

**Welcome to Worship  
with  
Holy Communion**



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

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**WELCOME** - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

### **PRELUDE**

*We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM** - Stand As You Are Able

### **YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE**

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

**C** And also with you!

### **CONFESSION**

**P** Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✠ One God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon!

**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** Gracious God our Father of mercy, Holy God our Father of might, and Eternal God our Father in our midst,

**C** we confess that we have sinned. At times we trust earthly powers and human authority alone. At times we grow fearful. At times we cling to false comforts. At times we turn away from our neighbors. At times we trust false promises. We pray: Continue to remain with us and continue to grant your mercy to us!

**P** A righteous branch springs forth: He is Jesus Christ our Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, mercy, and eternal life. By the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to receive the grace of God our Father through His Son ✠ Jesus, whose day draws near!

**C** Amen!

## SHARING THE WORD

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray!

**C** Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and return. By your merciful protection, and by The Holy Spirit's power, continue to alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of freedom, justice, and peace, 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, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan 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

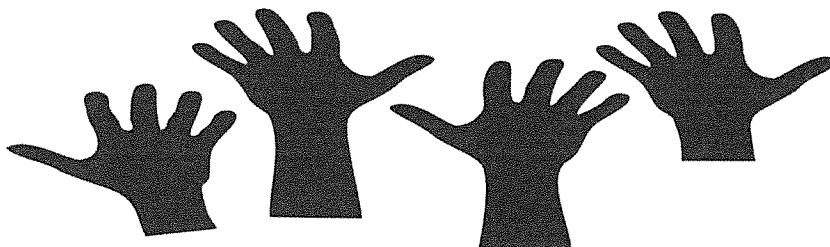
**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

**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!

### Third Sunday of Advent

☞ 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!

☞ **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

☞ 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!

☞ 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

☞ "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!

☞ 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!



## 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!

Text: Wayne L. Weld, b. 1954  
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

☞ 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!

☞ 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!

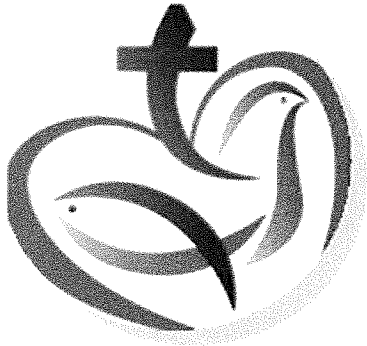
#### Second Sunday of Advent

☞ 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!

☞ 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!

# LESSONS & FINANCIALS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 8, 2024



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

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
15699 SE 80th Avenue  
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352-307-6900  
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P.O. Box 693,  
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*Bringing Christ To All People Today  
And Every Day*

## **GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:1-6**

**L** St. John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by the coming our Lord and Savior Jesus.

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

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

**L** <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4**

**L** The Lord God announces a covenant with both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. A messenger like the prophet Malachi (his name means "my messenger") will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord God by purifying and refining the Lord God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

**L** <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.  
(Luke 1:78)

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the <sup>1</sup>God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and <sup>1</sup>set them free.  
<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a <sup>1</sup>mighty Savior,**  
**born of the house of your <sup>1</sup>servant David.**  
<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us <sup>1</sup>from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of <sup>1</sup>all who hate us,  
<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy <sup>1</sup>to our forebears,**  
**and to remember your <sup>1</sup>holy covenant.**  
<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our <sup>1</sup>father Abraham:  
<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our <sup>1</sup>enemies,  
**free to worship you <sup>1</sup>without fear,**  
<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days <sup>1</sup>of our life.**  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of <sup>1</sup>the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- <sup>1</sup>pare the way,  
<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge <sup>1</sup>of salvation**  
**by the forgiveness <sup>1</sup>of their sins.**  
<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion <sup>1</sup>of our God  
the dawn from on high shall <sup>1</sup>break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- <sup>1</sup>ow of death,**  
**and to guide our feet into the <sup>1</sup>way of peace.**

### SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

**L** The apostle St. Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted St. Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

**L** <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the

gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.





## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 12/08/24 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/24	\$ 135,996	\$(12,045)	\$ 123,951
YTD Income	\$ 317,071	\$ 12,045	\$ 329,115
YTD Expenses	\$ 347,113	\$ -	\$ 347,113
Balance @ 12/01/2024	<u>\$ 105,953</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 105,953</u>

### Offering for 12/01/2024

Operating Fund	\$ 13,770
Loose	\$ 29
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,010

Designated Giving:	\$ 1,437
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- Food For The Poor	\$ 120
- Salvation Army	\$ 240
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 50
- ELCM Missions	\$ 55
- Fellowship	\$ 9
- FMSC	\$ 763
- World Mission Prayer League	\$ 120
- Nurture - Christmas Tea	\$ 20
- Flowers	\$ 60

