

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

I've noticed that some churches like to create slogans for Stewardship Season. I couldn't remember any of them, so I came up with a couple of my own.

P.L.E.D.G.E. could stand for:

Please. Let. Everyone. Donate. God's. Eavesdropping.

Or:

Pastors. Love. Extracting. Dollars. Guilt. Ensures.

For several reasons, I've decided not to use these. But let me warn you: This **isn't** a stewardship letter. As your pastor, I have a different responsibility. I want to help everyone understand the answer to the question: Why do we pledge to the church? I already know that generosity is part of life at Christ Lutheran. A pledge isn't a request to become more generous. After all, as it is written in Leviticus 29… (Okay, pledging isn't in the Bible. Even in Leviticus.) But do we really need to pledge?

I remember asking that question in seminary. I wanted to understand whether pledging had any spiritual significance or connection to my faith. Was it something we needed to do, or something churches had always done? For years, I didn't have a satisfactory answer.

The practical reason is straightforward. At Christ Lutheran, intentional giving helps us plan for future ministry, sustain the ministries we already have, and dream about new possibilities. When we communicate our intentions and hopes, it helps us make thoughtful and responsible decisions. In that sense, pledging is a reasonable and useful practice.

Still, I understand why some people hesitate to make a pledge. I don't believe that reluctance reflects a lack of generosity. Often, it comes from a real concern: What happens if my circumstances change?

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Someone might think, "I don't want the church to depend on a pledge I might not be able to keep. Wouldn't it make more sense to give when I can?"
That's a legitimate concern, but we believe every gift matters, whether someone pledges or not. My purpose isn't to dismiss that concern, but to explain why we use this practice instead of another.

And that brings me back to my earlier question: Is there a spiritual dimension to pledging? Here's what I've learned.

A pledge…

- Is an act of faith, trust, and commitment. *We trust that God knows what we need, even when we cannot predict what the future holds.*
- Makes our generosity intentional. *Thoughtful giving becomes a normal part of our life of faith rather than an occasional decision.*
- Is a way of caring for one another. *Our shared commitment helps ensure that everyone has a place to worship, learn, celebrate, grieve, and share hope.*
- Invests in the future. *We build on the generosity and trust of the saints who supported Christ Lutheran before us. Now we have the opportunity to do the same for those who will come after us.*

Come to think of it, maybe I will use a slogan after all:

P.L.E.D.G.E.
Please. Let's. End. Dramatic. Giving. Events.

A pledge is a honest way of saying, "This is my church home."
It expresses our commitment to Christ and to one another. And it reminds us that we matter to each other.

Peace,
Pastor Chris





Over the years, you have learned that I draw inspiration from the various devotions I read, especially “The Upper Room”. And once again, the right devotion came along at just the right time.

In a few months, Christ Lutheran Church will be undergoing a change of leadership. This devotion was about long-standing members leaving the church which left many volunteer positions empty. There will be notifications and requests for help in filling the vacancies left behind. Many of us feel that our talents are lacking, leaving us feeling inadequate.
Paul told the people of Corinth “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.” When it comes to serving others and the church, we can follow Jesus’ examples. It didn’t require any special skills for Jesus to wash the feet of His disciples – just the desire to serve. In God’s eyes there is no job too small. All it takes is a willingness to serve.

Here are some suggestions:

- Serve on the Social Ministry committee whose duties include designation of the Advent & Lenten offerings, and any other miscellaneous things that come up during the year, including applying for grant money that may assist in Camp Hope, Hope Closet, or???
- Organize the Thanksgiving boxes for the veterans which includes ordering the food items for the boxes, getting empty boxes, contacting Pear Tree Place staff for dates, etc.
- Organize the Angel Tree including contacting the PCAP office for the families’ names, making tags for the tree, making sure all the gifts are returned, arranging for the pickup of gifts.
- Be the Blood Program Leader for the quarterly Red Cross Blood Drives.
- Run the Zoom link when Andy & Cheryl are out of town.
- Learn to upload the Zoom meeting to YouTube, our webpage, and email to the newsletter group.
- Be a part of a visitation team and/or a home-bound communion team
- Be a lecturer, worship assistant, greeter, and ushers on Sunday morning.

The Lord is opening many opportunities for volunteers at Christ Lutheran. Will you ask Him for guidance in showing you where you can serve?

Blessings, *Deacon Kathy*

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

1st Joan Jangard

11th Mackenzie Bond

13th Charlotte Abercombie



14th Darold & Laura Larson

16th Brad & Sheri Bissell

Serving Our Country



David Carlson

Luke Harper

Hannah & Nick Brown—USAF

Ian Dunbar—USMC

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



Jazlin Bowman	Jane Peterson	Clifford Lania	Joan Jangard
Kikue Lugo	Floyd Butterfield	Jean Springate	Jean Siepman
Jim Lundeen	Mark Brown	Suzanne Brown	Leisha
Shana Thomas	Joyce	Linda Lockwood	Don
Kurt Butterfield	Ann Shirkey	Shalinee	Heidi Taylor
Terry Campbell	Pastor Harry Sharley	Dale Armstrong	Eric
Eamon	Steve Marsh	Phillis Pitt	Evelyn Robberts
Bob			

The friends and families of Ben Taylor, Alina Sauer & family at the loss of her grandfather,

(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.)

Shine Like Stars - CLC Youth & VBS Alumni



Kolbie Van Klinken – plays on Washington 3rd rated 11U Soccer Team

Roslyn Sund - plays on Washington 3rd rated 11U Soccer Team

Lance Magee – Scholarship Football player at W.S.U., suiting up for games & looking forward to game action

Ian Ribail – Center on East Valley Middle School football team

Cooper Wilson – Scholarship Football player at University of Nevada, Reno, successful knee surgery

Aubrey Murphy – East Valley Freshman Class ASB Activities Coordinator

Please contact Jim Sund if you have a youth that should be recognized for their accomplishments.

