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HOPE

Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

September 7, 2025



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director
khofmann@christelca.org

-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Gloria
James E. Bobb

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand) *The First Song of Isaiah* White



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(stand)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light*

Farrell



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord — God, heav - en - ly King, al -

The choir will sing each of
the numbered sections
first, then invite the
congregation to repeat
each section.

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you_ take a - way the

sin_ of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our_ prayer.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. In your great mercy, O God, you have given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gathers us into community, stands among us, and gives us peace. Day by day, increase in us this Easter faith, and day by day add to our number, that, believing in Jesus, whom we have never seen, we may confess him as our Lord and our God, and loving him, whom we cannot see, we may rejoice to share with others the pardon and peace he bestows. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

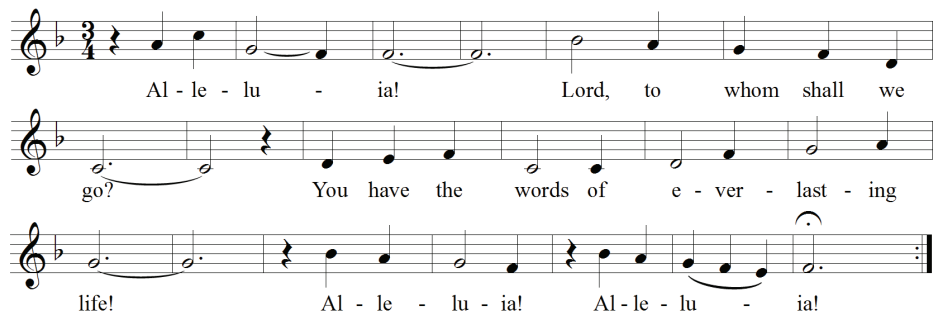
WORD

READING
1 Peter 1:1-12
(NIV)
 (sit)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION
 (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

(NIV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL

(sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

SERMON



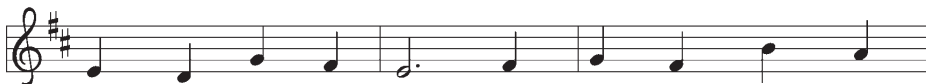
A Living Hope
Pastor Scott Suskovic

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Newton, Reinagle
(stand)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - ure, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

PRESENTATION OF 6TH GRADE BIBLES

(sit)

APOSTLES' CREED

(stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 PRAYERS

(kneel/sit)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

Hymn of Assurance

Howard Helvey
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY *As the Grains of Wheat*

(stand)

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the ends of the
earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

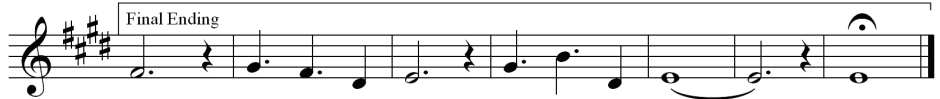
(sit)

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
2. Bread of life,
3. Cup of love,



world, grant us your peace; grant us your peace; peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Eye Has Not Seen*

Haugen



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for



those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the mind of



Je - sus, _____ teach us the wis - dom of God. _____

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord;
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.
2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.
3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ev-er near,
reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world.
4. We sing a mystery from the past
in halls where saints have trod,
yet ever new the music rings
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

BLESSING

(stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION*The Lord bless you and keep you.**The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.**The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.***Amen.****CLOSING HYMN**
***My Hope Is Built
on Nothing Less***

Mote, Bradbury



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev - ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**DISMISSAL
& POSTLUDE***Go in peace. Serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God.**

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Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)

To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

STARTS SEPTEMBER 10

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze



SEPH SCHLUTER
COUNTING
MY BLESSINGS
TOUR

I, II, III, ∞

Friday, September 19th
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

FOR ALL TICKET LEVELS:
tpalive.co



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on processing fees
for general admission
(limited availability in REALM)



2010
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FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
IN THEIR 20s & 30s

Greek Festival

Sunday, September 7

Today!

Contact Pastor Ryan for Details
(rritzmann@christelca.org)

TRAINING

stephen
MINISTRY.

STARTING MID-SEPTEMBER

Matthews United Methodist Church will host training for anyone interested in being a Stephen Minister. The training will start in mid-September.

If you are interested in attending and would like more information on registering, please reach out to Pastor Scott:

suskovic@christelca.org

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Concert Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping with tickets, ushering or helping load in for the Seph Schlueter concert on September 19, please email Mary Parker:

mparker@christelca.org

MULTIMEDIA INTEREST SESSION

Sunday, September 14 • 12:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary's Tech Booth

A free, informational
overview of visual media
used during worship.

for 6th graders-adults • no rsvp
FOR MORE INFO: OGERIK@CHRISTELCA.ORG

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

meets weekly from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
in the Forum A&B



Starting Sept. 11, we'll begin a 7-session study on *Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight* by Jennifer Rothschild.