<b>Total Offering</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,246</u></b>
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<b>FMSC Project 2024 NET for 2025 Packing:</b>	<b>\$ 38,815</b>
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<b>Mortgage Debt Balance as of 12/1/24</b>	<b>\$ 850,592</b>
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**2025 Annual Giving Sustained Increase - 14 Giving Units, Total \$10,937**

## **CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS-DECEMBER 8, 2024**

**Meetings-- Monday, December 9-Council, Wednesday, December 11-Prayer Shawl Meeting-11:30am. Michele D. Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

### **UPCOMING FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FUNDRAISING**



**Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:**

1. **Juke Box Bingo-TODAY**, Sunday, December 8 at 3pm
2. **Trivia-- THIS** Friday, December 13 at 4pm
3. **Birthday Club Dinner**-Sunday, December 15 at 1pm

Detailed information on each event will appear in the coming weeks. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

**Feed My Starving Children**-The net proceeds collected to date are \$38,815 towards our 2025 goal of \$35,000 goal. **Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.**

**Sign-up Sheets**-Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall for sign up sheet for: **Advent Soup sales! Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346, & Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Fellowship Co-chairs.**

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

**Christmas Card Tree**-If you have a Christmas card you would like to share please tack to the card tree in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate postage money please place in the basket under tree. This money is used to buy postage for all the cards we send. **Kay Bertzyk, Coordinator, 352-245-0346.**

### *Children & Youth Ministry*



#### **Upcoming Events for The Generations In Faith Together Ministry (GIFT)**

**December Birthday Party for Jesus**-Sunday, December 15 at 10:15am.

More info to follow. **Cindy Lamb, GIFT Minister, 615-713-7025**

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

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**Thanksgiving Baskets**-Thanks to the generosity of all of you we were able to distribute 52 Thanksgiving Baskets to Lake Weir students, Hands of Mercy Everywhere, & Shepherd's Lighthouse. Special thanks to all of the helpers who assisted in assembling the baskets, and the drivers who delivered. Without the entire community of Christ Lutheran none of this would be possible. God Bless you all! **Diane Beavers, 609-315-1068 & John Moore, 352-598-6912, Coordinators.**

**9am Coffee Time Volunteers**-Please sign up for only 2 weeks a month. Thanks for helping out. Sign up sheet is on table in Fellowship Hall. **Kay Bertzyk, 352-245-0346, & Joe Capelli, 352-445-2616, Fellowship Co-chairs.**

**Christmas Cantata**-Come sing in the Christmas Cantata. Join us on Sundays at 2:30pm for rehearsal. Regular rehearsals are Thursdays at 4:30pm. **Jeff Gwaltney, Choir Director, 803-487-3357.**

**The Rock**-The Rock is in need of medium and large sweatpants now that the weather is changing. They are looking for cans of pulled pork and cans of ravioli. Thank you for your generosity. You don't know how happy the students are after receiving these items! You make a difference in their lives. **Carolyn Korpics, Coordinator, 352-307-3563.**

#### **UPCOMING WELLNESS EVENT PLAN**

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

**January-Sunday, January 19-10am BP Checks**

**March-Walk to Jerusalem**

Keep Checking here for more info including dates, and other events.

**Questions Darlene Baney, Medical Coordinator, 419-367-0373.**

**Hands of Mercy Everywhere-URGENT: PAPER TOWELS, PAPER NAPKINS & TOILET PAPER.** See ongoing insert for additional insert. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.**

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

**St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry**-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, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.**

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

**In Honor Of:** Louise Soltys

**By:** Pastor Dave Connell

**Altar Flowers Are Given  
To the Glory of God  
&  
In Memory Of:** Clarice Steele  
**By:** Diane Beavers (mother-in-law)



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



## PRAYERS

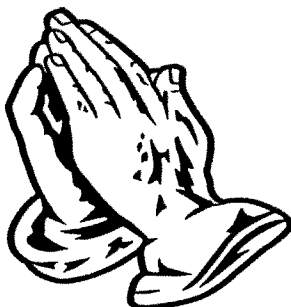
**Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for:** Howard & Marlene Mills; Pete Mondadori; John Moore; Dorothy Mowen; Marilyn Nardolillo; Bill & Sue Nees; John & Sally Neil; Frank & Jan Neumann; Wilma Nolting; Verne & Janet Olson; & all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, & all at Christ Lutheran Church.

**Give Thanks - Healing:** Bea Cahill (internal health issue repair surgery rehab - OK); Diane English (fractured left ankle & foot repair surgery rehab - OK); Richard Moors (C. Korpics' friend - heart health issues rehab - OK); Ken Scharader (M. Harney's friend - internal cancer chemotherapy rehab - complete); and Dianna Sorrell (heart health issues 2 stents implants repair surgery & multiple blood transfusions rehab - OK).