"The Paying and the Praying Hands"

In the late fifteenth century when Albercht Dürer was just a struggling student, he and a friend, Franz Knigstein, worked so hard and long that they had little time for study and art. So, they decided one day, by drawing lots, that Albrecht would continue studying while Franz would work to support him; and then when Albrecht became successful, he would support Franz while Franz finished his studies.

"Albrecht succeeded brilliantly and returned to relieve Franz. Then he discovered what a great sacrifice his friend had made for him. As Franz worked at hard manual labor, his fingers had become twisted and hard. His long slender fingers and sensitive hands were permanently crippled. But even so, Franz had no bitterness-only joy that his dear friend, Albrecht, had attained success. His reward was making possible the work of an artist whose art lends beauty to countless millions even to this day, some 500 years later.

"There is a sequel to this story. One day Albrecht saw his loyal friend kneeling, his rough and gnarled hands clasped in silent prayer. Albrecht rapidly sketched what he saw. From that sketch came one of the truly great masterpieces. Dürer gave it the simple but moving title: "The Praying Hands"

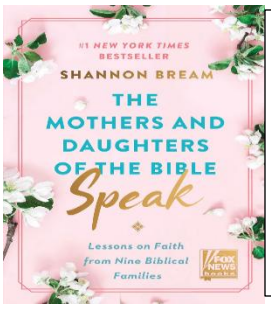
"That, too, was made possible because someone was willing simply to serve, to give. "[*Pulpit Helps,* Windows of Westminster UPC]

Christ calls each of us to give sacrificially for his work-but for an even greater cause-that his Spirit can live in the hearts of our children and people in our community who have not yet let him into their lives.

What kind of sacrifice are you planning to make for that cause?

Stewardship Nuggets by Herb Miller





Book Study on" Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We will begin November with the story of Rebekah. Please join us, even if you haven't been a part of the study before. It's a time of great conversation.

Family/Congregation Night – November 8th

Dinner followed by a game Sunday, November 8th

4:30 appetizers,

5:30 dinner

Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert

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Donations going towards Thanksgiving Boxes

Ladies Lunch

Thursday,

November 19th

11:45

TBA

Men's Pizza Night

Thursday,

November 19th

6:00

Abby's Pizza

Jesus said, "*When I was in prison, you visited me*." He went on to say, "*Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me.*" Matthew 25:36-40.

Jim and Ginny Lundeen are presenting us with an opportunity to "visit" prisoners by coloring Christmas cards and writing individual messages of hope, encouragement and faith. This is a program provided by Gospel Echoes, a nation-wide prison ministry group.

Jim and Ginny will provide cards for us to take home, pray about, and write a separate message in each card. You can also color the cover picture! Let the Holy Spirit inspire your message. There are instructions, colored pencils, and many cards for you to take home and complete.

You are asked to return your unfolded, completed cards to church on Sunday, November 29th.

Your messages may bring others to have faith in Jesus. Is this not what we are called to do? *Remember those in prison with compassion as if you were there with them*. Hebrews 13:3

The month of November is a time to feed those in our community who may not have enough to eat.



On Monday, November 9th, 5:45 p.m., be a part of feeding the residents at Camp Hope. Suzanne Brown and Janet Frank are planning a warm, nutritious meal. Charlotte Abercrombie and Trish Ribal will be distributing warm winter clothing that have been collected over the past month. This ministry not only fills hungry stomachs but fills our members with joy. The people we serve are always grateful for our time and our care.

On November 20th or 21st, at noon, we will be serving a meal to "our" veterans at Pear Tree Place Next Step Housing. Following the meal, we will distribute food boxes to the 18 residents. This ministry has been a gift not only for the veterans in that we share fellowship with them, but also for the food that we distribute. As with Camp Hope, the members of Christ Lutheran get even more from these visits. Consider joining us for a couple of hours of serving and fellowship with these people who have served the country on our behalf.





Red Cross Blood Drive
December 7th
12:30 – 5:00

CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

DECEMBER 5TH 4:00 P.M.

APPETIZERS – LARSONS 4:00-5:00

MAIN COURSE – POTLUCK AT CHURCH 5:30-7:00

SINGING CHRISTMAS SONGS

DESSERT – TERRY CAMPBELL'S AFTER 7:00

COMING SOON TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st Worship Service,9:30, with Baptism of Lane Georgeton
Book Study, 11:00,
Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00

4th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 25:1-13

7th Yakima Valley Quilter Guild Class 8:30-4:30

8th Worship Service, 9:30
Church Council Meeting, 11:00
Fall Dinner & Games, 4:30 - ?



9th Camp Hope Meal, 5:45

11th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Matthew 25:14-30

15th Worship Team Service, 9:30
Book Study, 11:00
Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship, 2:00

17th Worship & Music Meeting, Noon, Matthew 25:31-46

18th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon
Theta Women's Group, 4:30

19th Ladies Lunch, 11:45, TBD
Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abby's Pizza

21st Thanksgiving Meal with the Pear Tree Place Vets

22nd Worship Team Service, 9:30
Consecration Sunday with brunch after service

25th Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Isaiah 64:1-9

26th Thanksgiving Day

29th 1st Sunday of Advent, Worship Team Service 9:30

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1st Midweek Advent Service, Soup & Bread 5:30, Worship 6:30

5th Progressive Christmas Dinner, 4:00-8:00

7th Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30



8th Midweek Advent Service, Soup & Bread 5:30, Worship 6:30

15th Midweek Advent Service, Soup & Bread 5:30, Worship 6:30

24th Christmas Eve Service

Dates & Times are subject to change