



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.



Friends,

Lent has been around before Advent, and I feel like it gets a bad rap. Although maybe it's just been my attitude about it. Growing up I thought the purpose of Lent was to give up something I liked so I could understand Jesus' sacrifice. I had trouble seeing the connection of how giving up sugar related to the crucifixion. Later, my perspective changed to viewing Lent as a time to begin new good habits like reading the Bible more. Today, I now see a different aspect of Lent that I learned through fasting.

Although, I typically fast every day from around 10pm to 8am the following morning; I practice the spiritual discipline of extended fasting throughout the year. What surprised me most was I realized how many decisions I make during the day without thinking about them. First, it was only related to food. How often I open the refrigerator, not hungry, but I just wanted something to eat; and it was never from the vegetable drawer. In just recognizing that behavior I started to think about the other ways I do that every day. Channel surfing is the entertainment equivalent of thinking, "I'm hungry, but I don't know what I want." What started with food expanded into examining other aspects of my life; and I saw that I need to be more intentional and less reactive about my choices. When I spend money is it for something I need or something I want? When I talk about people, is it build them up or make myself feel better?

We will continue our journey through Luke's Gospel during Lent and we will see what an intentional life that is centered on Jesus looks like. He challenges us to examine our motivations and priorities. I believe that fasting helps our insight and it can take various forms: during Lent instead of food what about once a week fasting from having the news on all day or taking a day off from using our phones. I've done that and discovered that the internet continued to exist without my input.

All these things in themselves are not necessarily bad, but like food, the choices we make can nourish us or be the soul equivalent of junk food. I do look forward to Lent. Two of my favorite services are during this season: Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. The full meaning of the hope and joy we experience at Easter is by observing Lent.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT

MARCH 4TH

Shrove Tuesday complete with men. Join them at 5:30 to sausage. A freewill offering the Lenten offering for the Capital Campaign.



a pancake feed prepared by the indulge in pancakes, ham, and will be collected going toward YWCA "Bringing It Home II"



MARCH 5TH-

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 6:00 p.m.

On Tuesday nights, beginning March 11th, join us for Soup and Bread suppers at 5:30 with a version of Holden Evening Prayer beginning at 6:00.



Remember to Spring Ahead Saturday, March 8th!

The month of March brings the hope of warmer weather, the regeneration of the trees, grass, and flowers. In a couple of weeks, we will begin daylight savings time, which for me means more hours of daylight. And we will also begin the season of Lent as preparation for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the first Sunday in March, we will celebrate the two sacraments of the Lutheran church, Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Through the simple element of water and the power of God's words, we will welcome Uma Lena Lundy as a child of God. Not only will Uma become a member of God's family, but she will also become a member of both First Lutheran, Ellensburg and of Christ Lutheran. During the rite of baptism, we are charged with caring for Uma's Christian education, to love and support her through our prayers and to show her how to live as a child of God. These are things that the people of Christ Lutheran do very well.

As Uma and Pastor Chris light her baptismal candle, may we all shine the light of Jesus into the world and share the gift of grace that we have been given through our own baptism.

Shalom,

Deacon Kathy



Guy's Night Out

March 20th

6:00

Abby's Pizza

4808 Tieton Drive



Ladies Lunch Out

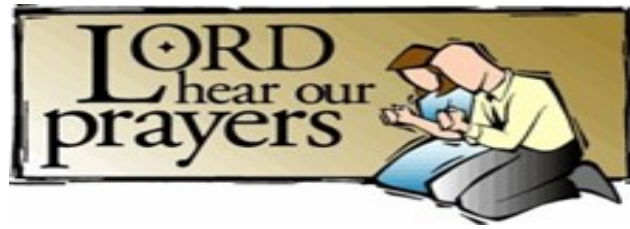
March 20th

11:45

Zullee Mediterranean Grill

2706 W Nob Hill Blvd

In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Javon	Floyd Butterfield	Karen Norfolk	Tim Shanks
Cameron & Cody Kupp	Sue Stewart	Betsey Bauguess	Douglas MacDonald
Collette Bower	Christine Thomas	Joan Jangard	Scott Bryson
Zelpa	Bob Robero	Mary Hatland	Marcella
Sue Stewart			

The friends and families of Bob Rasmussen, Doree Tanasse, and Gene Carlson.

(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 this March to make our worship services more meaningful. Please check the sign-up sheet to see where you can help.

