

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 God our Father, the Holy One who forms us, His Son ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, The Holy Spirit who makes our joy complete!

C Amen!

P Let us bow before God our Father in humility, confessing our sin!
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Steadfast and faithful God our Father,

C you have revealed your ways of justice, yet we often fail to follow you. We are often overwhelmed by your world's violence and suffering. We are often afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to lead us back to you and set us on your right path; in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

P Beloved in Jesus Christ, God our Father's justice stretches beyond all human understanding. God our Father's compassion is beyond compare. In His Son Jesus, God our Father is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Jesus Christ, we are already and always forgiven and saved!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C O Lord God our Father, by The Holy Spirit's power continue to enliven and preserve your Son Jesus' holy catholic church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine, United States and all other involved/surrounding nations, and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in The Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

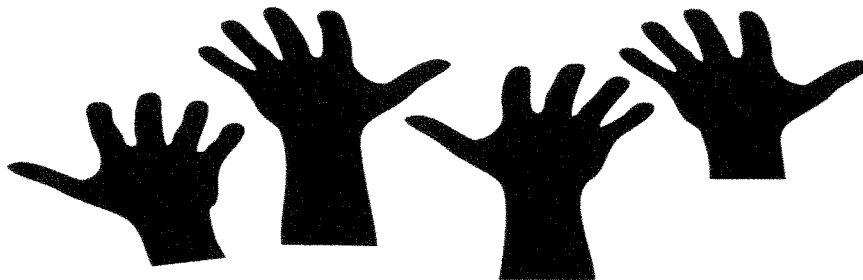
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Time After Pentecost, September 27, 2026 Year A



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. Matthew 21:23-32

L After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

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

L ²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

L Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with the prophet Moses and put the Lord God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord God. The Lord God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

EXODUS CONTINUED:

L ¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD. (Ps. 78:4)

¹Hear my teaching, ¹O my people;
incline your ears to the words ¹of my mouth.
²**I will open my mouth ¹in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ¹ancient times—
³that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- ¹bears have told us,
we will not hide ¹from their children.
⁴**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the**
power ¹of the LORD, and the wonderful works ¹God has done.
¹²God worked marvels in the sight ¹of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the ¹field of Zoan,
¹³**splitting open the sea and letting ¹them pass through;**
making the waters stand ¹up like walls;
¹⁴leading them with a ¹cloud by day,
and all the night with a ¹glow of fire;
¹⁵**splitting the rocks ¹in the wilderness**
and giving them drink as ¹from the deep;
¹⁶bringing streams out ¹of a rock,
making them flow down ¹like a river.



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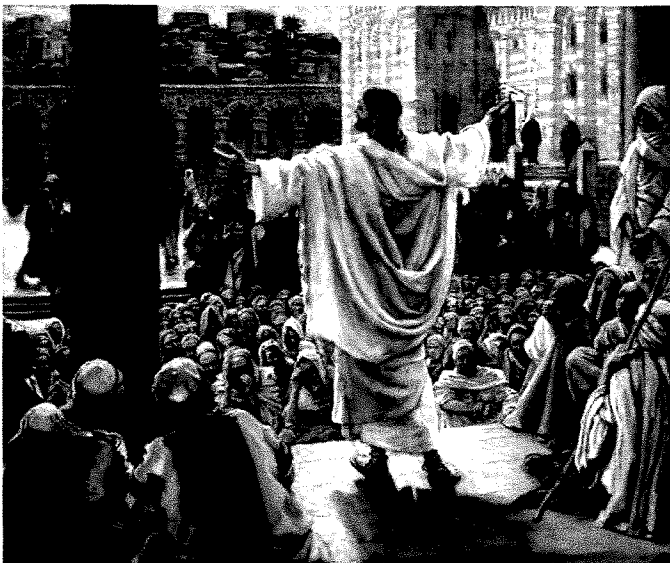
SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

L As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, St. Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Jesus in His obedient death on His cross. Jesus' selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

L ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 9/27/2026 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income:	
Regular Operations	\$ 284,307
Blake Estate Funds	\$ 82,672
YTD Expenses:	<u>\$ 232,558</u>
Balance @ 9/20/2026	<u>\$ 214,602</u>

Offering for 9/20/2026	
Operating Fund	\$ 3,888
Loose	\$ 11
Mortgage Fund	\$ 495
Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds	\$ 228
Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 65
- Salvation Army	\$ 10
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 10
- ELCM Missions	\$ 15
- Fellowship	\$ 7
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 271
- Debt Reduction	\$ 50
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,049</u>

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2027 Pack:	\$ 20,599
2026 FMSC Shared Proceeds with Mortgage Fund:	\$ 6,539
(included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 9/14/2026	\$ 784,235
 <i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

CHURCH INFORMATION & EVENTS, September 27, 2026

Meetings–Tuesday, September 29–Pastor’s Grief Support Group–2pm, Michele Harney, Parish Admin. Minister, 352-307-6900.

