



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.

MARCH

All the times we have felt hopeless and watched hope return, prayer carried us there. When joy overwhelmed us and words failed, prayer became the only proper response. When sorrow pressed in and conviction cut deep, we confessed, asked for mercy, and found forgiveness through prayer. Prayer must be essential because Jesus doesn't just allow it, He invites it, and expects it. That alone amazes me. We speak to our Creator anytime, anywhere. With whatever we're wearing, wherever we are, without a memorized script required. Last fall, when we explored the Psalms, we saw how wide the scope of our prayers can be. The Psalms gave us permission to bring everything: frustration, gratitude, fear, celebration, doubt, hope. If we can feel it, we can pray it.

This March, during Lent, we're studying the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Lord's Prayer or Kingdom Prayer. The disciples wonder how they should pray and Jesus gave them more than words to repeat; He gave them a framework that answers who we pray to, what we ask, where our focus belongs, when we depend, why we trust, and how we surrender, in prayer.

Every Sunday, whether in your favorite translation (or the one you tolerate), we pray these words together because we want constant contact with God. And during this one-day, all-church prayer retreat, we'll slow down and learn how that prayer shapes our everyday lives. If you consider yourself a prayer expert, come share what you've learned. If you're like me and still growing, come ready to stretch and deepen your understanding. Prayer is free and so is the retreat, and like prayer, we too will be fed. We planned this as a simple, one-day, local retreat so everyone can join us, including your friends. And the person with the "best prayer" wins 50% off the next church potluck. (Kidding, mostly). I assume we all pray and imagine what might happen if we all grew in prayer together. Imagine the hope that could rise, the joy that could overflow, the mercy that could heal, and the unity that could strengthen us. Let's find out together.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

Pastorpeterson.com,
Pastorprayer.org

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

4th Sue Stewart
 Cheryl Sauer
 6th Dan Murphy
 13th Wes & Laurie Wilson
 16th John Oord
 23rd Jim & Kathy Sebree
 25th Avis Hatheway



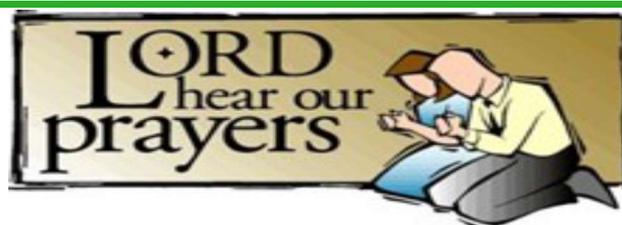
Serving Our Country

David Carlson
 Luke Harper
 Hannah & Nick Brown—USAF
 Ian Dunbar—USMC



Sherry Zanger	Jim Eling	Beverly Buchanan	Barbara
John Oord	Jill Simpson	Craig Ryder	Jill & Suzanne Brown
Glen & Sally Atterbury	Betsey Baugess	Helen Dodd	Devon Decker
Mike Westmiller	Chloe	Amara McCully	Carol Nelson

The friends and families of Bill Schenk, Charlie Hieber, Barry Vincent, Jim Fannon, and Harry Jacobs,
(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.)



ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSION FUND

Historically, CLC accounted for a portion of our special offering money labeled as "Designated Funds" in our accounting. There were 20+ separate accounts with dollar amounts associated with them. To make the accounting easier for the treasurer, the Council discussed this issue and decided to consolidate most of these accounts into what is now known as the Mission Fund.

Disbursement of money from the Mission Fund is only authorized if a written request is made and then approved by the Council. Council developed a written request form that is available for use by any member. Just ask Deacon Kathy and she'll provide you with the form.

Please contact any member of the council, Pastor Chris or Deacon Kathy if you need further clarification.

Spring Clean Up



Join the Boy Scouts at 9:00, Saturday, the 28th, cleaning the grounds around the building.

Coffee & Donuts will be provided.

Also, we need a deep cleaning inside too.

The suggested time is the week prior to Palm Sunday.

Would someone be willing to lead this project?

Please contact Deacon Kathy.



Ladies Lunch

March 19th,

11:45

McGuire's Irish
Pub

4807 Tieton
Drive



Guy's LUNCH

March 19th,

1:00

Abby's Pizza

4808 Tieton Drive



Join us for Soup and Bread suppers on Tuesday,
the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th
at 5:30

Lenten version of
Holden Evening Prayer
at 6:30.



Palm Sunday
March 29th

Worship Service at 9:30
with the Procession of the Palms
and the Passion story from Matthew.

Maundy Thursday
April 2nd

Worship Service
6:00



Good Friday
April 3rd

Worship Service
6:00

Easter Sunday
April 5th
Worship Service at 9:30



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 at the Ahtanum Ridge Business Park in Union Gap . 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



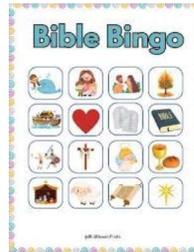
We have a new book study beginning Monday, February 9th. We will be reading **"The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak"** by Shannon Bream. Throughout this book, we will be examining the lives of biblical women to see how God's plans can turn our worlds upside down.



Both the book and workbook are available on Amazon, among other suppliers. Please join us at 11:00 on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Enjoy the discussion and the fellowship.

Family Game Night

Join us at 4:00 on Saturday, March 21st for Family Game Night! We will be playing a family-oriented game suitable for all ages, have a craft available, and of course Legos! Prior to the meal, we will have Bible story time with Deacon Kathy.



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. Please let Pastor Chris or Deacon Kathy know if you are interested.



Spring Day Retreat

The date for our Spring Retreat has been set for **Saturday, March 14th from 9:00—4:00, at the Sun Country Estates clubhouse, 3701 Gun Club Road.** This is not a continuation of the fall retreat but still be centered on prayer. This will be a day to focus on why we pray and how to pray—with the main focus being the Lord's Prayer.



We encourage all to attend and be a part of this spirit-filled day with the people you already know.

Lunch will be provided and there will be no cost to attend.

COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOON

- 1st Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00
- 3rd Soup & Bread Lenten Services, 5:30 meal; 6:30 Worship
- 4th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 6:5-15
- 7th AARP Tax Preparations
Spring Your Clocks Ahead
- 8th Council Meeting, 11:00
- 9th "Mothers & Daughters of the Bible" Study 11:00
- 10th Soup & Bread Lenten Services, 5:30 meal; 6:30 Worship
- 11th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 6:25-34
- 14th Day Retreat, 9:00-4:00, Sun Country Estates, 3701 Gun Club Rd
AARP Tax Preparations
- 15th Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00
- 17th Soup & Bread Lenten Services, 5:30 meal; 6:30 Worship
- 18th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 7:7-11
- 19th Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Class 8:30-4:30
Ladies Lunch, 11:45, McGuire's Irish Pub
Men's Pizza Day, 1:00, Abby's
- 21st AARP Tax Preparations
Family Game Night, 4:00-5:30
- 23rd "Mothers & Daughters of the Bible" Study, 11:00
- 24th Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
Soup & Bread Lenten Services, 5:30 meal; 6:30 Worship
- 25th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew's Passion Story
- 28th AARP Tax Preparations
Cleanup Day—Inside and Outside 9:00
- 29th Palm Sunday Worship Sunday

- 2nd Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00
- 3rd Good Friday Service, 6:00
- 4th AARP Tax Preparations
- 5th EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service
Easter Breakfast, 8:00-9:00
Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00
- 12th Council Meeting, 11:00
- 25th Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Class 8:30-3:30

All dates and times are subject to change!