BOOK CAN BE PURCHASED
ON AMAZON.COM

MORE INFO: julia.edelson@gmail.com

Christ Choir

Wednesdays • 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room

Sing with Christ Choir this fall & raise your voice in Traditional worship! Join us for our **FIRST REHEARSAL ON SEPTEMBER 3** & afterward for happy hour at Red Rocks.

MORE INFO: pbiedenbender@christelca.org



NEW MEMBER CLASS

September 28 & October 5

12:15 - 2:30 p.m. in the Forum

Join us for our upcoming New Member class! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our pastors & staff while delving into the Lutheran faith & the history of CLC. Lunch will be provided.



Scan/Click to Register

MORE INFO: khofmann@christelca.org
or mparker@christelca.org

not choir

meets on last Thursday of each month
11:45am • in the Cornerstone Cafe area

Not much of a singer? Join Not Choir, our monthly music appreciation small group, as we listen to & discuss traditional & contemporary worship music. Bring your lunch.

- STARTS SEPTEMBER 25TH -

MORE INFO: mjohanson@christelca.org

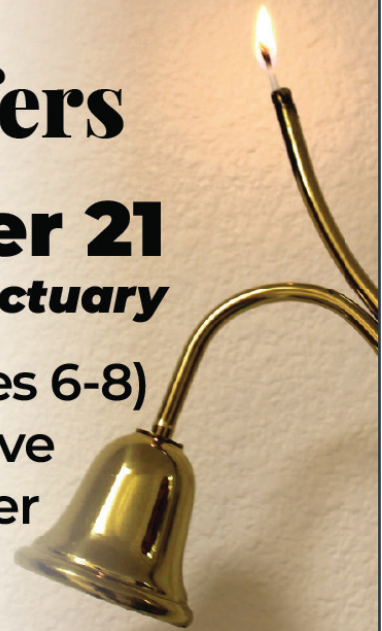


Training for Acolytes & Crucifers

Sunday, September 21
12:30 p.m. in Center Six & Sanctuary

Middle school students (grades 6-8)
are invited to learn how to serve
in the roles of acolyte & crucifer
during Traditional worship.

MORE INFO: aladd@christelca.org



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

CHOOSE ONE SESSION:

Wednesday, September 3 • 6-8pm

Saturday, September 6 • 9-11am
in the Forum

This training is mandatory for anyone who is interested in assisting with children & youth during the 2025-26 school year. We will review our Child Protection Policy & provide information about updates.



Scan/Click to Register

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSY HIGH SCHOOL GAME NIGHT

Sunday, September 7

4-6 p.m. • at Christ Providence (Fire Pit)

Join us to kick-off Youth Group! Open to HS & MS students. Be sure to bring some old worn out clothes & a trashbag!

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org

XPERIENCE

COME CHECK US OUT!
Wednesday, September 10 • 6 p.m. in the Pit

The Xperience welcomes Bradley Stiver as our new artistic director! Learn how to be a worship leader, either in front of peers or behind the scenes, in the Xperience ministry where everyone's gifts are wanted.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME!

peers

ministry leadership

Retreat

Saturday, September 20
at the Legvold's Lake House

For information, contact Natalya Legvold
(nlegvold@christelca.org)





CLC YOUTH BASKETBALL

Fall 2025 Season

Registration Coming Soon
STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!



Stepping Stone

Gifting of the Word

Placing the scriptures in the hands of our children is one of the baptismal promises we make at the font. Join us during Traditional or Contemporary services for this important Stepping Stone:

6th Grade Bibles: September 7
2nd Grade Bibles: September 14
Three Year Old's First Bible: Sept. 21



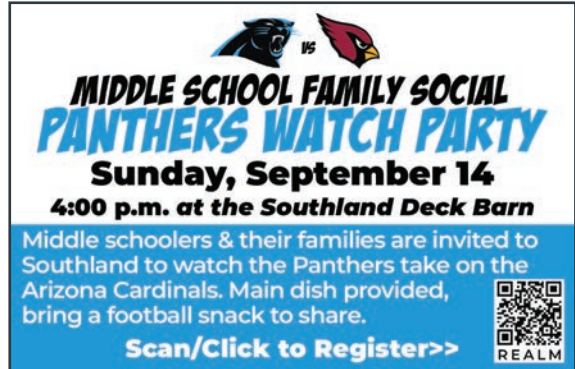
HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

RAFTING RETREAT
@ Nantahala Outdoor Center

\$275 includes transportation, lodging, meals & activities
scholarships available

October 10-12 LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Click/Scan to Register>>
 Registration Deadline: Sept. 15
 MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org


