



MISSION STATEMENT

Called by God to
Worship, Learn and
Nurture; Sent to
Serve and Tell

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Jesus is Lord and
Savior. We are called
to learn and share
the Good News.
Welcome and serve
all people. We are
servants of God to
others. Holy Spirit,
mighty in prayer
leads us to answer
God's call. Fellowship
sustains each other.



Dear Friends,

June is a month of transitions. As students graduate, vacations are taken, and air conditioning turns on; things feel different. This month we also celebrate the biggest transition in human history when everything did become different. It happened 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem, at Pentecost, and the Church was born. Not a minor change. We have gone from passive observers to full-time participants in God's story. And what job did we get? Not a to-do list of spiritual busy work, but a calling. A purpose. Our daily job description is: love God, love others, and don't just sit there; do something about the brokenness in the world. And there is true joy found in this, and Jesus brings us together so we can do it.

Summer also means my famous Summer Sermon Series. The 2025 edition: we're diving deep into the fascinating, but misunderstood Book of Revelation. Let me reassure you right now: we are not predicting the date of Jesus' return. If Jesus couldn't tell the Apostles when it was going to happen, I doubt we can. What we will do is read Revelation as it was meant to be read; with hope, not fear. It's not a code to crack or a spiritual escape room. It's a message of resilience, promise, and ultimate victory, written for people (like us) who wonder what in the world is going on and what comes next. Revelation is the book that everyone seems to have an opinion about but almost no one has actually read. If you've ever asked, What happens to us? What is eternal life really like?—this series is for you. Revelation might be last in the Bible, but it's first in giving us tools to navigate faith, hardship, and maybe Yakima summer temperatures too. Please join me on Wednesday afternoons and on Sunday. I'm looking forward to it.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

I love the month of June – the warmer days, longer hours of sunlight, and the sense of relaxation that summer brings. As I started to think about Summer Solstice on June 20th, I also began to meditate on the light that Jesus calls to be.

Sometimes, the effort to be that light becomes exhausting, overwhelming. I want to be your "perfect" deacon (which we all know I am not!) I want to be the light that guides everyone I meet to know the God that I love. My self-doubts get in the way. My mistakes cause me grief and even more doubt. But God didn't tell me to go get a light and shine it. Instead, Jesus says that I AM the light, already lit, no assembly required, a part of who I was created to be.

Jesus isn't asking for louder prayers, bigger service projects, more visible good deeds. Jesus offers us something much simpler – just lift the basket that is hiding His light that is already within each one of us.

We shine that light in the simplest ways – being kind to the cashier who just had a rude, disrespectful customer, grace to the person who just picked up the last apple when it was just what you needed to finish your pie. It is in the small, unnoticed ways that you treat those around you. We love relentlessly, offering grace unexpectedly, making sacrifices of our time and selves to give others glimpses of God's heart.

Remember the story of the potter and the clay jar? Sometimes our clay jar has cracks in it. These cracks let the light within you shine through more beautifully. We aren't being asked to minister to others because we've got it all figured out. It's when we live with courage, vulnerability and honesty, that we open our lives for others to see the light of God shining forth from our cracks.

In a few weeks, we will be sharing the gift of light and grace that we have received with families throughout the Yakima area with our Vacation Bible School program. We don't have to be perfect, but we will be sharing our love of Jesus and planting the seeds of faith. Let's lift that basket high and let the light God's love shine from each of us.

Father, thank you that I don't have to earn your light because Jesus already placed it in me. Help me rest in what You've already done. When life gets messy today, let Your light flow through me naturally, no striving, no performing, just your love spilling over. Show me what baskets I'm hiding under. I'm ready to lift them and let You glow. Amen

Blessings, Deacon Kathy

Guy's Night Out
June 19th
Abby's Pizza
4808 Tieton Drive

Ladies Lunch Out
June 19th
11:45
Reno's on the Runway

JUNE CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

<i>1st</i>	<i>Spike Adams</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Sally Hansen</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>Jean Raabe</i>
<i>14th</i>	<i>Kyke Bosch</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Janet Frank</i>

Anniversaries

<i>19th</i>	<i>Andy & Cheryl Sauer</i>
<i>21st</i>	<i>Norman & Janet Frank</i>

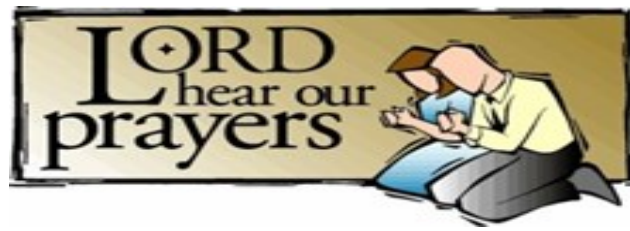


June Scripture Readings:

June 1	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Rev 22:12-21	John 17:20-26
June 8	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-35	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, 25-27
June 15	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 22	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 29th	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62



In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

(Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)

Buzz Smith & family	Kim & Mike Peters	Hayden	Alexandra & Natalie
Trent Taylor	Mike Tobin	Sana Kibler	Senia Lund
Dick & Jane DeBlassio	Darlene Picatti	Butterfield Family	Steve
Caleb	Sandy Casper	Rob Seel	Irene
Spike Adams	Jane Peterson	Mel & Joan Jangard	Keiko Lugo
Sarah Stover	Jack Melchor		
The friends and families of Virginia Mick (Ginger's sister-in-law), Michael Boseck, Kristy Kernen, and George Town.			

