



## **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

It's been a few decades since I've been in school, but my brain remains wired to the school schedule. I don't know any other way to describe it other than; Time feels different in summer. Researchers believe it is because Yakima in summertime is somehow hotter than the surface of the sun, but nevertheless our routines change, we travel, and I have heard some people do yardwork or catch up on home projects. While summer may change our schedules, it doesn't have to interrupt our spiritual growth. In fact, when we're out of our routine this can make us more aware of what God is doing.

Every summer I go off script and explore one book from the Bible; the 2026 edition is Isaiah. It's the longest prophecy and most quoted book in the New Testament. Isaiah is divided into two "books," 1-39 concerns God's holiness and what's wrong with us, and chapters 40-66, are the promise of redemption and a glorious future. Isaiah served as a prophet through a turbulent time in Judah's (the Southern Kingdom's) history, 740-680 BC. During the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah the Assyrian Empire conquered the Northern Kingdom and they were next. In the middle of political uncertainty and national anxiety, Isaiah called the people to trust God rather than their own plans.

We sometimes ask if the prophecies of ancient Israel still apply to us now. When I think about it, what has changed in any significant way over the centuries? People continue to have the same hopes, questions, and needs. And the answer always comes through the same source. This is why every generation studies the Bible. Isaiah spoke to people facing uncertainties and changes. However, he reminds us that God is in charge, even when things seem chaotic. We trust God's promises and remember that God's faithfulness doesn't depend on our circumstances. Above everything else Isaiah points us to the coming Messiah, the Hope for the world, which was good news then and is to the end of time.

We can use these long summer days to be refreshed, renewed, and drawn closer to Christ. Summer creates space for unexpected experiences and surprising signs of God's grace. God has a habit of amazing us when we least expect it. I'm grateful for another summer together at Christ Lutheran Church, and I have esperance (a word I made up to describe hopeful joy) as God continues to inspire and work among us.

**Peace,  
Pastor Chris**

# June Celebrations

1st Jim Eling  
Spike Adams  
2nd Sally Hansen  
3rd Jean Raabe  
6th Norm Frank  
14th Kyle Bosch  
17th Janet Frank  
19th Andy & Cheryl Sauer  
21st Norm & Janet Frank



## Serving Our Country

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



Tim Adams	Don & Gail	Jazlin Bowman	Delmar Thaden
Marachene	Kurt Wilson	Ron Caldwell	Elisabeth Dunbar
Jane Peterson	Blake Croy	Hayden	Dennis Harris
Humberto Ybarra	Richard	Sherry Zanger	Jill Simpson
Craig Ryder	Doug Heintz	Helen Dodd	Devon Decker
Chloe	Amara McCully	Lori Bushnell	Merrill Bruckner
Darold Larson	Heidi Taylor	Jennie Brightwell	Mary Maugher
Larry Bierman			

The friends and families of Mike Westmiller (Nancy's father) and Brandon's family at the death of their newborn

*(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

That Colene finds peace in the Lord during the end of her life.

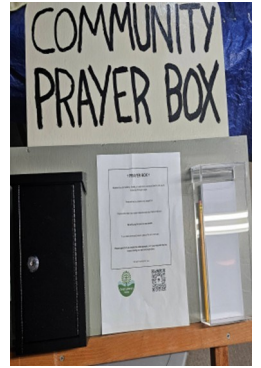
Strength and comfort for Kerri & her mother, allowing them to forgive and love each other

Strength and understanding for Samantha, James, and Austin during this time of trying mental health issues

Prayers for the ability to establish and maintain healthy boundaries, stability and reliability in those around me.

For strength of Ivan's and Olivia's marriage for the upcoming ministry that they are being called to.

Strength for all those struggling with addictions and that they become closer to God.



## PEOPLE NEEDED TO FILL 3 OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS

*Please consider becoming involved on church council and volunteer for one of the open positions. It's one meeting a month! This will be voted on at our annual meeting on Sunday, June 7th at 11:00.*

**BLOOD  
SHORTAGE**

Blood donors needed now



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, June 1st**

**12:30 – 5:30**

The extreme weather this spring has caused a blood shortage. Please donate if you can. Volunteers are also needed to help check in donors.