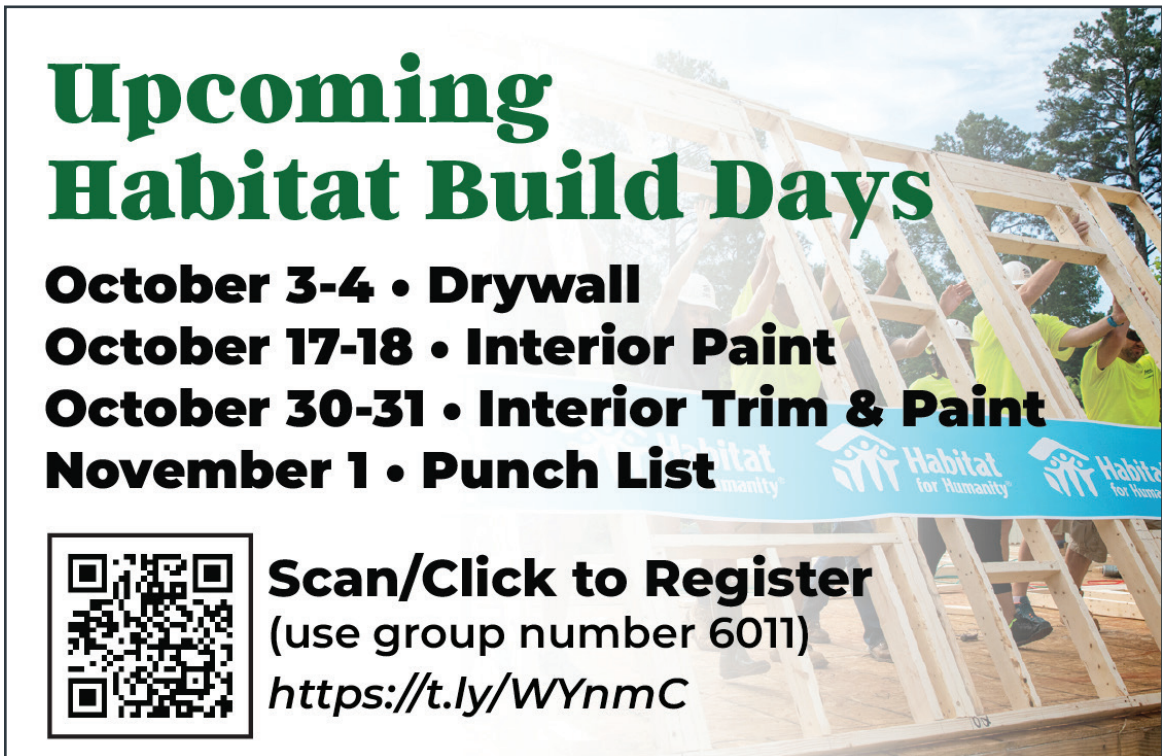
MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY SOCIAL

PANTHERS WATCH PARTY

Sunday, September 14
4:00 p.m. at the Southland Deck Barn

Middle schoolers & their families are invited to Southland to watch the Panthers take on the Arizona Cardinals. Main dish provided, bring a football snack to share.



Scan/Click to Register>>





Upcoming Habitat Build Days

October 3-4 • Drywall
October 17-18 • Interior Paint
October 30-31 • Interior Trim & Paint
November 1 • Punch List

Scan/Click to Register
 (use group number 6011)
<https://t.ly/WYnmC>


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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 19
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 at Christ Providence

TO REGISTER, GO TO:
oneblood.org/donate-now



FEED A FAMILY

DONATE onrealm.org/christelca/-/give/now

McPIE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: **Tutor Coordinator**  McClintock Partners In Education

Responsibilities include:

- Recruiting tutors through church publications & a table display at the start of the school year.
- Gather preferences & coordinate with school rep to place tutors.
- Send out reminders & check in periodically with each tutor.

If interested, contact:
Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)



McPIE

McClintock PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Family Night at McClintock
STARTS SEPTEMBER 30!!

To get involved, contact Angela:
adavis@christelca.org



2025 Annual CROP Walk will be
Sunday, October 19
 1:00 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church (Randolph Rd.)

 <<Click or scan to donate and join the Christ Lutheran Team!
<https://t.ly/6g0lw>

CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL:
CHARLESTON CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM
October 15-16

We will travel on Wednesday evening to stay overnight in Charleston, visit the museum on Thursday morning and return that evening after lunch, discussion and prayer.
 Museum cost, payable at the door: \$22.50

Scan/Click to Register by Sept. 8






Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Build Day!

Sat., September 27
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at Southland Workshop

We will be building beds for children. All skill levels needed.

Interested in helping?
 Email Chris Barkoukis at cbarkoukis@gmail.com



LINK YOUR VIC CARD

It's time to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to support McClintock Middle School. (Remember, you need to relink each year). Here's how:

1. Click ad or go to: tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education
2. Enter code for McClintock: 2042



Prayers

- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Israel and Palestine War
- † Conflict in the Middle East
- † Elizabeth
- † Chris Simmons
- † Donna Emmans
- † Laura Tang's sister, Nancy
- † Becky Sigmon
- † Jenny Schmidt and family on the death of her father, Tim
- † Perfecta Modesto
- † Jack Whittemore's brother, Scott

Hospice List:

- † Bobby Mauney's sister, Ginny

*The flowers today
are given to the Glory of God...*

In celebration of our
18th wedding anniversary, with love,
Henry and Dirk Selland

Celebrating 56 years of marriage,
Wayne and Mary Clark

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 31, 2025

Traditional: 223

Contemporary: 316

Christ Online: 345 (Sun - Tue)



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Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



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