



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**

Greetings Friends,

1%. Fifteen minutes is 1% of our day. In fifteen minutes, we can accomplish a lot. It takes about 15 minutes: to decide what to watch on Netflix, getting a cat into a pet carrier, looking for my glasses. I realize that's why sometimes I'll think, "where does the time go?" The reason is likely because I spend a lot of time doing unmemorable things, things that aren't life changing.

I was surprised by a study that came out this year which found that only one third of Christians read the Bible every day; even though the same study found that most Christians believe that the Bible is important in their lives. I've been trying to figure out why that gap exists. Bibles are more accessible today, with more translations than at any other time in history. In fact, there are translations of the Bible in made-up languages like Klingon, Na'vi and Esperanto. Also, we have a smorgasbord of free tools that guide us through the Scriptures. And yet, there is a disconnect. It's not because people don't have the time. If someone decided to spend fifteen minutes, or 1%, of their time currency every day reading God's Word; the entire Bible could be read in less than a year. Is it necessary?

I believe the Bible is the most important book in the world (I realize for a church newsletter that's not a hot take). One of my responsibilities that I take most seriously as a pastor is that the congregations I lead will have a working knowledge of the Bible: the basic timeline, the connections between the Old and New Testaments, and the different ways people have recorded and reflected on their encounters with God. These 66 books consist of thousands of years of history and composed and collected by an unknown number of contributors, but the more I study God's Word what is

remarkable is the consistency. That God's love and desire for a relationship with us doesn't change throughout history. This matters because of how it relates to faith, that we can trust that the promises of God become true for us. That's why I wanted to study Isaiah with you this summer; to understand how these prophetic words are meant for our lives and relate to our times. We have hope when it seems hard find because God is always speaking to us.

I read every verse in the Bible (including the lists of names, because I figure this person got their name in the Bible, that would be so cool) and I try to understand it because it all matters. I wonder what would change if everyone spent 1% of each day contemplating God's Word? Do I think that the world would be a better place, yes, I do, because the Scriptures show us the blueprint. Whenever I preach or write newsletter articles it's always something I need to hear. I'm reminding myself why I read the Bible every day. God has given us an incredible gift that renews and encourages us, which why it is called the Living Word.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

1st Finn Bond

3rd Bob & Sonya Duncan

16th Patsy Lake

16th Laurie Wilson

29th Joyce Stephens



2nd Rita Fisher

14th Ethel Rasmussen

17th Kyle & Tammy Bosch

21st Al & Lori Schatz

Serving Our Country

David Carlson

Luke Harper

Hannah (currently serving in Africa) & Nick Brown—USAF

Ian Dunbar—USMC

Cameron Boehmler—US Army (deployed in the Middle East)





Tim Adams	Jazlin Bowman	Delmar Thaden	Elisabeth Dunbar
Jane Peterson	Hayden	Clifford Lania	Joan Jangard
Al Schatz	Kikue Lugo	Stephy Sauer	Jeff
Anita	Rod Mick	Floyd Butterfield	Marianna Matthews
Mary Lou Sullivan	Linda	Jean Springate	Gail
Ben Taylor	Bill Clark	Jean Siepman	

The friends and families of Chris Bonser, and Jay.

(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.)

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Prayers for Mary's sister, Lisa, son successful & effective treatment for her cancer experience.

Makenna who is battling demons.

Thanksgiving for our sign



We have had Chris and Amanda Bonser cleaning our church for many years. Chris passed away suddenly on July 19th. His services will be held here at the church on Saturday, August 1st. To give Amanda time to grieve and adjust, Pastor Chris and Deacon Kathy ask that members of the church step in and make sure our facility is ready for guests each week. Please reach out to either of them with questions, details, and to offer your time. Thank you

God's Primary Competition

"One thinks of idols only in terms of wooden or stone statues, but the gods that compete with the one true God are far more subtle and are familiar to us all. How about patriotism, or career, sex or power; but above all how about money! Nothing is as likely to challenge God for supreme devotion in our culture. [Jesus' statement that] 'You cannot serve God and Mammon' does not mean that one cannot have money and serve God, but that one cannot serve money and serve God.

