

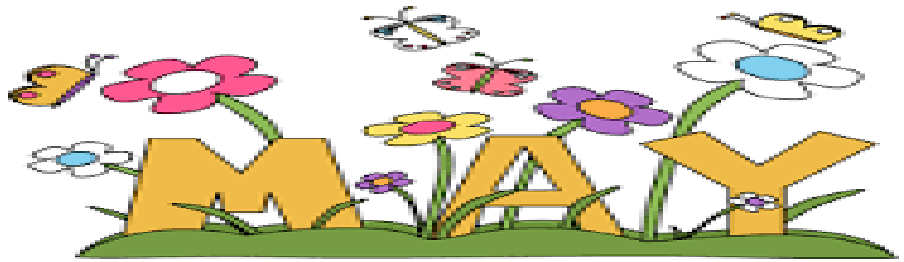


MISSION STATEMENT

**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,

I felt different about Lent this year. There are a couple reasons for that, however, I know in part it was due to intentionally following the path Jesus took to Easter. As I prepared sermons reflecting on the Kingdom of God; it opened my eyes to see how it's happening right now and all around us. The eternal life that Jesus wants for us for we can those experiences now. And a good reminder that salvation is both an event and a process.

Thank you to everyone who helped us have the proper mind-set to observe Lent: to everyone on the Altar Guild, those who fed us at the Tuesday evening suppers, our musicians and worship leaders. Sharing Lent like this made Easter Sunday even more joyful.

There's a quote by Rudyard Kipling (The Jungle Book, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi) that I should probably have in my office, "an ounce of Mother is worth a pound of clergy." I am unable to come up with a counter argument to that and it sounds about right; maybe a little generous towards the clergy. It doesn't matter my age or accomplishments; even today if I go clothes shopping with my Mom I still feel like I'm 10 years old. It's all right though (besides getting free clothes) because it reminds me that I will forever be my Mother's son. And I thank God for that arrangement. It is not surprising that Jesus had a mom. In the New Testament, the Greek word that is closest to the type of love God has towards us; is the love that a mother has towards her children. It's the type of love that stays up with us all night when we were sick; it's the love that puts a picture on the fridge even though it looks nothing like our cat; it's the love that embraces us when our hearts are broken. Jesus knows our human experience of love.

Whether your mother is still with you or not take a moment to thank God for her on May 11th. And for some of you, it may not have been your mother, but another woman God provided to be that person. Especially thank God for giving you her. To all Mothers thank you, for taking care of us.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7

The month of May brings many of us outside to play in the dirt. We mow, we till, we dig, we pull weeds, we sweat and cuss (or at least I do!) All of this is to make our homes look appealing and to bring a smile to the person walking by. In my case, it's to remind me of my grandmothers and mother, who always had large vegetable gardens and beautiful flower beds. I keep hoping that their green thumbs would rub off on me.

But this verse reminds me that I am only a small part of the equation. The miracle of this season is that God has the power to bring beauty out of dust, fruit from dry ground, and life from places that we thought were barren.

God is inviting the people of Christ Lutheran into His work of telling people about all that Jesus Christ has done for us. We plant the seed through our worship services, our Vacation Bible School, Family Fun Nights, and National Night Out. In the last two months, we have planted the seeds of God's love in the lives of Uma, Odin, and Delainey. At their baptisms, we were charged with the promise to support and pray for one another in our life with Christ. Now we are asked to become the hands that plant, the heart that waters, the soul that watches in wonder as heaven works through our unseen faithfulness. So, we join their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to water and nourish that seed.

Isn't nice to know that God isn't asking us to produce results - not to carry that pressure—to know that we are only being asked to make space for God to work?

Thank You for inviting me to simply be faithful. Help me plant with love, water with grace, and trust You with the rest. Quiet my fears. Steady my heart. And when I can't see the fruit yet, help me believe You're still at work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessings,

Deacon Kathy



Guy's Night Out

May 15th

Abby's Pizza

4808 Tieton Drive

There has been talk about an evening meal in Ellensburg on May 15th. Watch and listen for updates.

Ladies Lunch Out

May 15th

11:45

Reno's on the Runway

2012 S 16th Ave.

MAY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

<i>2nd</i>	<i>Al Rose</i>
<i>7th</i>	<i>Tammy Bosch</i>
<i>21st</i>	<i>Sheri Bissell</i>
	<i>Andy Sauer</i>
<i>22nd</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
<i>25th</i>	<i>Mel Jangard</i>
<i>26th</i>	<i>Heidi Taylor</i>
<i>27th</i>	<i>Lori Murphy</i>

Anniversaries

<i>5th</i>	<i>Ilene & Tim Bushnell</i>
<i>26th</i>	<i>Heidi & Todd Taylor</i>

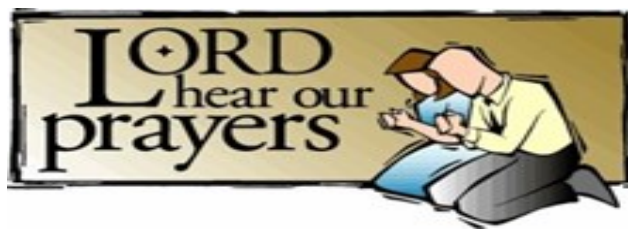


May Scripture Readings:

May 4th	Acts 9:1-20	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 11th	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 18th	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 25th	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10,22-22:5 or	John 14:23-29 John 5:1-9
May 29th	Acts 1:1-11 Ascension of Our Lord	Psalm 47 or 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53



In Our Hearts and Minds...



Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

Floyd Butterfield	Karen Northup	Tim Shanks	Douglas MacDonald
Christine Thomas	Joan Jangard	Bob Robero	Mary Hatland
David Lundy	The Bond Family	Andrea Bannister	Buzz Smith & family
Kim & Mike Peters	Jai Matherly	Hayden	JD's sister Ruth
Alexandr & Natalie	Trent Taylor	Mike Tobin	Sana Kibler
Senia Lund	Dick & Jane DeBlassio	Darlene Picatti	Butterfield Family
Steve	Caleb	Sandy Casper	Rob Seel

The friends and families of Mark Harris, Collette Bower, John Jermier, and Diane McCoy.

(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 May. Please check the sign-up sheet to see where you can help.

Altar Guild: Kathy Sebree

Counters: Lori Murphy & Sue Stewart

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

From the trustees of the Opal Dingerson Memorial Foundation:

We are issuing an invitation to members of Christ Lutheran Church, their family members (child, grandchild, or great grandchild, and pastoral staff, their children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to apply for a scholarship to be awarded from the Opal Marie Dingerson Foundation Fund for the year 2025.

Applications for this scholarship are available in print form from Deacon Kathy in the church office or by email to her. These same applications are to be received in the church office by **May 15, 2025** to be considered for this year's award.



Thank you in advance for your interest in furthering the educational goals of our church families.

Cheryl Sauer, Charlotte Abercrombie, Jim Sebree, Sue Stewart, Nancy Rassmussen,



The council has chosen **October 24th and 25th** as our 2nd Annual Church Retreat!

Reserve that Friday night and Saturday as a special event!

Details will follow in the months to come.

Did you know that Christ Lutheran Church has a program that allows you to make your contribution to the church on line? We have two different programs available for your use. One is Tithe.ly and can be accessed through our current website www.christlutheranyakima.org. The second is called Vanco, once known as "Simply Giving". Vanco now offers a mobile app to make your giving even easier. Download mobile app : Vanco mobile faith engagement—Use Invitation code which takes you right to our church giving site: WLAQUK—Type in amount you are giving—Drop down menu for what fund you will be giving to- Date you want funds transferred—Payment method: choose credit card or bank and enter your information—Then a review will appear, accept, - they will email you a receipt. Charlotte has set up this mobile feature so that you can designate your gift as general offering or to a special fund raising event.

Please contact Charlotte if you would like more information regarding either of these options.



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**

**VBS IS RIGHT AROUND THE
CORNER AND WE NEED AT
LEAST 4 CREW GUIDES!**

We are in desperate need of folks to guide one of the classrooms to each of the activity centers. Anyone can do it! You just need to “herd” kids. Our VBS cannot happen if we don’t have people willing to fill these roles – these are for the 2nd-3rd and K-1st classes. Won’t you please help? Don’t wait for someone else to do it!

CONTACT LORI MURPHY – THANK YOU!



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Christ Lutheran will once again be serving a meal at Camp Hope on **Monday, May 12th**. Janet Frank needs help planning another warm, nutritious meal. Please contact Janet if you can assist her. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal that evening. Please gather at the Camp Hope location, 2300 E Birch St, at 5:45 that evening. It is a heart-warming way to serve our neighbors.

Join us in serving a meal to the people who stay at Camp Hope. The one thing we hear over and over again is their gratitude that we are willing to serve them.



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



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May 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 National Day of Prayer Prayer Walk 11:00-1:00	2	3 NWIM Synod Assembly Bob Rasmussen Celebration of Life 11:30
4 Worship Service 9:30 Christian Outreach Mtg 11:00 Faith, Fitness & Fellowship 2:00	5 Scouts	6 Scouts	7 Magical Mystery Tour Acts 9:36-43 Noon	8	9	10
11 Worship Service 9:30 Council Mtg 11:00 Happy Mother's Day	12 Book Study 11:00 Camp Hope Meal 5:45 Scouts	13 Scouts	14	15 Girls' Lunch 11:45 Guy's Night Out 6:00 Possible meal in E'burg	16	17
18 Worship Service 9:30 Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00 Jane Peterson Confirmation, E'burg	19 Scouts	20 Worship & Music Mtg Noon Scouts	21 Magical Mystery Tour John 14:18-31 Noon	22 Yakima Valley Quilters Class 8:00-3:30	23	24
25 Worship Service 9:30	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Magical Mystery Tour of the Bible - Noon	29 VBS Staff Meeting 6:00	30	31
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