Altar Guild: Laura Larson/Holly Hall/Kathy Sebree

Counters: Jim Sund & Heidi Taylor

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

MARCH CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

4th Cheryl Sauer
Sue Stewart
6th Dan Murphy
25th Avis Hatheway

Anniversaries

23rd Jim & Kathy Sebree



March Scripture Readings:

Mar 2nd:	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Cor 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-43a
Mar 5th	Joel 12:1-2; 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20-6:10	Mat 6:1-6;16-21
<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Isaiah 58:1-12				
Mar 9th	Duet 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2;9-16	Rom 10:8b-13	Luke 10:1-9;16-24
Mar 16th	Gen 15:1-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Phil 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:10-21
Mar 23rd	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Cor 10:1-13	Luke 14:1, 12-24
Mar 30th	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Cor 5:16-21	Luke 17:11, 20-25



PICK A DATE

Since the 2024 church retreat was a hit, Pastor Chris and Deacon Kathy would like to start planning the 2025 retreat. Camp Ghormley is holding two possible dates—October 3rd & 4th or October 24th & 25th. Please vote for the date that would work best for you. We want to make sure as many as possible can come. And remember, you don't have to spend the night in a cabin!



Want to have some great fellowship? Want to watch a Wiener Dog race on the ice? Want to watch some local hockey? Join us on Saturday, March 8th for a night in Kennewick to watch the TriCity Americans take on the Wenatchee Wild. The puck drops at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are \$23.00. See Laura if you want to attend. She will also ask if we want to meet for dinner prior to the game.



The church directory has been updated! Look for your copy in the narthex or ask Deacon Kathy to email you an electronic copy.



"Spring Into Faith"

Sunday, March 23rd

The fun begins at 4:00 with games, making birds with Legos, crafts, and Bible stories. Stay for pizza that will be hot and ready to eat at 5:30!



Reception Notice! Welcome Bishop Manlove!

We will be enjoying an after-service reception to welcome Bishop Manlove on Sunday, March 16th.

The Christian Outreach committee will be serving snacks and beverages.



AARP Tax Preparation

Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—1:00 CLC Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact Darold Larson 509-388-6620

Each year, our local YWCA serve women, men, children, and families who are impacted by intimate partner domestic violence through their free, trauma-informed, confidential programs and services. Unfortunately, families in crisis are often turned away due to the lack of bed space at their current facility. Over the last 5 years, they have turned away 2,000 + families seeking safety due to limited shelter capacity.

In 2022, the YWCA accepted the opportunity to expand into the original, now historic, St. Elizabeth Nursing School building. The building was graciously donated by Hogback Development. The new building will triple their emergency shelter capacity, promote healing and wellness, foster independence, safety and community.

When the YWCA moved into their facility at 818 W. Yakima Ave., Christ Lutheran had our own campaign to help furnish a room. The Social Ministry committee feels that our members can assist the YWCA again with our Lenten offering. During the weeks of Lent, we will be providing more information as to how this new facility will benefit those in our community who so desperately need help.



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Cub Scout Pack 266 is preparing a community service project to benefit the Yakima Humane Society. We will be collecting items from their wish list until the middle of March. You are invited to donate as well! This works like our Angel Tree—Pick a tag, write your name on the list and leave your donation under the

Humane Society Wish List

- Bath Towels
- Batteries (AA and AAA sizes)
- Blankets (no comforters or electric please)
- Cat Toys (that dangle)
- Chewy Dog Treats
- Copier Paper (white)
- Dish Soap (no citrus or lemon scented please)
- Fleece
- Kong Toys / Nylabone Toys / Interactive Toys / Rope Toys
- Kuranda Dog Beds
- Laundry Soap (Liquid)
- Lint Rollers (sticky paper kind)
- Martingale-style Collars
- Newspaper (remove slick ads please)
- Peanut Butter
- Pens
- Plush Cat Beds

March 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 AARP Tax Service 9:00-2:00
2 Worship Service 9:30 Manna & Mercy 11:00 Faith, Fitness, Fellowship	3 Scouts	4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed 5:30 Scouts	5 Ash Wednesday Magical Mystery Tour of Luke 10:1-9, 16-24 Noon Ash Wednesday Service 6:00	6	7	8 AARP Tax Service 9:00-2:00 Tri-Cities Americans Hockey 6:00 p.m.
9 Worship Service 9:30 Council Mtg 11:00 Daylight Savings Begins	10 Book Study 11:00 Scouts	11 Soup & Bread 5:30 Lenten Services 6:30 Scouts	12 Magical Mystery Tour of Luke 13:10-21 Noon	13	14	15 AARP Tax Service 9:00-2:00 St. Patrick's Dinner 4:30-7??
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23 Worship Service 9:30 Family Fun Night 4:00-5:30	24 Book Study 11:00 Scouts	25 Worship & Music Mtg Noon Soup & Bread 5:30 Lenten Services 6:30 Scouts	26 Magical Mystery Tour of Luke 17:11, 20-25 Noon	27	28	29 AARP Tax Service 9:00-2:00
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