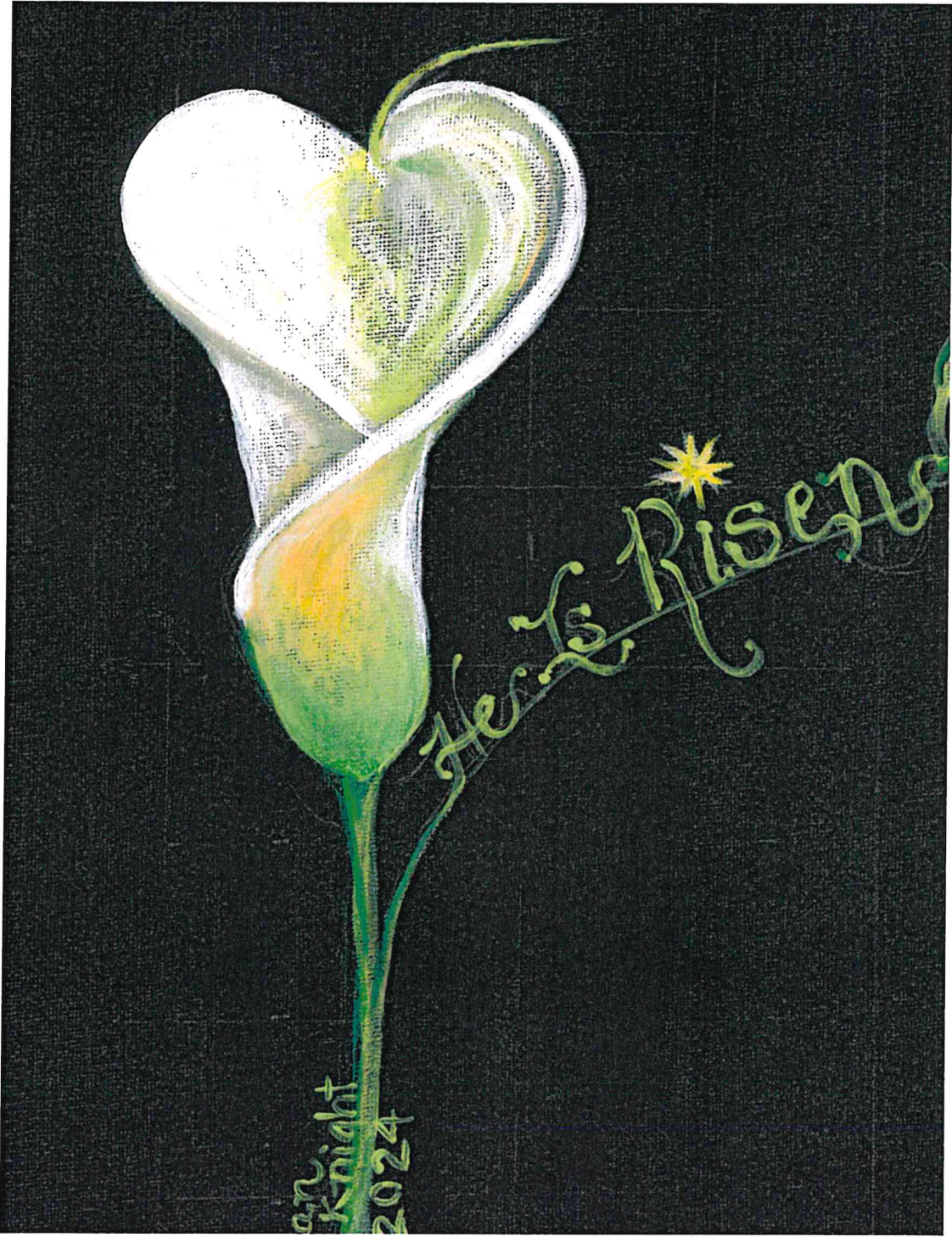


**Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion
Easter Season 2024**



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

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 God our Father, who writes His law in our hearts, minds, and souls, who draws all of His creation and people together through His Son Jesus!

C Amen!

P Held in God our Father's grace and mercy in His Son Jesus, let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy God our Father,

C we confess that we are caught in snares of our sin and cannot break free. At times we hoard your resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. At times we speak and act in ways that hurt others. At times we are silent when we should speak. At times we let our hearts turn cold and hard which grows into discrimination, injustice, hatred, and prejudice. For all these sins and for our sins only you know, forgive us God our Father in the Holy Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!