Feed My Starving Children–The net proceeds collected to date are \$20,599 towards our January 2027 goal of \$35,000 goal. Mark Ferrera, FMSC Chair, 407-616-1576.

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS AT CLC



Prayer Shawl - 2nd Wednesday of Month, BP Clinic–3rd Sunday of the Month, Womens’ Bible Study–3rd Thursday of month.

THIS Thursday, October 1–Shepherd’s Lighthouse Lunch & Fashion Show–12pm, Tickets \$25 (Fundraiser)

Friday, October 16–Spaghetti Dinner–Take-Out–3:30pm, Dine-In–4pm– Tickets are 1 for \$15 & 2 for \$25 AND Juke box Bingo–5:30pm Tickets \$10 (FMSC/ Mortgage Fund)

Saturday, October 24–Trunk or Treat–2-5pm (Youth Ministry)

Friday, November 6–Chili Cook Off/Dessert Auction–5pm (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

Sunday, November 15–Joan Knight Art Raffle–Tickets 3 for \$5 & 7 for \$10– Drawing Christmas Eve Worship (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

Friday, December 4–Juke Box Bingo–Social–4:30pm, Bingo–5pm Tickets \$10 (FMSC/Mortgage Fund)

Saturday, December 19–Cookies with Santa–3-5pm (Youth Ministry)

Sunday, December 27–Quilt & Goodie Basket Raffle Tickets \$20 (FMSC / Mortgage Fund)

Sunday, January 24, 2027–Quilt & Goodie Basket Raffle Drawing (FMSC / Mortgage Fund)

2027 EVENTS

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Yearly FMSC Meal Pack–Tuesday, January 26, Wednesday, January 27 & Thursday 28, 2027

CONTACTS

G.I.F.T. Minister–Skyler Forsythe, 352-299-5471

Family Minister–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.

The Power of Giving

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

Shepherd's Light House-3 new ways to help fund their programs. **Go Fund Me** Page use link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-shepherds-lighthouse-make-a-difference> is the first, **Jewelry**- all kinds welcome for the store, and **Shoes** in any condition-selling, donation to non profit AND recycling poor condition shoes for \$0.05 per pound. The housing section is in need of baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen garbage bags and black garbage bags. Also copy paper is needed. Before placing in bin mark **For Housing.** **Questions-Rosemary Ganci, local Outreach Chair, 352-307-5952.**

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



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.**

Lotus Marion (Domestic Violence/Sexual Abuse Center)-Urgent needs are **NEW** Women's underwear, bras, boy's and girl's underwear. All sizes needed. Please see insert for all items. All donations will go in the same bin as before. **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.**

Blood Mobile-8 people donated blood on Sunday, August 9. The next drive is Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 7:30-12:30pm. Link for sign up-https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1713962. Please eat a 600 calorie meal before donating. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4027, Michele Harney, Coordinator,**



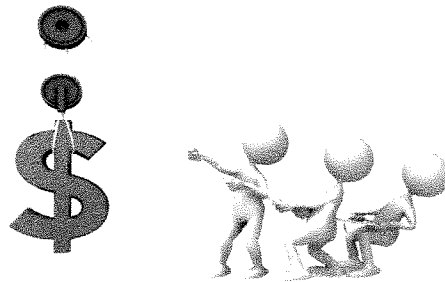
Salvation Army Needs Supplies-The Ocala office is in need of supplies: Toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner, Deodorant, razors, soap, pasta, stuffing, beans, rice, shelf meat products, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly. Please place items in bin in Fellowship Hall. **Cindy Kelly, Social Ministry Chair, 440-221-4029.**

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

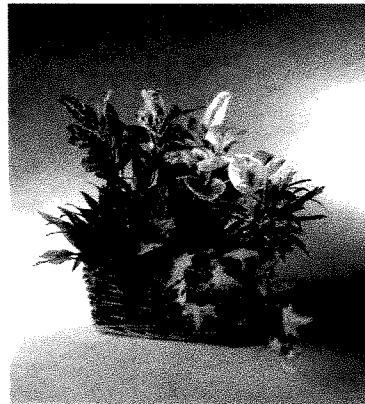
St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church Food Pantry-Thank you for continuing to donate. Items needed are Gallon Jugs of Ice Tea, Protein Shakes, Cans of Meat w/ Pop Tops, Canned Soup, Nutritional Bars and Electrolyte Drinks. Be sure to check the expiration date. Questions call **Pastor Dave Connell, 352-307-6900.**

Hearing Aid Devices-We have Auracast (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.**

We acknowledge gifts to the Mortgage Fund:



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



We express Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of:



PRAYERS

Pray - Council, Ministry Team Leaders / Teams, and Parishioners - Today for: Ray & Elaine Gagnon; Christel Galviin; Rosemary Ganci; Ken & Diane Geach; Nelson Giboyeaux & Deborah Wilson, Gary Gjermundson; Jack Good; Alan & Jane Gouge; Marilyn Grontiz; and all baptized, confirmed, married, memorialized, new parishioners, and all at Christ Lutheran Church.