*Ladies Luncheon*

*Thursday, June 18th*

*11:45 a.m.*

*Tea Garden Restaurant*

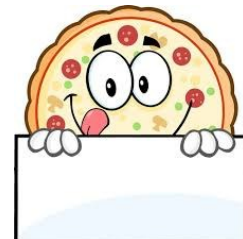
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## GUY'S PIZZA NIGHT

**Thursday, June 18th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Abby's Pizza**





## **CLC Community Clothing Collection**

I'm interested in starting up a year-round clothing collection and distribution to the needy. If you are interested in joining me, please give me a call and we'll set up a meeting to plan. Thank you!

**CHARLOTTE ABERCROMBIE**  
**(619) 980-6752**

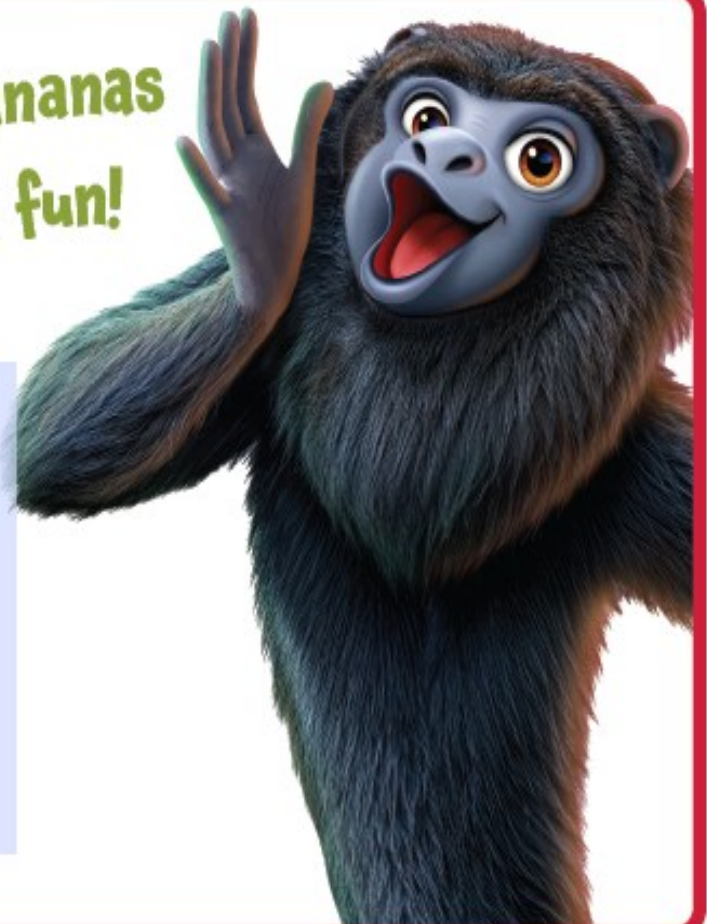


**You'll go bananas  
for all this fun!**

### **RAINFOREST FALLS VBS** **June 21-25, 5-8 p.m.**

Help is still needed! We need a few classroom assistants for our teachers.

Please see Lori Murphy and volunteer to help. This is an amazing program to be a part of so we hope you will prayerfully consider.



# VBS IS COMING SOON! WHO ARE YOU GOING TO INVITE?

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games  
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Location: Christ Lutheran Church  
(church name)

Save these dates: Sun., June 21 - Thurs., June 25  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: (509) 966-1720  
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: <https://vbspro.events/p/christlutheranyakima>  
(registration web address)



# WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 16th at 12:00 Noon**

*Everyone is welcome to join in the selection of our worship music for the month of June! Your input is valued and needed.*



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, READERS AND USHERS NEEDED FOR JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES — PLEASE SEE SIGNUP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX.**

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING & ELECTIONS MEETING

We have another opportunity to enjoy a meal after worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! It's our semi-annual Reporting and Elections meeting. This is a chance for each of the committees to remind you of all the events, music, and outreach activities for the past year. We will also be saying thank you to Jay Carroll, Darold Larson, and Heidi Taylor who are completing their terms on the council and electing three new people to fill their positions. Are you the one to take \_\_\_\_\_ on this important role?