P Through the power of The Holy Spirit, hear and receive God our Father's redemption in His Son Jesus' grace and mercy: Out of love for His whole creation and people, God our Father draws near to us in Jesus, breaks every snare of sin, forgives our sins, and grants us eternal life in, with, and through † Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C Gracious God our Father, you gave your only Son Jesus to suffer death on His cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you deliver us from the power of death. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to guide us to repent from our sin, so that we live with Jesus forever in our redemption through His death, and in the eternal joy of His resurrection, 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. 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

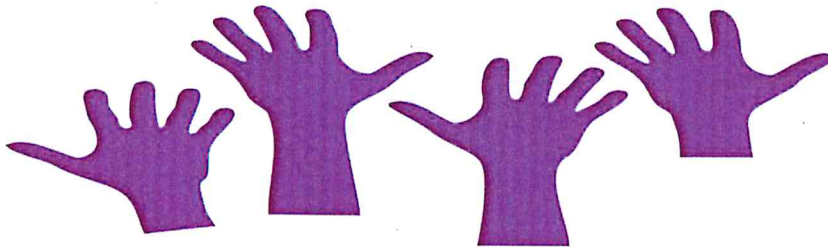
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

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

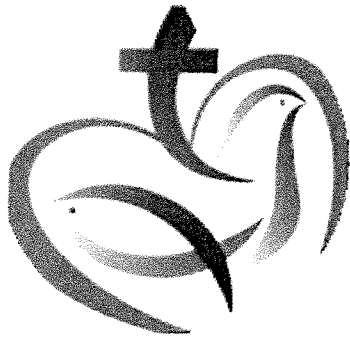
FINAL SENDING

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

Resurrection Of Our Lord, Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024



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. Mark 16:1-8

L The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

L Blessed is the Holy One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest! Amen!**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.

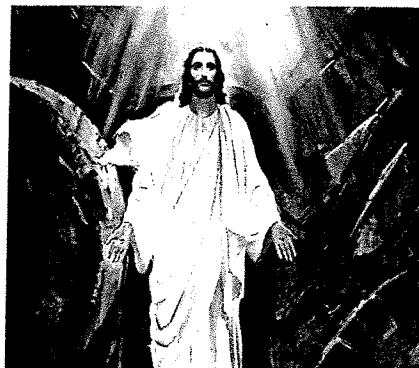
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L ¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

L Blessed is the Holy One who comes in the Name of the Lord!



FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

☐ St. Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the law and teachings of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through His Holy Name."

☐ ³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation.

- ²²The stone that the build-^lers rejected
has become the chief^l cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has^l this been done;
it is marvelous^l in our eyes.**
- ²⁴This is the day that the^l LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be^l glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

L Easter Sunday means new life for us as it first meant new life for Jesus. His death and resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now part of the crucified and risen Jesus.

L ¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

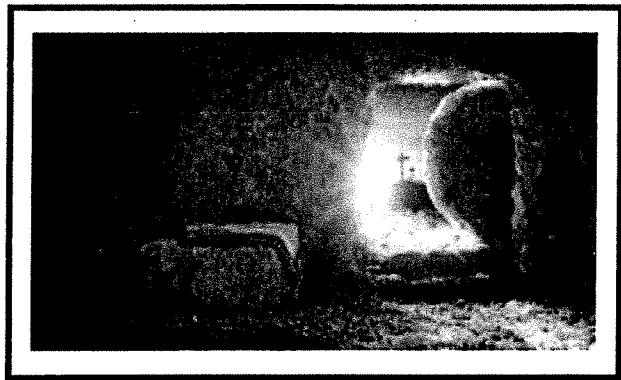


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 3/31/24 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/24	\$ 82,356	\$ 31,186	\$ 113,542
YTD Income	\$ 96,897	\$ 809	\$ 97,706
YTD Expenses	\$ 91,501	\$ 3,070	\$ 94,571
Balance @ 03/24/2024	<u>\$ 87,752</u>	<u>\$ 28,925</u>	<u>\$ 116,677</u>

Offering for 03/24/2024		
Operating Fund		\$ 3,574
Loose		\$ 69
Mortgage Fund		\$ 1,343
Capital Fund		\$ -
** YDT Income includes Insurance Payments		
Designated Giving:		\$ 737
- Food For The Poor	\$ 101	
- Salvation Army	\$ 105	
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 15	
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15	
- Fellowship	\$ 9	
- FMSC	\$ 422	
- Bear Ministry	\$ 20	
- Flowers	\$ 50	
 Total Offering		 <u>\$ 5,723</u>

