



## 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,

This Lenten season has been different for me. Although I grew up in a good Lutheran home, I never quite knew what to “do” with Lent. Was it about understanding Jesus’ suffering? About making small adjustments to become better people? Or something else. This year, studying the Sermon on the Mount through Lent I discovered something: I realized that I had been thinking about Lent like a recipe: adjust a little of this, reduce a bit of that, and that will improve my faith. However, that isn’t what Jesus says, He’s not teaching about perfecting the ingredients He wants us to think about, “What are we trying to make?” Following the steps with perfection doesn’t help us if we’re using the wrong recipe to begin with. Lent invites us to ponder, “What do we want our lives to be like, and how are we living them?” Jesus claims that following Him leads to the best life possible. When we start with Him it reminds me of the saying:

*“Watch your thoughts, they become words;  
watch your words, they become actions;  
watch your actions, they become habits;  
watch your habits, they become character;  
watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.”*

Easter fulfills that destiny. However, there is a stop along the way we often want to skip: Good Friday. That day asks us to pause and face the meaning of Christ’s sacrifice for us. When we do, our view of Easter morning transforms. We no longer see Easter as a one-time event, instead, we celebrate victory, because Jesus’ resurrection now makes the life He described in the Sermon on the Mount possible. Rather than living to impress God, we can live each day in God’s presence.

Jesus both taught and embodied the Kingdom of God, providing us the path to joy and new life. Through Lent, we understand His words, and through Holy Week, we are invited to step into that resurrected life here, now, and forever, full of hope, purpose, and the joy of Easter.

Happy Easter,  
Pastor Chris

The past month has been an exciting time to be your deacon. I have looked at the Sermon on the Mount with new eyes and open ears. Because we heard it as one sermon over the month of March, I saw and heard Jesus showing us how His ministry would affect our lives. Pastor Chris reminded us each week of the grace and love that Jesus offers us if we will just follow Him.

The sermon ends with a choice that we can make – to hear and do or hear and walk away. Many of us have chosen to take the “hear and do” path. There is a new sign (and literally a new sign) to prove that choice.

At the February Outreach committee meeting, an idea was presented about a new ministry that a church in Nebraska started – a prayer box for their neighborhood. They provided ways for the neighbors to ask for prayers and a QR code to link people to their website. The committee thought it would be a great idea, especially since people notice our sign. In a very short period of time, this suggestion became a reality. On the last Saturday in March, the committee erected the sign in our parking lot. On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our worship services in the parking lot, dedicating the Community Prayer Box. Thank you Terry and all of the committee for grabbing hold of this ministry. And thank you to Messiah Lutheran, Ralston, NE for allowing us to use their idea.

Another new project that I’ve heard is a proposal for a year-round provision of clothing for those in need. The first step is to set up a classroom with movable shelving units. This room will be available for use by small groups year-round. During VBS, the shelving units and clothes would be moved to an area of short-term storage. Next is a call to the congregation and friends for donations of lightly used clothes to be dropped off at the church. The clothing would be sorted into sizes and types and displayed on the shelving units. Invitations would be extended to groups serving those in need to have their clients come to the church on a designated day and hour(s) to select clothing that would fit their needs. Dates would be determined by the amount of clothing received. The goal would be 2-3 hours weekly or monthly for those designated as appropriate for the clothing available. As much as possible, clothing types would be encouraged to be season specific. Please contact Charlotte Abercrombie for more information.

As I have said many times over the years, the people of Christ Lutheran are a very generous people. We are a congregation that has heard the cry of our neighbors and have reached out to help. May we continue to hear the voice of God and choose to follow that voice.

Happy Easter!

**Blessings,**

**Deacon Kathy**



# *Holy Week and Easter Events*



March 29th, **Palm Sunday**

Worship Service at 9:30

with the Procession of the Palms  
and a reading of the Passion story from Luke

April 2nd, **Maundy Thursday**

Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with His disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed His disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another.



April 3rd, **Good Friday**

Worship Service at 6:00 p.m.

We will be using The Office of Tenebrae (meaning darkness or shadow), a Holy Week devotion dating back to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D., characterized by Scripture readings and the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progress.



April 5th, **Easter Morning**

Easter Brunch from 8:30-9:15

Easter Worship Service at 9:30

Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 11:00

# APRIL CELEBRATIONS

12<sup>th</sup> Dan & Lori Murphy  
 13<sup>th</sup> Lloyd & Beth Crabtree  
 24<sup>th</sup> Darold Larson  
 25<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Roberts



## Serving Our Country

David Carlson  
 Luke Harper  
 Hannah (currently serving in the Middle East) & Nick Brown—USAF  
 Ian Dunbar—USMC  
 Cameron Boehmler—US Army (being deployed to the Middle East)



Patsy Lake	Elisabeth Dunbar	Angie Karn	Al Karn
Jane Peterson	Blake Croy	Monica's Uncle Tony	Haydon
Hannah Brown	Dennis Harris	Humberto Ybarra	Ann & Family
Richard	Sherry Zanger	Jim Eling	John Oord
Jill Simpson	Craig Ryder	Jill & Suzanne Brown	Betsey Baugess
Helen Dodd	Devon Decker	Mike Westmiller	Chloe
Amara McCully			