"One of the joys of parenthood is to provide just the right plaything and see a child totally absorbed in it. But to see an adult equally absorbed in material assets is a deeply disturbing experience.

"Archbishop Helder Camara working among the poor of Brazil, seeking justice and fair play in a jungle of self-seeking, concludes, 'I used to think when I was a young priest that Christ had exaggerated when he warned about the dangers of wealth. Today I know better. I know how hard it is to be rich and still possess the milk of human kindness. Money has a dangerous way of putting scales on our eyes, a dangerous way of freezing our hands, eyes, lips and hearts.'

"Most of in North America do not need more things to enjoy, but more time to enjoy what we have. We need even more to find the depth of joy in sharing what we have. When giving yields more pain than pleasure, then we are in trouble spiritually.

"Dr. Karl Menninger, dealing with a wealthy patient, asked, 'What are you going to do with all your money?' The patient answered, 'Just worry about it, I suppose.' Menninger pursued the matter, 'Do you get pleasure out of worrying?' 'No' the man replied, 'But it's better than the terror I feel when I think of giving it away.' Menninger's conclusion was interesting. 'Difficulty in giving is a symptom of illness. Generous people are rarely emotionally ill.' In his own language, Menninger is repeating Jesus' teaching. [*56 Devotions on Short Notice*, Robert A. Wallace]

Stewardship Nuggets by Herb Miller



As members of Christ Lutheran Church, we prayerfully make a yearly commitment to support the ministry of our congregation. Our financial gifts are not given to earn God's favor, but as a joyful response to the grace we have already received through Jesus Christ.

God has richly blessed us with His greatest gifts—His grace, mercy, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life through our Savior. Out of thankful hearts, we return a portion of what He has entrusted to us. The Bible speaks of giving our firstfruits, and many Christians use the biblical tithe, or 10% of their income, as a guide for faithful stewardship. Whether your gift is large or small, every offering given in faith is a blessing to God's work.

Our regular giving supports the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church, including worship, Christian education, outreach, and the daily operating expenses that allow our congregation to serve both our members and our community.

At this time, we are working toward consistently meeting our monthly expenses and, with God's help, rebuilding our financial reserves. We invite you to prayerfully consider whether you might be able to give a little extra above your regular offering through the remainder of the year. Every gift makes a difference.

There are other ways to support our church as well. Each month, a list of needed supplies will be posted in the narthex. If you are out shopping, consider picking up an item or two from the list. These gifts help reduce church expenses and allow more of our financial resources to support ministry and outreach.

If it is convenient for you, recurring online giving or automatic bill pay through your financial institution is another way to faithfully support the church's ministry. Consistent giving helps the church plan responsibly for ministry throughout the year, even during seasons when attendance may be lower.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for the many ways you serve Christ Lutheran Church. Together, we continue to share the love of Christ with our community.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your produce." — Proverbs 3:9

Your Stewardship Committee

Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, August 20th

11:45

Apple Tree Golf Course

8804 Occidental Rd

GUY'S PIZZA NIGHT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

6:00

ABBY'S PIZZA

4804 TIETON DR



Red Cross Blood Drive

August 10th

12:30 – 5:30

The American Red Cross has declared only the 2nd national blood supply crisis in its history. Blood donations are not keeping pace with hospital demand. Extreme heat, poor air quality and widespread food borne illnesses are contributing to lower donor turnout. As the nation's largest single provider of blood products, the Red Cross now has less than a one-day national supply of type O positive blood. Please consider donating to our drive this month if possible. Thank you.



3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat

The dates have been set for our 3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat.

They are Friday evening, **October 2nd** beginning with a meal and an overnight stay at Camp Ghormley, and Saturday, **October 3rd** until 4:00.