FMSC Project 2024 NET for 2025 Packing:		\$ 15,727



CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-March 31, 2024

MEETINGS-Tues. April 2- Worship & Music-11am, Fellowship, Fam. Ministry, Nurture, Outreach, 12:30pm, Pastor's Bible Study-2pm. **Michele Harney, Administrative Assistant, 352-307-6900.**

UPCOMING FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FUNDRAISING



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

1. **Quilt Raffle-TODAY**, Sunday, March 31, 2024. See bulletin for info.
2. **Dessert Auction-Thursday**, April 4, 2024.at 3pm. Sign up sheet on table in Fellowship Hall.
3. **Juke Box Bingo-Sunday**, April 28 at 3pm. See Bulletin for info.
Detailed information on each event will appear in the coming weeks. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Join the Birthday Club-It's easy! Write a check in the amount of your age to support FMSC! Just put "Birthday Club" in the memo of your check, and on your birthday, drop it in the offering plate! **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

The Villages Health-Dementia Resource Expo, Friday, April 26, 2024 8am-12pm at the Wildwood Community Center. Come learn about the many resources available for people with dementia and their caregivers. See the flyer on table in the Fellowship Hall. To register visit <https://thevillageshealth.com/events/dementia-resource-expo>. You do not need to register but no reminders can be sent if you do not. **Questions Melissa Denham: Melissa.Denham@thevillageshealth.com.**

Feed My Starving Children-The net proceeds collected to date are \$15,727 towards our 2025 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Feed My Starving Children Sales Table-We need volunteers to sit at the FMSC Sales Table. Sign up for a Sales Table slot! One Sunday, One Month, One Sunday a Month, whatever you can do! The Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Come on down! It's fun! **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Quilt Raffle-the beautiful quilt hanging in the Narthex created by Bob Scholfield is being raffled off to support FMSC. Get your tickets at the FMSC table in the Narthex. Tickets are 3 for \$5 & 7 for \$10. Drawing **TODAY**, Sunday, March 31. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

Juke Box Bingo- Support FMSC and have a fun and exciting take on the classic game of bingo. Songs replace the numbers on a bingo card – the host plays the song - if you have that song listed on your card, tick it off. The same rules apply as regular bingo – get a line, call bingo! Sunday, April 28 at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 at the FMSC sales table. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

The Rock-The Rock serves Lake Weir Middle School, in the school. Clothing, shoes, and feminine products are still in great demand. Also spiral notebooks, deodorant, regular size shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bars of soap, sketch pads and colored markers. Meal items, such as Ramen noodles, Beef Yakosaba lunches, canned meat, spaghetti, mashed potatoes, rice and beans and mac and cheese are always welcome. **Questions call Carolyn Korpics, The Rock Coordinator, 352-307-3563.**

Hands of Mercy Everywhere-A faith based organization which houses teen girls and their babies, and girls at risk for sex trafficking in Belleview, FL. 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 has a complete list. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

Concert-Join us on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 4pm for Richie Lanna. He has 40 years experience, and sings music from the 40's to the present. His focus is on the top 125 hits of all time. A good will offering will be taken at the door. There will be a small charge for the refreshments which will be donated to FMSC. **Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator, 267-885-8765.**

Anniversary Cards-Card Ministry needs unused Anniversary Cards **ONLY.** **Carolyn Wright, Card Ministry Chair, 415-696-4334.**

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, Admin. Minister, 352-307-6900.**

Love Life 2024-Join me September 12-14 for the Joyce Meyer Ministries Women's Conference in Tampa, Fl. Sign up sheet on table in Fellowship Hall. **Questions Rosemary Ganci, 352-307-5952.**

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Seasonal Dollar Game-The current letters for the money game FUNdraiser are "G" for God and "E" for Easter. Place bills with the specific letter at the beginning or end of the serial number in the offering plates. **Judy Conover, Financial Secretary, 937-760-4709.**

COLLECTIONS

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

St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry-Keep those donations coming. Non-perishable supplies are always needed. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions-**Kay Bertzyk, Coordinator, 352-246-2495.**

Interfaith Shower Ministry in Ocala-We are collecting items for Interfaith to support their Saturday afternoon shower ministry for the homeless. We are currently collecting supplies: bath towels and wash cloths, men's socks and underwear, personal and full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, and tooth paste, and men's shoes. Please mark items Shower Ministry. **Susan Blusewicz, Interfaith Shower Ministry Co-coordinator, 352-674-9434, Carol McCormick, Interfaith Shower Ministry Co-coordinator, 352-217-0506.**

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, Admin. Assist. Minister, 352-307-6900.**

We acknowledge gifts to Feed My Starving Children:

In Memory Of: Louise Moore

By: Barb LeFevre

In Honor Of: Cindy Koebernick & Judi Simmons (baby quilt)

By: Bob & Judy Conover

We acknowledge gifts to the Mortgage Fund:

In Honor Of: Bill Daimler (geneology)

By: Bob & Linda Scholfield

In Memory Of: Louise Moore

By: Pastor Dave

In Memory Of: Roy Conover (brother)

By: Bob & Judy Conover

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

In Honor Of: Mike & Kimberly Gypps' 29th Wedding
Anniversary

By: Mike & Kimberly Gypp



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



Vita Ancona - Parishioner Visitor Frank Ancona's mother not on our prayer list died.

