



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**

One of the things I enjoy most as your pastor is getting to know you, what matters to you, what has shaped you, and the experiences that have made you who you are. And I've discovered: even people who have worshipped together for years can still surprise each other. Our church is filled with fascinating stories. We have an underwater archaeologist, a master gardener, a former blackjack dealer and an astronaut (Ok, I made that last one up. I just wanted to see if you're still paying attention).

But my point is this: we know interesting people because we are interesting people. Every one of us has experiences, passions, lessons, and stories worth sharing. Life is full of remarkable things, and the most remarkable people are sitting right beside us in church. And when we talk about something we genuinely care about, something wonderful happens; we stop making small talk and start telling our stories.

One of the easiest things to talk about is someone we genuinely love. For instance, if you tell me about your grandchildren, I don't feel like I'm sitting through a presentation titled "The Importance of Loving Your Grandchildren," complete with citations from a research paper. I hear you love them, and they matter to you. Your enthusiasm says more than any carefully prepared argument could. So, do we feel that way when we talk about our faith?

If Jesus has changed the direction of our lives, if we love Him so deeply that we want to spend eternity with Him; shouldn't it be natural to talk about that? Not because we have figured out the perfect way to "bring up Jesus" in every conversation, but because He matters to us. Sharing our faith doesn't

have to feel like giving a presentation or winning an argument. It should sound like telling someone about Someone we love.

Our Annual Fall Retreat this year will be October 3rd and 4th. We will be thinking, discussing, and sharing our faith. We will be using the Book of Ruth to see how an outsider became a part of a new community; and all the surprising ways God will happens. Today, I believe many people are spiritually starving, and wanting something that is true, hopeful, and secure. We have the privilege to talk about what God has done and is doing in us so that people hear Jesus' love speaking through us. Our responsibility to others is to love them. And when someone has questions, we have way to point to our lives and say, "God was working here." And if someone has a really puzzling theological question, you can always tell them, "well, we have a really good pastor, you should ask him!"

Come and join the deep fun that is our Annual Fall Retreat.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

7TH Rowan Bond

9th Bob Duncan

14th Chris Peterson

19th Holly Hall

22nd Andy Carroll



1ST Nancy & Keith Dorhmann

12th Jason & Mackenzie Bond

17th Don & Rita Fisher

27th Ginger Mick - 100 years young!

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)





Jazlin Bowman	Jane Peterson	Clifford Lania	Joan Jangard
Kikue Lugo	Rod Mick	Floyd Butterfield	Jean Springate
Ben Taylor	Jean Siepman	Denise	Jason
Elaine	Jim & Ann	Anna-Lisa Jensen	Mary
Lila	Sally Atterbery	Lisa	Ken Murphy
Jerry Aldrich	Caitlin	Rene Griswold	Jim Eling
Sharon	Todd Oliver	Evelyn Roberts	Angel
Pastor Harry Sharley	Steve Marsh	Dale Armstrong	Eric
Eamon			

The friends and families of Curtis Pitt, Brian Hatheway, Mary DeBroeck, Julia Angulo, Mary's mother, and the Rodriquez family at the death of their son.

(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

Caden Sund and Matthew Wilson – Academic Honors at W.S.U.
Jane Peterson – ASB President and Homecoming Royalty at Ellensburg High
Lance Magee – Scholarship Football player at W.S.U.
Warren Barreiro – Attorney and Lance's NIL agent
Ian and Paige Ribail – Serving our congregation as Scripture readers
Abby Wilson – Track Champion at Montana University
Cooper Wilson – Scholarship Football player at University of Nevada, Reno



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

"When 10 Percent is 100 Percent"

For people with a biblical viewpoint, the bottom line of financial giving is not money. It is not like paying the house payment or an electricity bill. The tithe is "earnest money" on the promise to commit 100 percent of ourselves to His purpose.

The Apostle Paul put it this way: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

This is the bottom line of financial stewardship. It is not about giving money. It is about giving ourselves spiritually.

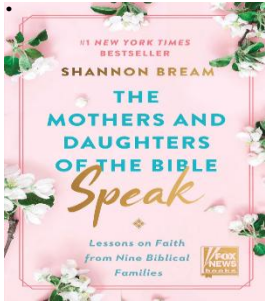
Stewardship Nuggets by Herb Miller



3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat

The dates have been set for our 3rd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat. They are on Friday evening, **October 2nd** beginning with a meal at 5:00, and an overnight stay at Camp Ghormley, and Saturday, **October 3rd** from 9:00 until 4:00.

We want **everyone** to be a part of this retreat. If you can't make Friday, please come up for Saturday. There will be a small cost but don't let that stop you from coming!



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

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

Christ Lutheran has been helping Camp Hope residents to meet their needs through providing and serving meals. Now we can add to that by donating winter clothing to help them face the coming months. We will be accepting donations of coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Another need identified are large t-shirts, socks, and underwear. We will collect in the month of October 1-31 and hope to collect again in the spring. Clothes can be left on the shelves provided in the meeting room, just inside the front doors. Thank you for your giving hearts ❤️ Any questions or to volunteer to help, please contact Charlotte Abercrombie.



Ladies Lunch

*Thursday,
October 15th
11:45
TBA*

Men's Pizza Night

**Thursday
October 15th
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.



Later in October, 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! There will be further instructions when we receive the blank cards.

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 Social Ministry Committee would like to thank the congregation for your support of the LWR School Kits this summer. This year we put together over 100 kits. Deacon Kathy will be delivering them the week of October 12th.



COMING SOON TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 2nd & 3rd** **3rd Annual Church Retreat, Camp Ghormley**
4th **Worship Service, 9:30**
 Book Study, 11:00 – Read Elizabeth & Mary
 Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship 2:00
7th **Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Psalm 23**
10th **2nd Annual Craft Bazaar**
11th **Worship Service, 9:30**
 Church Council Meeting, 11:00
12th-14th **Bishop's Convocation, Lewiston, ID, Pastor Chris & Deacon Kathy out**
15th **Ladies Lunch, 11:45**
 Men's Pizza Night, 6:00, Abby's Pizza
18th **Worship Service, 9:30, Worship Team Sunday**
 Book Study, 11:00
 Faith, Fitness & Fellowship, 2:00
20th **Worship & Music Committee Mtg, Noon**
21st & 22nd **Yakima Valley Quilters Guild Sewing Class**
21st **Magical Mystery Tour, John 8:31-36**
25th **Reformation Sunday Worship Service, 9:30, Worship Team Sunday**



- 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**
21st **Thanksgiving Meal with the Pear Tree Place Vets**



- 5th** **Progressive Christmas Dinner, 4:00-8:00**
7th **Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-5:30**



Dates & Times are subject to change