**Pray - Parishioners (short term):** Peggy Best (add'l post-surgery repair surgery wound vac rehab); Ken Geach (back spinal discs pain shot therapy rehab); Jillian Herrick-Acles (left hip replacement repair surgery pending); Earl Howell (fractured right hip repair surgery add'l post-surgery fracture repair surgery rehab - W. Marion Comm. Hosp. Rehab # 1505); Dave Judd (internal health issues MRI test results w/Dr. pending); Brenda Knisely (fractured left wrist repair surgery rehab); Yvonne Mapletoft (left hip replacement repair surgery pending - England hosp.); Sharon Miller (fractured left hip next steps w/orthopedic Dr. pending); Bill Nees (respiratory health issues next steps w/pulmonologist Dr. 12/10); Ashley Runyon (internal health issue repair surgery pending - Moffitt Hosp.); Phyllis Russell (right knee revision replacement repair surgery 12/12 - Shands Hosp.); Louise Soltys (add'l follow-up w/oncologist Dr. 12/12); and Dianna Sorrell (heart health issues 3<sup>rd</sup> heart stent implant repair surgery pending).

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

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



Attendance: 9am: 102  
10:30am: 48 Total: 150  
YouTube: 38  
Thanksgiving: 57 YouTube-10

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK  
Zeohaniah 3:14-20  
Psalmody-Isaiah 12:2-6  
Phillipians-4:4-7  
Gospel--St. Luke 3:7-18

# Upcoming

mark your calendars

- December**
- Friday 12/13 4PM - Trivia
  - Sunday 12/15 10:15am - Youth Birthday Party for Jesus
  - Sunday 12/15 1PM - Birthday Club Lunch
  - Sunday 12/22 3PM - Choir Cantata Refreshments, 4PM Cantata
  - Tuesday 12/24 3PM - Christmas Eve Refreshments, 3:30PM Carols, 4PM Worship

## ADVENT SOUP SUNDAYS

It's already time for Advent Soup Sundays!!! Soup Sundays begin on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and run thru Sunday, December 22.

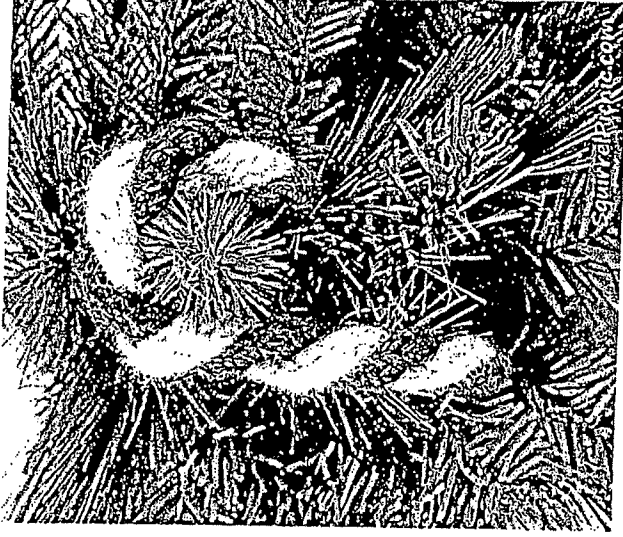
We are looking for soup/stew/chili makers AND BUYERS!! Please sign up to make soups etc for one or more Sundays! Containers may be purchased at the Dollar Store; Please mark containers with ingredients. Soups will be available following Worship on Sunday mornings. Please do NOT return the containers.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



## 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



## 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 Dec 10th

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

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



for I was hungry and you  
gave me food

St. Matthew 25:35-37

#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

##### MEAL PACKING 2025

Christ Lutheran Church

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

Summerfield, FL 34491

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

9-10am-Unload, 10-12pm-Set Up, 1-3pm-Pack

Thursday, January 30, 2025

9-11am-Pack, 12-2pm Pack, 2:30-4:30pm-Pack

Friday, January 31, 2025

9-11am-Pack, 12-2-Pack, 2-5pm-Clean up

To Sign Up: Circle times you would like, along with your name,  
phone number and email, and drop in offering plate.

OR

Go directly to the FMSC Website:

[give.fmssc.org/Summerfield](http://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.

## Annual Envelope Giving Sustained Increase Form

Help us to know your ability to increase your annual envelope giving to sustain Jesus' Christ Lutheran Church ministries and missions on an on-going basis.

As always, thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.  
Pastor Dave, Council and Finance

Annual Increase \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and / or  
Annual Increase % \_\_\_\_\_

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



The Big Red Bus-The Next Blood Drive is **TODAY, Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 8am-12:30pm.** Please eat a 600 calorie meal before donating. Eleven people actually donate on Sunday, November 17, 2024. 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 an appointment please check in at the bus when you arrive. Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027.



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/hairelief](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/hairelief), or 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

Flower Deliveries-WE NEED PEOPLE one or two Sundays a year to bring joy to someone who can't get out. Questions Chris Messersmith, Coordinator, 407-267-5003.

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

Altar Flowers-The 2025 Flower Calendar is up. If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of someone please sign up on the chart by the main doors in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$50 and \$60 if you pay the delivery fee. Questions Michele Harney, Parish Administration Minister, 352-307-6900.

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.