Cards to: Frank (son) Ancona & Doris (daughter-in-law) Howery & Family - 7340 SE 167th Zina Lane, The Villages, FL 32162

PRAYERS

Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Jeff & Selena Maynard; John & Barb Menges; Bob & Chris Messersmith; Bert Miller; Sharon Miller; Howard & Marlene Mills; Pete Mondadori; Nancy Mooney; John Moore; Dorothy Mowen; Marilyn Nardolillo; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Kay Bertzyk (right hip replacement repair surgery rehab - OK); Brigitte Chandler (internal infection health issues rehab - OK); Bonnie De-Pew (C. Korpics' friend - pneumonia rehab - OK); Dolores Garrigan (internal infection health issues rehab - OK); Lu Lickas (heart arrhythmia health issues heart ablation repair surgery rehab - OK); Carol McCormick (right shoulder replacement repair surgery rehab - OK); Chris Messersmith (fractured left shoulder rehab - OK); and Gail Olyer (left eye cataract removal repair surgery rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Renee Beck (internal health issue biopsy 4/3); Kay Bertzyk (left hip replacement repair surgery & previous fractured left leg hardware removal repair surgery pending - Ocala Reg. Hosp.); Jim Bristow (internal health issue next steps pending); Nancy Canis (heart health issues tests results w/Dr. pending; right hip replacement repair surgery pending - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); Jenny Flanigan (internal health issues tests results w/Dr. 4/3); Carol Gibson (low blood iron level add'l test 4/11 w/results w/Dr. 4/17; internal health issue repair surgery 6/11); Michele Harney (internal health issues rehab); Patricia Hopper (internal biopsy add'l results pending); Dick Knight (right knee replacement repair surgery rehab); Kathy Moffett (pneumonia rehab); John Moore (internal pain & health issues rehab - Advent Hosp. # 581); John Neil (both eyes health issues rehab); Jan Neumann (internal health issue repair surgery 4/15); Phyllis Russell (both eyes macular degeneration shot therapy rehab); Bob Scholfield (internal health issue repair surgery pending); Ruth Schraven (internal health issue CAT scan results pending; 2nd of 2 internal health issues biopsies pending); Sue Setera (fractured right lower leg & foot rehab); Judi Simmons (internal health issues rehab); and Ann Trenary (internal health issues test 4/6).

Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital): Leona Womack (respiratory health issues rehab - Spec. Select Hosp. ICU # 6).

Pray - Parishioners (long term - Hospice): Edith Holm (Cornerstone Hospice House # 101, The Villages, FL).



Attendance: 9am: 101
10:30am: 62 Total: 163
Face Book: Live :9am-n/a 10:30am-n/a
YouTube: 32

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

The Big Red Bus-The Next Blood Drive is **Sunday, April 7, 2024** from **8am-12:30pm**. Please eat a 600 calorie meal before donating. 10 people signed up to donate on October 15, 2023. We are waiting to hear if the February 4 Drive will be re-scheduled. 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, or call 888-936-6283. If you have an appointment please check in at the bus when you arrive. Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry



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; **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/haitirelief, or AmazonSmileCharity-www.FoodForThePoor.org. If you choose 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

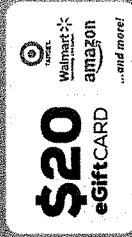
Show families in Israel, Gaza — and around the world — that they are loved. Here is my caring gift to rush lifesaving support to where it is needed. **Carolyn Wright, International Outreach, 415-696-4334.**

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



BIG RED BUS DONATE BLOOD

Donors Receive



- PLUS -



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Christ Lutheran Church Sunday, April 7 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- \$20 eGift Card
- Insulated Tote Bag
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood.



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

ID REQUIRED

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



HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Resurrection Of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

Quiet Moment-Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 184

- 1. Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365**
- 2. Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing ELW 389**
- 3. Communion-a. My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438 b. As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465**
- 4. Thine Is The Glory ELW 376**