We want **everyone** to be a part of this retreat. If you can't make Friday, please come up for Saturday. More information will be forthcoming in early October so make your plans early and save the date.

CAMP HOPE MEAL



MONDAY, August 10th, 5:45 PM

Please come on out and help server or ask Janet Frank what food donations are needed. This is a great outreach!



Food & Fellowship with the Pear Tree Place Veterans

Sunday, August 30th

Noon

We will be sharing a meal of coney dogs, coleslaw, chips, and dessert with the Vets and distributing personal cleaning items such as dish soap, laundry detergents, bar soap, etc. Come and share a portion of your day with these men and women who have served our country.

Christ Lutheran Church welcomes all on August 4th

56th & Lincoln Avenue West 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Food, games, crafts and fun for the whole family!

Be our guests! There is no charge for anything!

We need adults to help with the Bounce House, the Welcome Table, and anywhere else you can.





Fall Festival Craft Bazaar

October 10, 2026

9:00 – 2:00

Sue Stewart, Terry Campbell, Holly Hall, Laura Larson, and JD Sundseth are putting together a Fall Craft Bazaar to be held here at Christ Lutheran Church. Sue has seen the success of the various holiday bazaars and thought “Why can’t we do that again?” They have several vendors that have paid a space fee, members of our congregation working on items that CLC can sell and planning a simple lunch that can be sold to the shoppers.

Like any other project, the committee needs many hands to make this work. Here are some things that they need:

Kitchen: taking orders and money; making sandwiches; serving & bus tables; clean-up

Sell & take money at baked goods and craft tables

People willing to make **baked goods, especially 8” pies, and sweet stuff** for the baked goods table.

People willing to donate homemade holiday and craft items, unused jewelry, and nice items for a silent auction.

On **Saturday, August 29th from 10 – 2**, the committee is having a “**Craft Making Day**”. There will be items for you to make along with the supplies. Or bring your own craft that day and people can help you with them. One of the items will be JD’s Norwegian Star that is easy to make. The more things we have to sell on the CLC table, the more money the church makes!

Food items for lunch: bottled water, coffee, deli ham slices, sliced cheddar cheese, lettuce, heavy/whipping cream, milk, creamy peanut butter, Costco pies, gluten free bread, keto bread.

Last year’s Craft Bazaar was a success, a good beginning to a new event. Sue has vendors ready to sign up for the 2026 bazaar.

The proceeds from the lunch, silent auction, and the CLC tables will go into our general fund. Please help make this a success by letting your friends and families know about the bazaar dates and help in whatever ways you can.





God's Work. Our Hands" is Sunday, September 13th. Our project this year is to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

4 - 70-sheet notebooks wide or college-ruled



1 - Ruler with both inches and centimeters



1 - Pencil sharpener



1 - Safety Scissors



5 - Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers



5 - Black or Blue Ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



1 - Box of either 16 or 24 crayons



1 - 2-1/2" eraser



1 - 14"x17" drawstring backpack style cloth bag



COMING SOON TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1st Chris Bonser Memorial Service, 1:00**
- 2nd Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00**
- 4th National Night Out, 6:00 – 8:00**
- 5th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**
- 9th Council Meeting, 11:00**
- 10th Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30**
- Camp Hope Meal, 5:45**
- 12th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**
- 16th Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00**
- 18th Worship & Music Meeting, 12:00**
- 19th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon**
- 20th Ladies Lunch, 11:45, Apple Tree Golf Course**
- Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abby's Pizza**
- 24th-Sept 8th Peterson Family Vacation**
- 29th Craft Making Day, 10-2**



- 11th & 12th Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Trunk Sale**
- 13th God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, assemble school kits**



- 2nd & 3rd 3rd Annual Church Retreat, Camp Ghormley**
- 10th 2nd Annual Craft Bazaar**



Dates & Times are subject to change