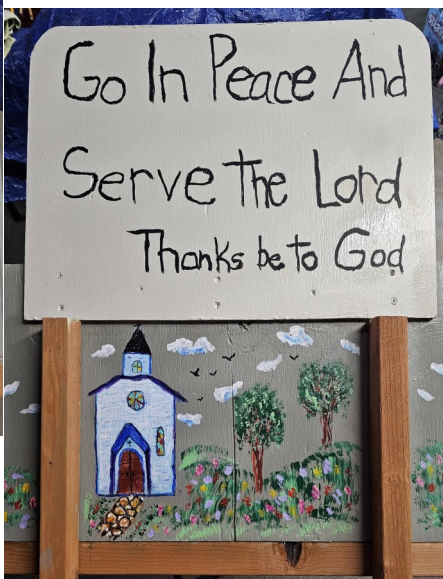
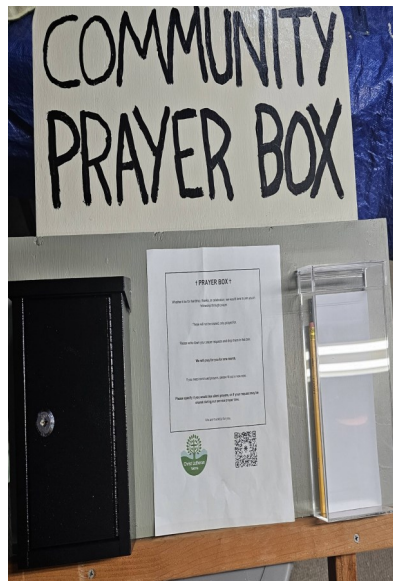
The friends and families of Tim Shanks, Irene Alseth and Barbara Halbert

Prayers also for 1st Methodist Church, Ellensburg, at the loss of their community outreach programs due to fire.

*(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.)*



We want to reflect the beauty and the joy of Easter morning in our sanctuary. Please bring spring flowers to place around the altar.



Have you been interested in finding out more about Christ Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in general? Pastor Chris and Deacon Kathy are planning on an Inquiry Class in on **April 19th, 26th, and May 3rd**. This class will be open to anyone who would like to learn more about church following the Reformation, what the Lutheran church believes and practices and some of the history of Christ Lutheran itself. Each class will begin at 11:00 and will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. We will receive new members on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Please let Pastor Chris or Deacon Kathy know if you are interested.



## *Ladies Lunch*

*April 16th, 11:45*

*Reno's on the Runway*

*2012 S 16th Ave*



## **Guy's Pizza Night**

**April 16th,**

**6:00**

**Abby's Pizza**

**4808 Tieton Drive**



Meals on Wheels was created after the Older Americans Act of 1965 was signed into law on July 14, 1965; created to address a serious health issue of America's senior citizens: poor or inadequate nutrition. One of the many programs created under the act was the Nutrition Program which included: congregate (dining rooms) and home delivered meals. Both programs intended to increase the health, quality of life and extend the time in which a senior can remain independent and in their own home. People For People took over the program on July 1, 2011. Prior to that date Yakima County was in charge of the Meals On Wheels program.

Follow-up studies on the effectiveness of the nutrition programs has shown that Meals On Wheels intervention extends the time a senior can stay in their home instead of being placed into a nursing home by at least 3 months. The health of the senior receiving meals through either program is better, they have fewer doctor visits and the cost of the program is offset by the savings to the system.

Meals on Wheels is currently using three community centers to cook over 178,000 meals a year for seniors. The extra expense of additional staff at each location and the constant back and forth between the different kitchens has made it very inefficient to feed seniors in our community. Their goal is to raise \$2.785 million to build a new commercial kitchen which will combine all three locations into one location. Currently, they have reached 70% of their goal. Please check out this link to their YouTube video for more information.

<https://youtu.be/3CoD9iK4ylk>

The Social Ministry committee will be asking the council to approve this project as the designation of our Lenten offering. We do have a few members of our congregation that use this service. It would be great to support Meals On Wheels with funding to continue this service.



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 2026.

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, 2026** 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,

Trustees



# COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON

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- 2nd Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00
- 3rd Good Friday Service, 6:00
- 4th AARP Tax Preparations
- 5th EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service  
Easter Breakfast, 8:30-9:15  
Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00
- 8th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 11th AARP Tax Preparations
- 12th Worship Service, 9:30  
Council Meeting, 11:00
- 13th Book Study, 11:00
- 15th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 16th Ladies Lunch, 11:45, Reno's On the Runway  
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abbys Pizza
- 18th Memorial Service for Pastor Carol Nelson, 2:00, Central Lutheran Church
- 19th Worship Service 9:30  
Inquiry Class, 11:00  
Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- 21st Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- 22nd Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 24th- Synod Assembly, First Lutheran Church
- 26th Kennewick
- 24th—May 14th Deacon Kathy out of office
- 25th Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Class 8:30-3:30
- 26th Worship Service, 9:30  
Inquiry Class, 11:00  
Christian Outreach Meeting, 11:00
- 27th Book Study, 11:00
- 29th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon



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- 3rd Inquiry Class, 11:00
- 10th Council Meeting, 44:00
- 19th Worship & Music Mtg. Noon
- 21st Eating Out Day
- 31st Outreach Committee Mtg. 11:00