Give Thanks - Healing: Renee Beck (internal health issue next steps pending); and Heidi Stryker (R. Beck's daughter - left foot repair surgery rehab - OK).

Pray - Parishioners (short term): Diane Beavers (fractured right ankle & fractured left wrist rehab); Nancy Canis (varicose veins repairs surgeries rehab); Joe Capelli (right eye cataract removal repair surgery rehab); Sandie Capelli (facial nose basal cell cancer removal repair surgery rehab; neck basal cell cancer removal repair surgery rehab); Bob Conover (left knee replacement repair surgery 10/21 - W. Marion Comm. Hosp.); Bob Dunbar (heart & neurological health issues rehab); Carol Everman (internal health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 117); Al Fernez (neurological health issues 1 year monthly infusions therapy rehab); Skyler Forsythe (internal health issues next steps w/ specialist Dr. pending - Shands Hosp.); Ken Geach (ongoing back spinal discs 5th pain shot therapy rehab); Kelly Hallermeir (fractured left kneecap repair surgery rehab); Pam Jamieson (internal cancer chemotherapy pill medication rehab); Joan Knight (left foot repair surgery rehab); Edith Lee (fractured right shoulder health issues rehab - Freedom Pointe Rehab # 156); Susan Long (heart health issues tests results w/cardiologist Dr. 10/7; lungs tests results w/ pulmonologist Dr. 10/29); John Moore (heart health issues pacemaker implant surgery rehab); and Frank Neumann (right knee replacement repair surgery - Oct.).

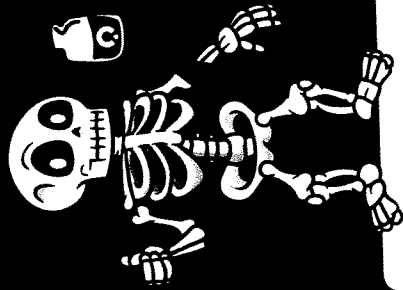
Pray - Parishioners (long term - hospital): No one.

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



Attendance: 9am: 61
10:30am: 48
Total : 109
YouTube: 20

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK
Gospel-St. Matthew 22:1-14
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 22:1-14



DONATE BLOOD

Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 4
7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Halloween T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Small Act. Big Impact.



ID REQUIRED

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

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

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Love INC Trivia Night 2026

This fun event is right around the corner. As a past supporter, I want to invite you to reserve your table early. We are planning for a sell out crowd for the 3rd year in a row. There will be a silent auction, dessert auction, 50/50, and of course, you can bring your own food/spread for your table.

Here are the details:

Monday, September 28, 2026

5pm Doors Open: Silent Auction, 50/50, Dessert Auction

6pm Game starts

\$15 per ticket or \$110 table of 8

North Lake Presbyterian Church

975 Rolling Acres Rd, Lady Lake, FL 32159

Phone: (352) 753-8484

More Questions: Rosemary Ganci, 352-307-5952



15797 South Highway 441

Summerfield, FL 34491

(352) 245-8774 <https://www.loveincflorida.org/>

LADIES

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Enjoy lunch and a fashion show

by Evelyn & Arthur

\$25/per person

Fundraising event for

Shepherd's Lighthouse

Questions or Tickets : call Rosemary Ganci, Coordinator,
352-307-5952

Tickets may also be purchased at Christ Lutheran
Church on Sundays.

ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND

SAVE MONEY

Have a snack, lunch or dinner at Beef 'O' Brady's in Mulberry. All CLC members and CLC visitors will get **10%** off their entire order. Just tell the server you are part of the CLC congregation.

Questions: Kelly Hallermeier, CLC Member & Gen. Manager, Coordinator, 352-572-4247.



Beef 'O' Brady's of Mulberry Grove

Address: 8720 SE 165th Mulberry Lane

The Villages, FL 321612

Service Options: Happy Hour food and full menu

Great for Sports' Fans too!

Menu: beefobradys.com

Hours: Monday-Sunday-11am-9pm

Phone: 352-269-1536

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Quiet Moment-I Believe-Solo-Bonnie Taylor

1. O Days of Rest and Gladness ELW 521
2. Canticle of the Turning ELW 723
3. **Communion-** A. You Are Mine ELW 581 B. You Are Holy ELW 525
4. Lord, You Give the Greatest Commission