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

# WELCOME LANE, LORI, & KEN TO OUR CLC FAMILY!



On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed **Ken Tolonen, Lori Schatz, and Lane Georgeton** to our family.

**Ken** is a Master Gardener and a member of Fruitvale Grange. Some of our members knew him as their “Egg Man” before he started attending here. Ken grew up in Eastern Washington, attended Pacific Lutheran University, worked as a medical tech in Tacoma and in California before coming to Yakima.

**Lori** is a travel coordinator for the Harmon Center. Some of our members have traveled near and far with Lori. She has added a spark of enthusiasm and laughter to our congregation.

**Lane** has been a familiar face around our church building. Lane attended Portland State University and has traveled overseas as a teacher. He was even asked to teach baseball to Korean children on a US base there!

May the people of Christ Lutheran bless you as much as you have blessed us!



**The Christian Outreach Committee**

**Invites You to**

**A Summer Evening Meal & Worship Service**

**At**

**Red Willow Vineyard**

**Saturday, July 11th**

**Social Hour - 5:00—6:00**

**Baked Potato Feed—6:00—7:00**

**Worship Service—7:00—7:30**

**This will be a fund raiser for our Pear Place Vets.**

**Tickets and Sign-up sheet will be available on**

**Sunday, June 7th**



## Trusting God with Our Money and Our Future

“A few years ago, I was visiting with a mother in our church foyer between Sunday school and the worship hour. Josh (who was about three years old) came around the corner with a donut in his hand. Annette looked at him in surprise and asked, ‘Where did you get the money for that?’ (At the fellowship hour, people put in a quarter to cover the cost of donuts.)

“Josh said, ‘I saved it from the offering.’

“A lot of people operate out of that mindset. How often do we save money from the offering plate to buy something for ourselves because we’re afraid we won’t have what we need? That behavior is funny in a three-year-old; it’s a little more serious when it’s a thirty-year old. All through the Bible, God’s principle is ‘give to receive.’ That contrasts with our American thought pattern of ‘gather and keep for ourselves.’ Which belief do you follow?

“In Malachi 3:8-10 God say, ‘Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, How do we rob you? In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’

“The Bible is full of scriptures like this. Because of those promises in God’s word, I can give freely and joyfully, trusting that God will give me what I need. I want God in control of my finances. After all everything I have came from Him in the first place. Yet I wonder how many times we have saved our money from the offering to buy a donut (and felt pretty good because we had more donuts than the guy next to us), when our heavenly father wanted to give us steak?

“You don’t have to believe that Scripture. You can keep your money and talents. God will keep His hands off and let you control it all. But as for me, I want the God of miracles in control of my finances. I want the God who fed 5,000 people with three fish to be in control of my money.

“When was the last time you talked to a homeless person who said, ‘Well, I was doing fine until I started that tithing business.’ God is a loving Father we can trust. People who say, ‘I just can’t afford to tithe’ approach the subject of giving a tithe as if it were a sacrifice instead of a blessing.

“I can’t afford not to tithe’ is a more accurate statement of what happens when we put God first. Many times, tithing is the only reason I made it through the month.

“Trust God to be who He says He is.”

[Lauren Foster, Lubbock Texas] from *Stewardship Nuggets* by Herb Miller



# COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON

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- 1st Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30
- 3rd Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 7th Semi-Annual Congregational Reporting & Elections Meeting, 11:00  
Faith, Fitness, Fellowship, 2:00
- 8th Book Study, 11:00
- 10th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 14th Council Meeting, 11:00
- 16th Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- 17th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 18th Ladies Lunch, 11:45  
Men's Pizza, 6:00, Abby's
- 21st Father's Day  
Vacation Bible School Starts!!!
- 21st -25th VBS 5:00-8:00
- 22nd Book Study, 11:00
- 24th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
- 28th Vacation Bible School Sunday Worship  
Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:00



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- 12th Council Meeting, 11:00
- 11th Dinner at Red Willow Vineyard, 5
- 13th Book Study, 11:00
- 16th Ladies & Men's Day Out
- 21st Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- 26th Book Study, 11:00



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- 4th **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** 6:00-8:00