(The people listed here have been on our prayer list for the past two months. If your loved one is no longer on the list and needs our continued prayers, please let Deacon Kathy know.)

Serving Our Country

Taylor Bunker - US Navy
David Carlson
Luke Harper
Chris Wendt - National Guard
Justin Hughes – US Army
Hannah & Nick Brown—USAF
Ian Dunbar—USMC



There are many opportunities to assist with worship service during June. Please check the sign-up sheet to see where you can help.

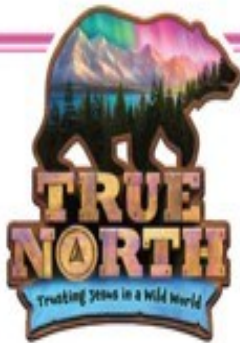
Be forewarned, you may get a phone call, text, or email from Deacon Kathy asking for your help on Sunday!

Charlotte Abercrombie has also announced her intentions to resign as our treasurer at the end of 2025. This is a very important position in our congregation. The treasurer disburses all funds on proper orders, making monthly remittance of benevolence to the NWIM Synod as appropriate, submits written disbursing reports and financial account summaries monthly to the council.

We will also have three openings to serve on Church Council. Elections will be held at our annual meeting on June 8th.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Charlotte, Jay, Pastor Chris, or Deacon Kathy.

**Help
Wanted!**



**JUNE 22-26
5 TO 8 PM**

**TRUE NORTH
VBS IS
COMING!**

WHO HAVE YOU INVITED?

Preschool through 6th Grade

*It's your turn now! We have the staff and
now we need the kiddos, and it's up to you!*



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To Register**





Christ Lutheran
Semi-Annual Elections and Reporting Meeting
June 8th
And
Christian Outreach Spring BBQ!

Christ Lutheran Church and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 2nd from 12:30-5:30.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

We will also need a few people willing to check in people that day.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Calling all Yakima Volunteers!

Fruitvale Community Market needs some extra support on some specific days of the week:

In-store shopping on Monday shift (11:45am-3:00pm)

Drive-Thru Shift on Fridays (11:45am-3:00pm and 2:45pm-6:00pm)

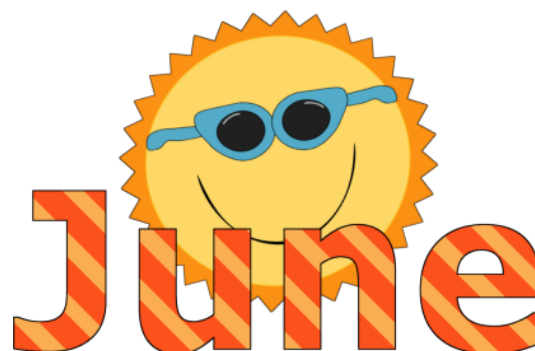
Do you have friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers that are available at these times? Invite them to volunteer with us! We are always looking for new volunteers to join us in the Fruitvale Community Market. For more information contact our Volunteer Team at **509.598.7008**.



**HUNGER
STOPS HERE.**

COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON

- 2nd - Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30
Book Study, 11:00
- 4th - Magical Mystery Tour, Acts 2:1-21, Noon
- 8th - Spring Family Celebration BBQ - 11:00,
Congregational Meeting
- 11th - Magical Mystery Tour, John 16:5-15, Noon
- 15th - Council Meeting, 11:00
- 16th - Book Study, 11:00
- 17th - Worship & Music Mtg, Noon
- 18th - Magical Mystery Tour, Galatians 3:23-29
- 19th - Ladies Lunch, 11:45, Reno's on the Runway
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abbey's
- 22nd - 26th - Vacation Bible School, 5:00-8:00
- 29th - Vacation Bible School Worship Service
Christian Outreach Meeting, 11:00



- 2nd - Magical Mystery, Noon
- 3rd - Phippen's Baseball Game, 7:05
- 9th - Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 12th - Red Willow Vineyard Meal & Service, 5:00
- 13th - Council Meeting, 11:00
- 15th - Worship & Music Mtg, Noon
- 17th - Ladies Lunch, 11:45
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00
- 27th - Christian Outreach Mtg. 11:00



- 5th - National Night Out Party, 6:00-8:00
- 11th - Camp Hope Meal, 5:45
- 19th - Worship & Music Mtg, Noon
- 21st - Ladies Lunch, 11:45
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00
- 22nd - 23rd - Yakima Valley Quilt Guild Trunk Sale Set Up & Sale
8:00-2:00
- 23rd - Lunch with the Pear Place Vets, Noon
- 31st - Christian Outreach Mtg, 11:00



All dates and times are subject to change!